

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Education 361-3

Contemporary Issues and New Developments in Educational Practice

(E1.00)

Fall Semester, 1991
(September 3–November 29)
Thursday, 4:30–8:20 p.m.
Location: MPX 8651

Instructor: Sue Montabello
Phone: 291-4432
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PREREQUISITE: 60 hours of credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed for teachers who wish to explicate the theoretical foundations and assumptions underlying recent developments in language learning and literacy. The insights from this research suggests that speaking, listening, reading and writing—the essentials of Language Arts—are acts of mind by which we make meaning. As writers and readers, we have mutual goals, that of constructing meaning, promoting understanding; making sense of the world.

This will provide a framework from which you will examine: your beliefs regarding learning and teaching language; your role as teacher in engaging children in their search for meaning; the means by which to enhance language learning in the classroom.

Education 361 is designed so as to enable you to reflect on your own classroom experience and plan ways in which you may test and try new ideas in the future; and to, assist you to develop a new repertoire of methods and materials that will enhance language learning in the classroom.

The course will comprise a broad range of experiences: seminars; workshops and demonstrations; small group work; individualized tasks.

Some of the topics which will be explored include:

- * historical investigation of developments in language learning
- * overview and evaluation of current trends and development in language learning
- * examination of whole language philosophy and practice
- * introduction to theory of narrative
- * children's literature in the classroom
- * integrating language—helping children make the links
- * reading and writing across the curriculum
- * aural-oral aspect of language—some dimensions of interaction; fostering and developing listening and speaking

- * the role of teacher in the language classroom
- * evaluation and assessment in the language arts

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- * attendance and participation in all aspects of the course
- * completion of assigned professional readings
- * completion of assigned children's novel readings
- * completion of brief oral and/or written assignments
- * ongoing response journal

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Lucy McCormick Calkins. 1991. Between the Lines. Heinemann (paperback).

Margaret Meek. 1988. How Texts Teach What Readers Learn. Thimble Press (paperback).

David Booth/Bob Barton. 1990. Stories in the Classroom. Pembroke (paperback).

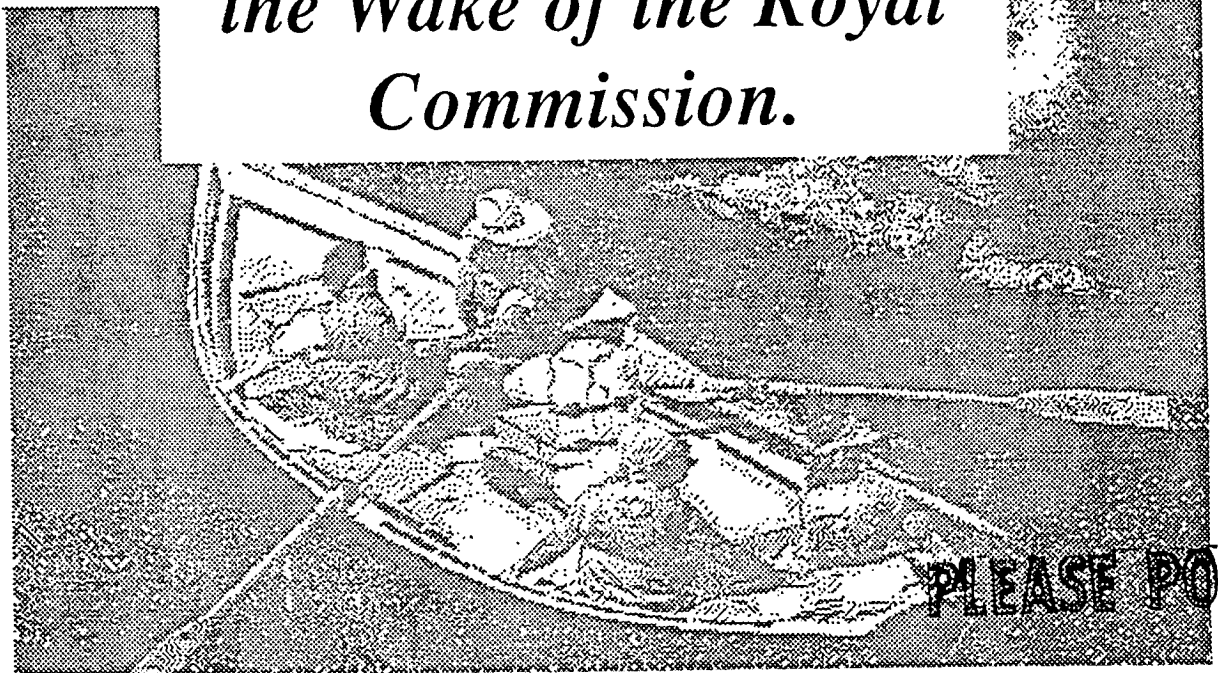
Carol Edelsky, Bess Altwerger, Barbara Flores. 1990. Whole Language What's the Difference. Heinemann (paperback).

Max vanManen. 1988. The Tone of Teaching. Scholastic (paperback).

Gordon Wells. 1987. The Meaning Makers. Heinemann. (paperback).



Riding the Wave of Change in the Wake of the Royal Commission.



A course to help educators think their way through a time of change. Education 361-3, Simon Fraser University--Kelowna.

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This is a 3 (1.5) credit course comprising 36 hours of instruction on Saturday, January 13, 20, 27; February 17, 24 and March 3 (may be changed), 1990; 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

In-person Registration at Simon Fraser University Tele-Learning Centre, 1000 KLO Road, Kelowna, B.C. 762-7600. January 13, 1990. 8 am-9 am.

Instructor: Dr. Milton McClaren.

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Admission and Registration Procedures

Education 361-3, D2.00

NEW STUDENTS AND FORMER STUDENTS REQUIRING RE-ADMISSION (students who have not completed Simon Fraser University courses within the last three semesters):

Application for Admission or Re-Admission forms:

Available from the Office of the Registrar, SFU Burnaby, or from:
SFU Tele-Learning Centre, 1000 K.L.O. Road (behind Okanagan College), Kelowna.
The completed application, with all official documents (transcripts etc.) should be sent to:
Sylvia Foran, Faculty of Education, S.F.U., Burnaby, B.C., V5A 1S6.

Please note that a fee of \$25 is assessed on all applicants whose academic records, in whole or in part, originate outside the Province of British Columbia.

CONTINUING STUDENTS:

Please complete course selection form specifying Education 361-3, and submit \$100.00 deposit with course selection form.

Tuition Fees (Canadian Citizen and Permanent Residents): Per Semester Hour....\$52;
Student Activity Fee: Off-campus Students...\$16

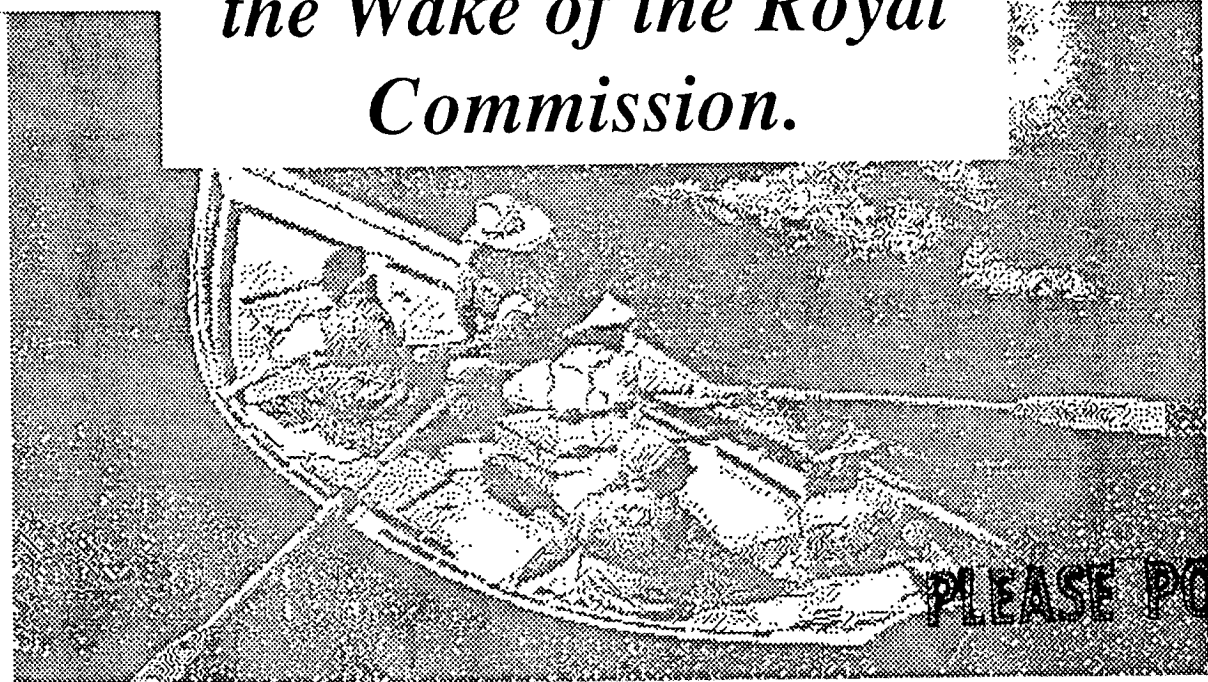
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(Tele-Learning Centre open Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)



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