

Semester 96-2 Session: Regular

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EDUC 387 - 4 Special Topic: Story and Image in Teaching and Learning

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PREREQUISITE

None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

To introduce students to recent philosophical and psychological research on the nature of both stories and mental images as these are relevant to education; to help students become familiar with the main arguments concerning their educational values and dangers; to introduce students to teaching techniques derived from the study of stories and mental images and to help students apply these in practice; and to help students to better understand the roles of story and image in children's thinking.

OBJECTIVES

Images:

- * Historical conceptions of the imagination and mental images.
- * Psychological research on the imagination and mental images from the nineteenth century to today.
- * Philosophical conceptions of imagination and mental images in recent years.
- * Techniques for teaching that use mental images and aim to stimulate the imagination.

Stories:

- * The role of stories in oral cultures.
- * Psychological research on stories and memorability
- * Philosophical research on the nature and role of stories.
- * Techniques for teaching that draw on story & story structure.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Reading the required texts.
2. One short paper on either story or image - a report and analysis of research. (8 pages max.)
3. One longer paper (12 pages min.) on the alternative topic to that chosen for the first paper, focusing in detail on some aspect of the topic relevant to education.
4. 1 - 2 page lesson or unit outline that incorporates ideas from the readings.

READINGS Additional articles and readings will be made available.

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0253200881	Frye, Northrop	Bloomington: Indiana University Press	<u>The Educated Imagination</u>	X	
0-395-42935-8	Coles, Robert	Boston: Houghton Mifflin	<u>The Call of Stories</u>	X	
0-920354-17-3	Egan, Kieran	Althouse Press	<u>Teaching as Story Telling</u>	X	
0-920354-31-9	Egan, Kieran	Althouse Press	<u>Imagination in Teaching and Learning</u>	X	