

IDEACon 2025



# Level Up Your Lesson Plans with TeachersFirst

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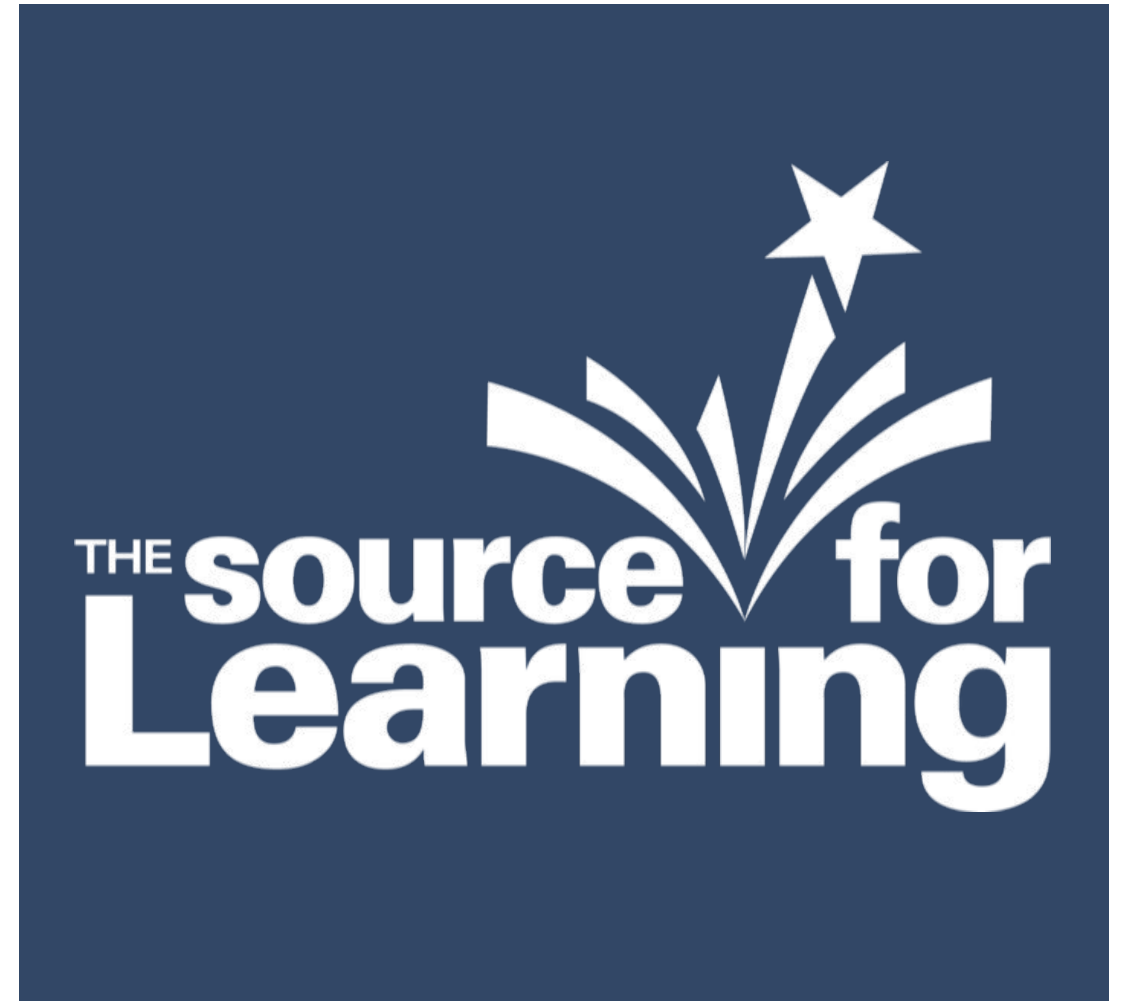


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# Resources for Today's Session

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# Welcome to TeachersFirst

- Home of the only **FREE** and **AD-FREE** Internet directory for teachers.
- Global community of members and guests.



# Agenda

1. Navigation of the Website
2. Search Options
3. Resource Curation
4. Community Driven Validation
5. Lesson Plan Integration
6. Professional Learning Opportunities
7. Collaboration and Networking



## Tour of the Top:

- General Tour of TeachersFirst
- Searching Tips



- Try the keyword search options.
- Find resources for your lessons



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# Curricular Support



## INTERNET DIRECTORY

Web-based resources reviewed by educators. Listing gives a synopsis of the resources and shares lesson plan stems. Our hope is to save you time and help you determine if the resource is a fit for your classroom.



## CURATED COLLECTIONS

We curate entries from our internet directory along with items that we create to share topically related bundles of resources. It saves time for those who need to find resources quickly, but don't have time to search through our entire database.



## EXCLUSIVES

There are some items that you won't find anywhere else. We create a number of original pieces of content that include our Reading Treks, the "Help" series, and our weekly newsletter - which shares a dozen topically related items a week that help you address upcoming holidays and events.



## Resource Curation:

- Review Description
- Edge Categories
- Special Topic Collections



- Search the Special Topics collections.
- Find resources for your lessons



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## Community-Driven Validation and Lesson Plan Integration:

- Review Classroom Use section
- Globetracker
- Help! Articles
- Reading Treks



- Search the Reading Treks collection.
- Find books for your lessons.



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I love the interactive format, being able to *practice* as we go along throughout the session.

*Special Education, High School, NJ*

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I like that I get introduced to tech tools that I may never have stumbled onto on my own, and realize "where have these been my *entire* teaching career?!".

*Teacher, Grade 2, PA*



- 90 Minutes
- Hands-on activities
- Coaches available
- Resource site
- Recordings available



OK2ASK Workshops





## Professional Learning:

- OK2Ask (Winter)
- PLUs
- Blogs & Learning Log
- Book Groups



- Search the OK2Ask Winter 2025 schedule.
- What can you find?



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# Professional Learning



## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING UNITS

Our self-paced units allow you to start reading when it is convenient for you and then come back whenever you have time. Simply pass the assessment if you want a certificate.



## BLOGS & LEARNING LOG

Are blog articles vary from a Tech Tool of the Month to instructional strategies to edtech trends. Combined with our learning log, you can document your work to learn about and try out new approaches in your classroom.



## BOOK GROUPS

Our book clubs and book studies offer the opportunity to take a deep dive into a topic along with other lifelong learners. Our Book clubs focus on ways to use trade books in your class, while book studies look at edtech strategies.

# Supporting Equity and Inclusion

Creating and curating resources to share with teachers who need help supporting multilingual learners and others who historically marginalized.

- Reading Treks
- Help! Articles
- OK2Ask
- Resource Reviews

# Helping Teachers Understand AI

One of the things that we've been hearing is that educators need help understanding how to leverage AI.

- OK2Ask
- Blog Posts
- Book Study
- Help! Articles
- PLUs

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*Thank  
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