



Art of Reflection and Response Teacher Institute 2020-21

Whether you are looking for an introduction as to how to integrate the arts into your teaching or already use them in your curriculum, the *Art of Reflection and Response Teacher Institute* provides the tools to enhance your creativity and expand your teaching practice and students' learning. Participants will gain expertise through gallery talks, discussion groups, and hands-on activities; learn strategies for integrating the arts with other content areas in meaningful, engaging ways while making interdisciplinary connections among the visual arts and other core subjects; learn to use art to foster critical thinking skills in the classroom; and have the space and time to engage and reflect on professional development activities and assignments throughout the course of the Institute.

The Art of Reflection and Response Teacher Institute is designed for all K–12 Volusia County educators in all core subjects but is especially appropriate for arts, language arts, reading, social studies/history, gifted, ESE and ESOL teachers. The Institute begins with an immersive three-day summer seminar and will continue with additional Saturday half-day seminars through February.

What are the benefits of participating in the Institute? Sessions are designed to help you de-stress and discover a renewed enthusiasm to reconnect with your sense of personal creativity, passion and purpose as a teacher. They allow you to become part of a community of like-minded professionals. The Institute is free and includes a one-year Individual Museum Membership. Participants who successfully complete the program can earn up to 36 Credits through Volusia County Schools MyPGS and receive a professionally printed anthology highlighting participating teachers' course work that can be used in their professional development portfolios.

History

In July of 2014 the Museum of Art - DeLand launched a new professional development program, *The Art of Reflection and Response Teacher Institute*. Even though teachers had to give up three days of summer vacation and numerous Saturdays, the Institute was an overwhelming success. When it was time for the program to end, there was unanimous agreement that a second year was in order.

2019-20 marked the sixth year of the Institute, and since its beginning over 100 teachers successfully completed the training and 52 teachers returned for an additional two – five years.

What makes *The Art of Reflection and Response Teacher Institute* model successful? First and foremost our belief that passionate teachers inspire passionate learners;

- second, a sincere respect for the professionalism, dedication and creativity of the participating teachers;
- third, providing a variety of innovative ideas and strategies to enhance visual and verbal literacy with the flexibility to adapt them to multiple subjects and individual classroom requirements;
- fourth, encouraging teacher involvement and ownership of the training;
- fifth facilitating an on-going dialogue acknowledging each teacher's professional experience, ability and desire to be a champion of change;
- sixth, fostering a community of like-minded educators by giving them the space and time to reflect, respond and renew professionally and personally.

Who can apply?

The Museum of Art – DeLand invites Volusia County Public School teachers of all academic disciplines and grades K-12 to apply. A minimum of 15 and a maximum of 20 teachers will be selected to join the 2020–2021 cohort. **The Institute is the equivalent of a college course. Please apply ONLY if you intend to commit to all of the Institute sessions from July 2020- through February 2021. Course work is hands –on and collaborative so missed sessions can't be made-up.**

How do I apply/when is deadline to apply?

To apply complete the application and return **no later than Friday, June 12, 2020** to Pam Coffman, Curator of Education: 600 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand, FL 32720 or email to Coffman@MoArtDeland.org or fax to 386.734.7697. Once applicants are identified, an automatic invitation will be sent confirming acceptance through MyPGS as a participant in this VCS PD Training: *The Art of Reflection and Response Teacher Institute*.

2020-21 New Teacher Institute Schedule

Summer Seminar

July 14, 15, 16, 2020 (Tues., Wed. and Thurs.)

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Institute begins with an immersive 3-day seminar at the Museum.

Fall Seminars

Saturday, September 12, 2020

9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 10, 2020

9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

Winter Seminars

Saturday December 5, 2020

9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 23, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Spring Seminar – Final Evaluation and Reflections

Saturday – February 6, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Art of Reflection and Response Teacher Institute Celebration & Recognition

Thursday, April 1, 2021 4:30 – 6:30 pm

This event is a reception for all the teachers who successfully completed the training. We invite their family, friends, school administrators, Volusia County School administrators and school board members to celebrate their accomplishments in the Institute. The *Reflect, Respond, Renew Anthology* is presented at this event.

For questions or additional information contact Pam Coffman, Curator of Education at Coffman@MoArtDeland.org or 386.734.4371.