



## Developing Cognition... Making Connections for Enduring Understandings

**Common Core State Standards mandate students perform beyond low level cognitive thinking. Too often classroom experiences have focused on seeking factual knowledge and replicating teacher examples. For students to have a solid understanding of a concept, they must be provided experiences that stretch their thinking and move them to higher levels of complexity.**

**This workshop will examine best practices, including 'gradual release of information' and 'the six facets of understanding' in designing higher level learning experiences. Teachers will use their own curriculum to revise and create lessons that involve reasoning, problem solving and higher order thinking skills that require the transferring of understandings to more complex issues.**

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