

## Introduction

The second annual Colorado Core Knowledge Summer Unit Writing Institute was held at the University of Denver in Denver, Colorado, during the week of June 26-30, 2000. Forty-six teachers participated, representing eleven schools from Denver and surrounding cities, as well as Granby, Colorado Springs, Keenesburg, and Monument. Twenty-eight units were written for Kindergarten through Eighth Grade, as well as for Library, Spanish, and Music. A great deal of talent and enthusiasm was gathered during this week and the units produced exemplify this!

The teachers spent the first day learning how to write a Core Knowledge unit and writing concept objectives for their unit. The second day was spent identifying resources and researching the content. We owe a great deal of thanks to the University of Denver library, which was available for the participants to use. The next two days were devoted to developing daily lesson plans and assessments. On Friday the finishing touches were put on each unit to prepare them for publication. All of the units will be shared with every school that participated in the Summer Writing Institute.

This week would not have been possible if not for the help and expertise provided by the Core Knowledge consultants who devoted a week of their summer vacations to work with our teachers. Their knowledge and support helped guide the participants to developing strong units and their perseverance helped to make the final products possible by the end of the week.

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