

Preparing for the Informational Unit of Study...

Teacher preparations outside of the classroom	Work with the students outside of Writing Workshop
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Look at your standards and current student work to determine your students' needs• Gather and read Informational texts in order to discover the different types of Informational writing• Determine the type(s) of Informational texts to study, to read, and to write• Define what is meant by "Informational" at your grade level• Choose texts to read that will serve as models for what will be taught• Plan for conversations around the selected read alouds• Decide upon Touchstones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gather and read Informational texts in order to discover the different types of Informational writing• Define what is meant by "Informational"• Read aloud, teach and model comprehension strategies for reading Informational texts• Read aloud, teach, model, and have conversations about:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Informational text features and structures• Responses as readers• Determining what the writer is fascinated by and wants to teach the reader