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From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit

Dear Arkansas Curriculum Leaders,

AETN has 2 new Social Studies Courses, Foundations for C3 Inquiry and The Inquiry Design Model (IDM), available on the ArkansasIDEAS Learning Management System (LMS). These courses are the result of a two day workshop on C3 Framework Inquiry Arc for social studies instruction and its primary pedagogical tool, the Inquiry Design Model (IDM), which was held in June of 2015.

Course # SSC15052, Foundations for C3 Inquiry Part One, consists of 16 short segments; each segment is accompanied by a short video several minutes in length followed by a 3-4 question assessment. In this course, Dr. John Lee (North Carolina State University) and Dr. Kathy Swan (University of Kentucky) primarily focus on "taking informed action" (school or community student involvement related to their studies) and proper selection and use of source material upon which students will base their ideas.

Course # SSC15053 Part Two consists of 14 short segments. Professors Lee and Swan give an overview of the inquiry-based C3 Framework for teaching social studies at all grade levels. They describe their Inquiry Design Model (IDM) as a pedagogically logical blueprint for learning that begins with "compelling questions" to activate prior knowledge and stimulate interest in students. The IDM then takes students through skill-building "formative performance tasks" to the goal of constructing sound arguments in answer to compelling questions.

Foundations for C3 Inquiry and The Inquiry Design Model (IDM): Parts One and Two are now available for certified teachers on the LMS.

Please share this information with others that might be interested. Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas.

