

UnitWriter[®] Software

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simplifies the process of developing dynamic units of study for K - 12 students. Start with state curriculum...incorporate thinking skills from all levels...embed student products from all learning styles... **design lesson plans** by choosing from banks of instructional strategies.

Create rich and effective units of study

UnitWriter is a user-friendly tool that helps teachers to:

- organize subject matter
- develop clear learning objectives for daily lessons
- create detailed lesson plans
- incorporate state curriculum standards
- choose varied, engaging student products

Build solutions for long-term value

Anyone can use UnitWriter - an individual teacher or an entire school district. UnitWriter addresses the needs of an inclusion classroom, a low performing school, or an entire district facing divergent or changing student populations. The value it brings increases over time as processes are streamlined and a collection of successful units is accumulated and shared. Teachers at any level of computer literacy can use UnitWriter successfully; the experience will deepen and broaden their technological confidence and ability.

Encourage all learning styles and levels of thinking

CSM © Unit Matrix;						
The Rainforest	Basic Thinking			Abstract Thinking		
	Knowledge	Comprehension	Application	Analysis	Creative Thinking	Critical Thinking
1. Rainforest Animals a. animals b. plants c. life cycles d. relationships	1a. Remember animals and plants that live in the Rainforest and demonstrate understanding through a picture dictionary.(SC.K.4.1, SC.K.4.2)	2a. Explain the life cycle of an animal or plant and demonstrate proficiency through a labeled diagram.(SC.K.4.1, SC.K.4.2, LA.K.1.3, LA.K.4.3, LA.K.4.3)	3a. Sort pictures of animals and plants into similar groups and demonstrate proficiency through a t-chart.(SC.K.4.2, LA.K.1.20)	4a. Distinguish how the plants and animals need each other to live and demonstrate understanding through a role play.(SS.K.3.6, SC.K.4.2)	5a. Imagine you are an animal or plant of the Rainforest; tell about your life and share ideas through a story telling.(LA.K.7.2, LA.K.7.5)	6a. Decide which or plant is most endangered and demonstrate proficiency through an handout.(SC.K.1.1, SC.K.1.1)
2. Layers of the Rainforest a. top layer b. canopy c. understory d. forest floor	7a. Recognize the layers of the Rainforest and demonstrate understanding through a flip book.(LA.K.2.5, LA.K.4.3, LA.K.5.1)	8a. Clarify the differences between the Rainforest layers and share ideas through a small group discussion.(SC.K.4.2)	9a. Categorize animal pictures by their home layer and demonstrate proficiency through a category puzzle.(SC.K.4.2, LA.K.1.20)	10a. Isolate the layer; isolate why animals live in that particular layer and share ideas through an explanation.(SC.K.1.1, SC.K.4.2, SC.K.6.1)	11a. Speculate what would happen if one layer of the Rainforest was missing and demonstrate understanding through a comic strip.(SS.K.3.6, LA.K.4.3, LA.K.5.1)	12a. Judge which the Rainforest was the best place for you and share ideas through a picture.(LA.K.5.1)
3. Weather a. the water cycle b. clothing c. protection for animals	13a. List the items of clothing you need to wear on a rainy day and demonstrate understanding through a teacher written list.(SC.K.3.5)	14a. Describe the things you need to wear on a rainy day and demonstrate understanding through a teacher written list.(SC.K.3.5)	15a. Identify stages of the water cycle and demonstrate understanding through a teacher written list.(SC.K.3.5)	16a. Determine the best place for you and share ideas through a picture.(LA.K.5.1)	17a. Demonstrate the importance of animals and plants working together through a teacher written list.(SC.K.3.7)	18a. Decide the best place for you and share ideas through a picture.(LA.K.5.1)
4. Issues and Problems a. deforestation b. loss of natural resources c. reduce, reuse, recycle	19a. Recognize problems created by deforestation and share ideas through a shared writing list.(SC.K.3.7)					
5. Theme: Community a. has members b. members share a common environment	25a. Recognize the importance of animals and plants working together through a teacher written list.(SC.K.3.7)					

Based on the Curry/Samara Model of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CSM), UnitWriter's innovative design encourages teachers to consider all learning styles and all levels of thinking. It fosters a curriculum development process that reinforces differentiated instructional strategies, helping teachers to create challenging, standards based lessons for all students.

When implemented correctly and consistently, UnitWriter leads to improved student performance. Dynamic lessons that involve interaction with required curriculum, repeated exposure to critical thinking processes, and differentiated learning experiences contribute to improved student performance and higher test scores.

Meet the demands of today's classrooms

UnitWriter helps teachers to excel in six essential areas

1 Thinking Skills

- With UnitWriter, teachers create lessons that address all levels of thinking.
- UnitWriter provides point & click verb choices for developing objectives for all levels of thinking.
- Lessons that require higher order thinking skills provide students with essential practice on skills required on state tests.

CP Verb Bank					
Verb Selection					
Select Verb:					
Knowledge	Comprehension	Application	Analysis	Creative Thinking	Critical Thinking
List	Clarify	Apply	Compare	Adapt	Conclude
Recognize	Describe	Categorize	Contrast	Generate	Decide
Recount	Explain	Classify	Determine	Hypothesize	Infer
Remember	Express	Organize	Distinguish	Imagine	Interpret
Restate	Paraphrase	Summarize	Isolate	Speculate	Judge
Selected Verb: <input type="text"/>					
Verb Customization					
Knowledge	Comprehension	Application	Analysis	Creative Thinking	Critical Thinking

2 Content Development

- With UnitWriter, teachers organize subject matter to foster varied, in depth learning for all.
- UnitWriter provides an outlining tool for organizing subject matter into main topics and subtopics that provide conceptually focused strands for learning.
- Teachers utilize district and state required curriculum to build rich units of study that are responsive to changing student needs.

3 Learning Styles

- With UnitWriter, teachers select authentic products that reflect four learning styles.
- UnitWriter provides point & click product choices to address differentiated assessment.
- Product choices in UnitWriter increases student interest and ownership in the learning process.

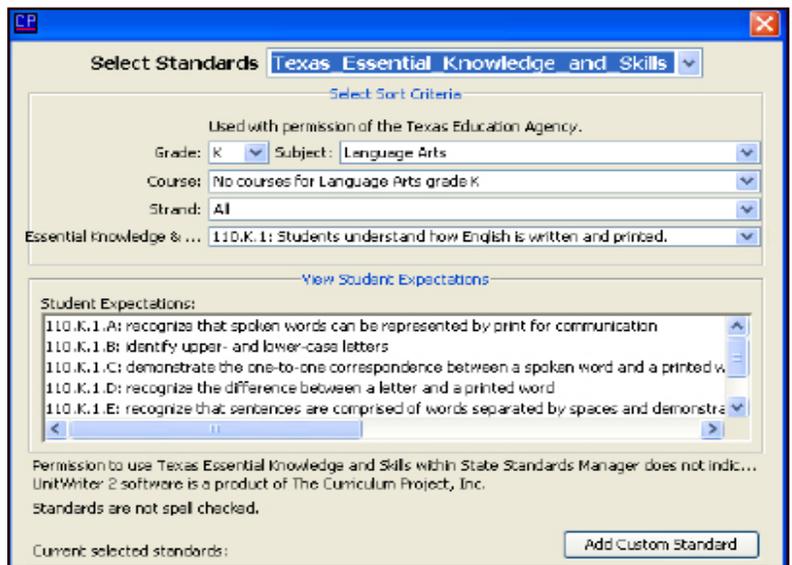
CP Product Bank			
Phrase and Product Selection			
Select Product:			
Kinesthetic	Oral	Visual	Written
experiment	how-to talk	circle graph	editorial
finger puppets	information speech	collage	explanation
flip book	legend	comic strip	fable
food model	limerick	cross section	fact file
hand puppet	mock interview	deck of celebrity cards	fairy tale
jigsaw puzzle	monologue	deck of flash cards	folk tale
kite	myth	flow chart	friendly letter
mime	newscast	labeled diagram	greeting card
mobile	nursery rhyme	magazine advertisement	how-to paper

4 Differentiated Instruction

- With UnitWriter, teachers can embed differentiation in the learning experiences for students of all abilities, learning styles and experiential backgrounds.
- UnitWriter provides numerous opportunities for teachers to differentiate learning experiences based on subject matter, thinking skills, learning styles, instructional strategies, ability levels and assessment.

5 Curriculum Standards

- With UnitWriter, teachers have an efficient tool to sort state standards based on subject area and grade level.
- UnitWriter allows teachers to point and click to place state standards directly into activities and lesson plans.
- State standards for 7 states are built into UnitWriter (IL, IN, KY, MI, NC, OH, TX).
- Links to all 50 states' curriculum standards web pages simplify the cutting and pasting of standards into activities and lesson plans.



6 Teacher Productivity

- With UnitWriter, teachers establish an effective and consistent process for planning comprehensive standards based units and lesson plans.
- UnitWriter provides a means for creating a clear, concise visual of the entire unit.
- Teachers can share units & lessons with colleagues and can modify and reuse units in the future.
- The versatility of UnitWriter allows teachers to break out of their instructional routines and improve their teaching strategies.

Create consistent & effective curriculum to improve test scores

UnitWriter facilitates a curriculum development process that is consistent and effective. Once a theme of a unit is identified, UnitWriter guides the teacher through the following:

1. List and organize information to be taught in the unit, using state standards and other information deemed essential by the teacher.
2. Develop activities in matrix cells that correspond to the topics in the content outline and the level of thinking in each column by: (a) clicking on a verb of choice; (b) entering content related to the outline; (c) clicking on a product choice; and (d) clicking on a state standard.
3. Develop dynamic lesson plans by selecting from lists of suggested instructional strategies.
4. Implement and share these standards based, differentiated curriculum units and watch students become engaged in their learning.

Statistics show a strong correlation between Curry/Samara Model products and improved test scores. CSM units have been created and implemented in large and small districts across the country, as part of long range staff development. Test scores have been tracked and show a dramatic improvement over the course of time. Visit our website to review research articles.

Purchase Options

UnitWriter can be purchased by an individual, a team of teachers, a school, or a district. It can be deployed from an individual hard drive or from a network server. Internet sharing services are available that facilitate posting, sorting, printing and downloading of units among teachers and schools.

Pricing Information

	<u>E-distribution</u>	<u>CD version</u>
1 - 9 users	\$49.95 each	\$60.00 each
10 - 34 users	\$42.50 each	\$50.00 each
35 + users	\$37.50 each	\$40.00 each

System Requirements

Windows XP, Vista and Mac OSX: 256 MB of RAM.
Macintosh OSX 10.4 with Java 1.5 or above.
Call to confirm Windows 7 and Mac 10.6 availability.