



Sample Agenda

Short Workshop Session in Computer Lab (1- 2 hours)

This agenda is a sample of what typically occurs in a professional development session. The agenda may be customized to fit the needs of the district or group requesting the professional development.

Purpose:

- To explore the use of ORC resources and to provide participants time and direction for exploring the website
- To develop an understanding of and familiarity with the quality, depth, and breadth of ORC resources, standards correlations, and special projects
- To encourage participants to discover some of the resources and the power of the search engines by creating an ORC Collection

Goals:

By the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. use multiple pathways to locate ORC and Thinkfinity resources
2. put resources into My ORC Collection
3. locate ORC projects and some special ORC features

Method: Interactive

Needed: Computer, projector, handouts, and CD or flash drive; lab should include at least one computer for every 2 participants.

Sample Agenda for Short (One or Two-hour) Session in Computer Lab.

1. Survey the group
2. Brainstorming – What is an ideal teacher resource?
3. Discussion of ORC rubric
4. ORC and Thinkfinity overview
5. Illustrate the searches and browses:
 - a. Guided search engine and site overview
 - b. Standards browse
 - c. Interactive scavenger hunt/Take a test drive
6. Specific educator pages
7. Join ORC
8. Create an ORC Collection (participants begin a collection for their use)
9. Participants share great resources they found at ORC and Thinkfinity
10. Wrap-up/Evaluations