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Teachers' Workshop

Using Archaeology in Your Classroom

Date: January 5, 2008
Location: Hyatt Regency Chicago
151 East Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60601
Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Lunch break 12-1 pm)
Cost: $85 (includes materials and supplies)
Deadline: Register by December 15, 2007

Morning Session: Ancient Writing and Clay

In the morning session participants will experiment with and experience two clay projects. The first lesson will focus on scripts and transliteration, providing hands-on practice impressing cuneiform into leather hard clay and painting hieroglyphs with a brush. The lesson explains the basics of cuneiform and hieroglyphic scripts and illuminates how available media influence writing and art. Rounding out the writing theme, teachers finish the morning session by creating a Medieval Illuminated Manuscript. The lesson is relevant to teachers of history, language, art, and ancient civilizations.

Afternoon Session: Mystery Cemetery

The afternoon session features the AIA’s Mystery Cemetery project, a fun and critical-thinking exercise requiring students to figure out the gender, age, and status of burials in a small 3-D simulated cemetery. The burials are culture-neutral, but we will discuss ways to incorporate cultural clues to make the cemetery relevant to many different classrooms. The skills of thinking and hypothesis-testing needed to interpret the cemetery apply to science, math, social science, history, art, languages, and more.

Teachers who participate in the program will earn Continuing Professional Development Units

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