

Newsletter - Volume 11



Novel Ideas, Inc. will be at [CEC 2026](#)
In Salt Lake City, Utah Mar 11-13, 2026

Come meet the authors at Booth 1219!



NEW in *Reading for Success* novel studies

The Enormous Egg, 2026 edition

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Making the MOST of the rest of the year Getting ready for standardized testing

- ✓ All Novel Ideas curriculum products are correlated to test prep topics
- ✓ Embedded test prep
- ✓ Explicit, sequential instruction ensures mastery
- ✓ Strategic repeat patterns provide support encoding knowledge in long-term memory
- ✓ Retrieval skills are systematically reinforced in every lesson: Practice! Practice! Practice!
- ✓ Provide students the skills and comprehension they need to build confidence

Knowledge that lasts!

All Novel Ideas curriculum resources are carefully developed to help teachers with lesson planning, allowing them to focus more of their valuable and limited time on preparation and student engagement.

Successful Teachers = Successful Students = Successful Schools!

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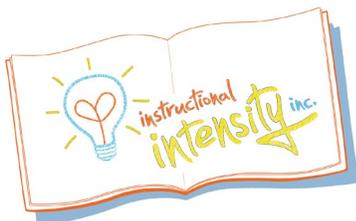
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2026 Parents' Pick Award Winner

Educational category – reflecting the exceptional quality and meaningful impact of education products for children and families



The 52nd Annual National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes
Graduate Hotel Eugene & Conference Center
Eugene, Oregon July 20–24, 2026

Terry is presenting at the NIFDI conference on Monday 20 July 2026

Session: Direct Instruction Novel Studies–Series Launchers and Reading for Success
Audience/Track: Instructors using Reading Mastery Grade 5 or Corrective Reading
Experience Level: All
Presenter: Terry Dodds

NEW SESSION! This session is designed for participants whose students have finished Reading Mastery Signature or Transformations, or Corrective Reading and want to maintain Direct Instruction. Series Launchers and Reading for Success follow the Science of Learning and the Science of Reading. Participants will practice presenting lessons using unabridged complete novels that focus on decoding, vocabulary development including a vocabulary notebook, carefully developed comprehension skills that include critical thinking and literary analysis skills, theme analysis, developing fluency, student workbook follow-up activities, as well as extension and enrichment activities that integrate into other subject areas such as social studies, science, and math as appropriate to the novel study. All novel studies include grade level expository passages and comprehension strategies related to the content of the novel being studied. Each novel study has a carefully constructed End of Unit test that shows the student's mastery of the content that includes vocabulary, comprehension—multiple choice, true/false, short answer responses, and an extended response with a scoring rubric. Teachers are provided with charts that can be used as a pacing guide as well as tracking student and class progress.

Celebrating School and Student Successes

We would like to recognize school and student successes in our newsletter. Please email Terry Dodds (info@novelideas-inc.com) telling us about successes your school and/or students have achieved using our programs.

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to someone you think would find it useful.

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