Allan Luke: The New Literacies

Project Description:

Individuals will need to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and flexible, creative problem-solvers who work well collaboratively and independently. They will need to be responsible global citizens, open-minded, and able to communicate effectively with people from all over the world. Students will need to develop habits of mind that help them embrace change with enthusiasm, wonder, and a sharp critical eye.

Dr. Allan Luke is an educator, author, activist, and international researcher and policy change agent in all Australian states as well as New Zealand, Singapore, and Hong Kong. His work has influenced educators globally, including in Canada and the United States.

In this webcast, Dr. Luke presents his views and provides an international perspective on the new literacies, with a focus on the importance of helping our students develop in the area of critical literacy.

The purpose of this webcast is to promote professional learning. The following questions are intended to stimulate thoughtful dialogue and inspire action that changes educational practice and improves student learning and achievement.

- What are the new literacies? Why are the new literacies so important to student learning?
- What do educators at every level need to consider during their planning in order to prepare students for the 21st century?
- What is the new "eduscape" and what does it mean to teachers, administrators, and board-level staff?
- What are the current issues that face educators in all parts of the world?
- What is critical literacy?
- What does critical literacy look like in practice?
- What is the Four Resources Model of reading and how does it impact on the teaching of reading?
- Where do phonics and basic decoding fit into the Four Resources Model of teaching reading?
- What practical steps can be taken to create an environment that effectively prepares students for the future?
- What obstacles might stand in the way of change? What strategies are most useful in dealing with such obstacles?
"We now accept the fact that learning is a lifelong process of keeping abreast of change. And the most pressing task is to teach people how to learn."