

Approaching Walden Assignments 2016

Fitchburg State University Credit

For those participants who wish to earn 3 graduate credits, in addition to attending the 6 days of activities, you are responsible for:

- Completing a Curriculum Unit Outline (due at conclusion of Approaching Walden)
- Completing all other writing assignments
- Class participation, daily sign-ins, and evaluations
- Fee: \$275 paid to Fitchburg State University
- Developing a complete Curriculum Unit (due August 14th by 9 AM). More information below. Please also see rubric that will be used to assess the curriculum units.

It is our intention that this assignment will result in a Curriculum Unit that you can really use—something substantial (not a list of ideas, not merely an outline). Units that receive a B or higher will be posted online.

The assignment is to create a unit (a set of at least 5 lessons) that incorporates an exploration of your students' home-place. See syllabus for additional course information.

Interdisciplinary units are encouraged (with teachers from your school or other schools).

The unit does not need to focus on Thoreau, but must include an exploration of sense of place.

Professional Development Points (from EDCO Collaborative)

For those participants who wish to earn 45 PDPs, in addition to attending 6 days of activities, you are responsible for creating a set of three lessons. Lessons are due on August 14th by 9 AM.

Lessons need to focus on an exploration of students' home-place. The units may or may not include Thoreau and Walden Woods as a model. We encourage you to create a mini-unit that you can really use, not a list of ideas or merely an outline. Use the curriculum unit rubric as a guideline.

In order to receive PDPs, be sure to sign in and out daily.

Grading is based on a pass/fail system.

You will receive a professional development certificate mailed to you from EDCO in October.

If you teach outside of Massachusetts you will need to see if these PDP's transfer to your state.