Possible Applications:


Task 1: Consider these statements, as they relate to "The Long Haul" and "Teacher Learning that Supports Student Learning."

A. The 'best' professional development programs for teachers are those that only include 'experts.' (trick question — define 'experts!')

B. How does the question, "Whose interests are being served with this program?" relate to professional development for educators?

C. Mentoring and Modeling: Modes with Meaning — describe and explain.
   1. Select one of the statements as the topic of a class discussion.
   2. Support the statement or challenge it, using the major themes in the articles and in your own experience as an educator.

Task 2: Study the article, looking for threads of theory researchers, projects, programs.

A. Do an Internet search to see what additional information you can find related to these.

B. Summarize that information in the chart for presentation.

Task 3: Re-read "The Long Haul."

A. Deconstruct what happened at this school, as described in this article, in terms of these factors: curriculum and mission/purpose.

B. Describe how this related to staff development (cause or effect?).

C. Explain why you think the title, "The Long Haul" was chosen. Use quotes to support your position.

The following Web site(s) appear in this activity:

"The Long Haul" article: www.glef.org/TSD/haul.html
"Teacher Learning that Supports Student Learning" article: www.glef.org/TSD/learning.html
Ongoing Professional Development: At a Glance at www.glef.org/ongoingpd.html