



Progressive Education
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Institute for Imaginative Inquiry



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Join us for an adventure in Imaginative Inquiry this summer!

Imaginative Inquiry is a pedagogy that enrolls students as a team of experts who encounter complex, real-world problems in an imaginary context. As part of the Progressive Education Network's Independent Workshop Series and in collaboration with Walden School, the Institute for Imaginative Inquiry will conduct a four-day training this summer.

Experience the arc of a year-long social studies curriculum in which students become a team of archaeologists working to solve a mystery that runs through the heart of Los Angeles: How did the Los Angeles river change from a free-flowing river 500 years ago to a concrete channel today?

On this crucial mission, students learn from the past and explore the lives of the indigenous Tongva inhabitants of Los Angeles, as well as the colonists who subsequently arrived. Guided by inquiry and fueled by research, students are immersed in authentic, place-based learning as they explore changes over time and use their knowledge of the past to create a better future for their river, their city, and all its living inhabitants.

During the week we will explore this, and other examples of Imaginative Inquiry units for grades K-6. Participants will experience how Imaginative Inquiry engages not only students' intellectual capacities, but also their physical, social, and emotional selves – igniting the social imagination through which students practice becoming agents of change in our world.

Participants at the Institute for Imaginative Inquiry will:

enhance their progressive teaching practices

connect teaching to children's innate ability to imagine and play

engage students in authentic inquiry and critical thinking skills

utilize active and creative methods to engage all learners

reflect on how to deepen their anti-bias, social justice lens

build a cohort of progressive educators and practitioners of Imaginative Inquiry

plan lessons around curricular units of study with support

City and State COVID safety protocols will be observed at this workshop. Proof of vaccination required.