

Study Guide for the Comprehensive Exam in Multicultural Literature

You will be tested on the knowledge gained from your selection of the following courses:

- ❖ EDCH 501 Advanced Children's Literature
- ❖ EDCH 505 Storytelling as a Cultural Craft
- ❖ EDCH 515 Adolescent Literature
- ❖ EDCH 520 Multicultural Literature for Children,
- ❖ EDCH 524 Children's Literature
- ❖ EDCH 525 Analysis of Children's Literature in a Global Society
- ❖ EDCH 526 Middle Childhood Literature

You will be asked to relate the information you gleaned from your selected courses in Children's Literature and the impact that literature has on the reading process. These are topics that you should be familiar with as you approach this exam. All of the questions will ask you to think beyond the literal level of understanding and address practical application based on current research in Children's Literature. Here are some topics to consider:

- Your understanding of multicultural literature and how the definition has changed over the last few decades
- The criteria for selecting and evaluating appropriate and authentic multicultural literature
- Censorship as it relates to multicultural literature (policies and procedures)
- The use of multicultural literature to overcome the mistrust/fear/hatred of groups of people and developing a peaceful world with equity and social justice
- The impact of storytelling to address cultural diversity and global competence on an English Language Arts program