

# Go the *Extra Degree*:

Achieving HSE Gains in a  
Multi-Level Classroom

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# About Me

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- ❖ President of IAACE
- ❖ 2025-2026 COABE SAAEF Fellow
- ❖ State and National Presenter



# NOT a *Good Enough* Diploma



# Language with Luggage

“What ‘luggage’—or negative associations—did the video reveal that we, as adult educators, need to unpack or leave behind?”



# Let's Talk It Out

How do we meet the needs of adult learners by going that extra degree?














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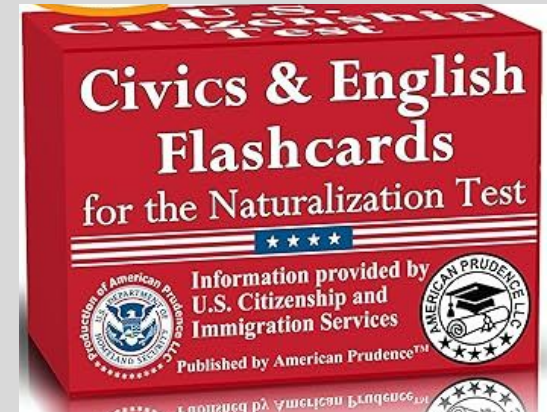
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- ❖ [100 U.S. Citizenship Test Questions](#)
- ❖ [Vocabulary](#)
- ❖ Visual Literacy
- ❖ Civics and Government
- ❖ U.S. History
  - Revolutionary War
  - Civil War
  - World War II
- ❖ Economics
- ❖ Geography



# U.S. Citizenship Questions

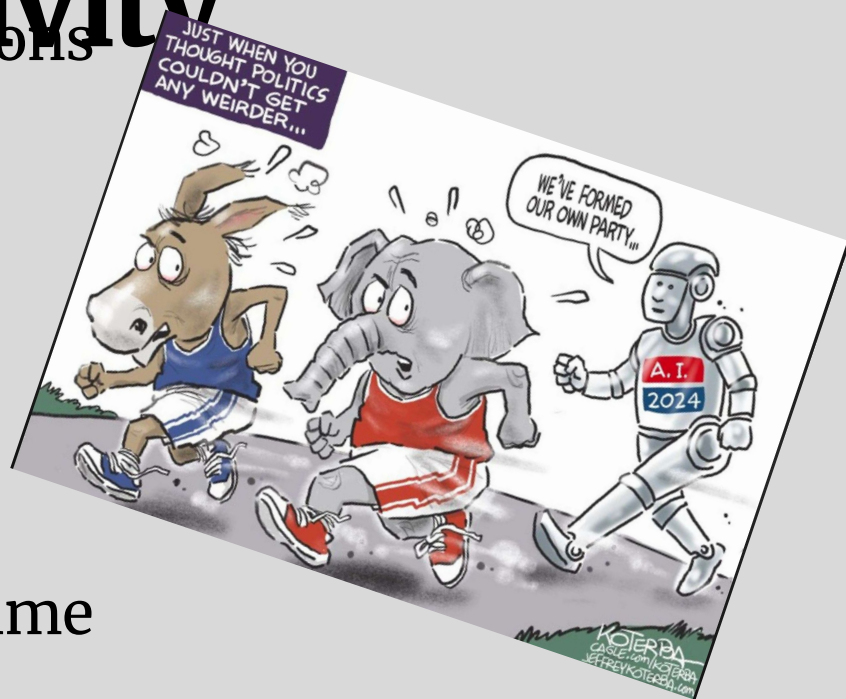
- ❖ Questions Divided into 5 Categories
- ❖ One Category per Student Group
- ❖ Differentiated Support
  - Competition Style
  - Group Discussion
  - Teacher Supported
  - Independent Practice
- ❖ English-Language Learners



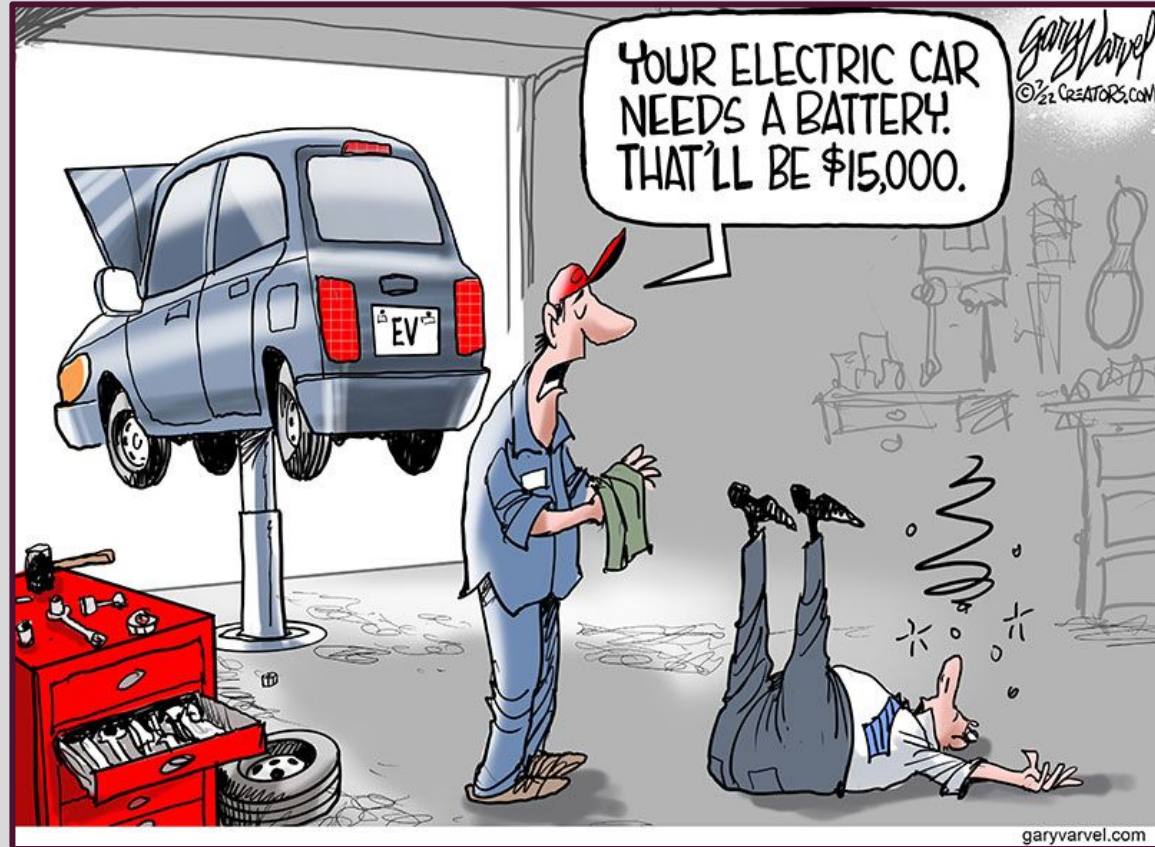
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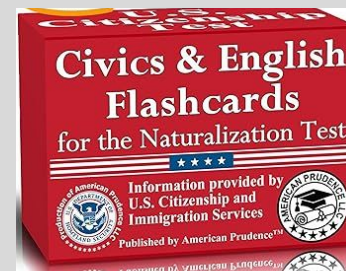
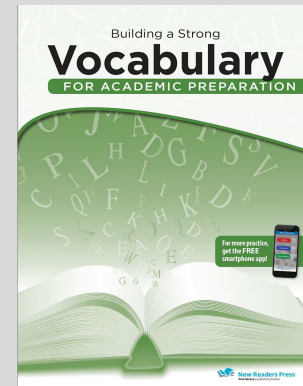
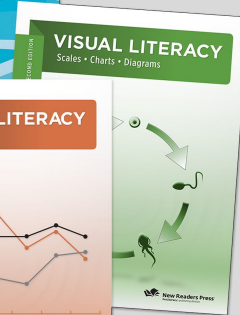
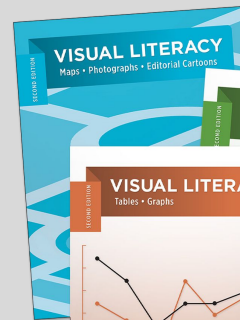
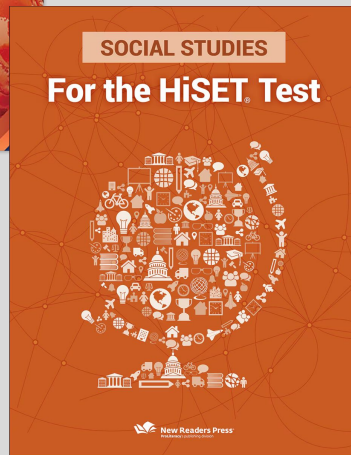
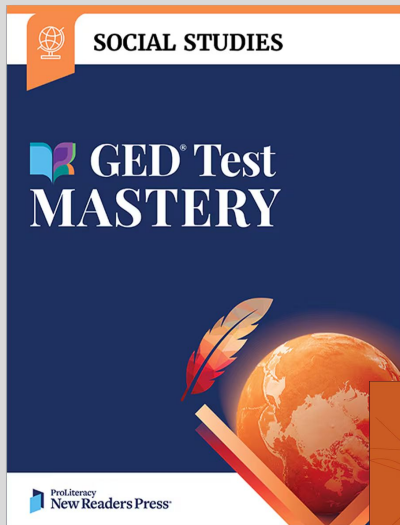
- ❖ Introduce Political Cartoons
- ❖ Vocabulary Review
  - Symbolism
  - Exaggeration
  - Irony
- ❖ Divide Students
  - Political Cartoon
  - Sticky Notes
- ❖ Group Work Decoding Time
- ❖ Cartoon Gallery Walk



# Decode the Cartoon



# Social Studies Resources



















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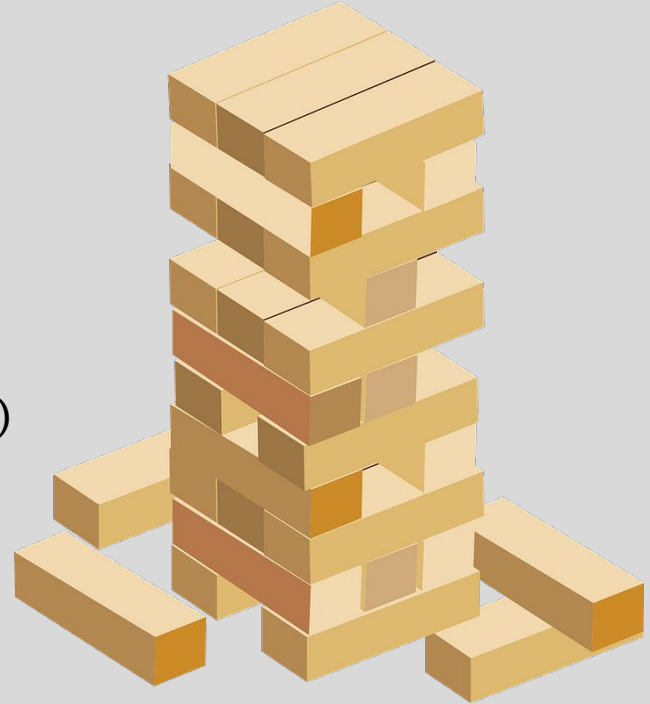
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- ❖ Photosynthesis
- ❖ Ecosystems
- ❖ Punnett Squares
- ❖ Visual Literacy

Go the *E*xtra



# Science Jenga Activity

- ❖ **Generate 54 Questions**
  - Set the Level of the Questions
  - Choose Multiple Choice or Short Answer
  - Divide Students into Groups
- ❖ **Differentiated Groups**
  - Competition Style (Record Points)
  - Choose, Answer, Stack
  - Choose, Answer, Stack (Teacher Support)
  - Independent Practice
- ❖ **Ready-to-Use Questions**
  - [Science Vocabulary](#)
  - [Science \(multiple choice\)](#)
  - [Science \(short answer\)](#)



# Slow Reveal Graphs

## ❖ Questions to Ask

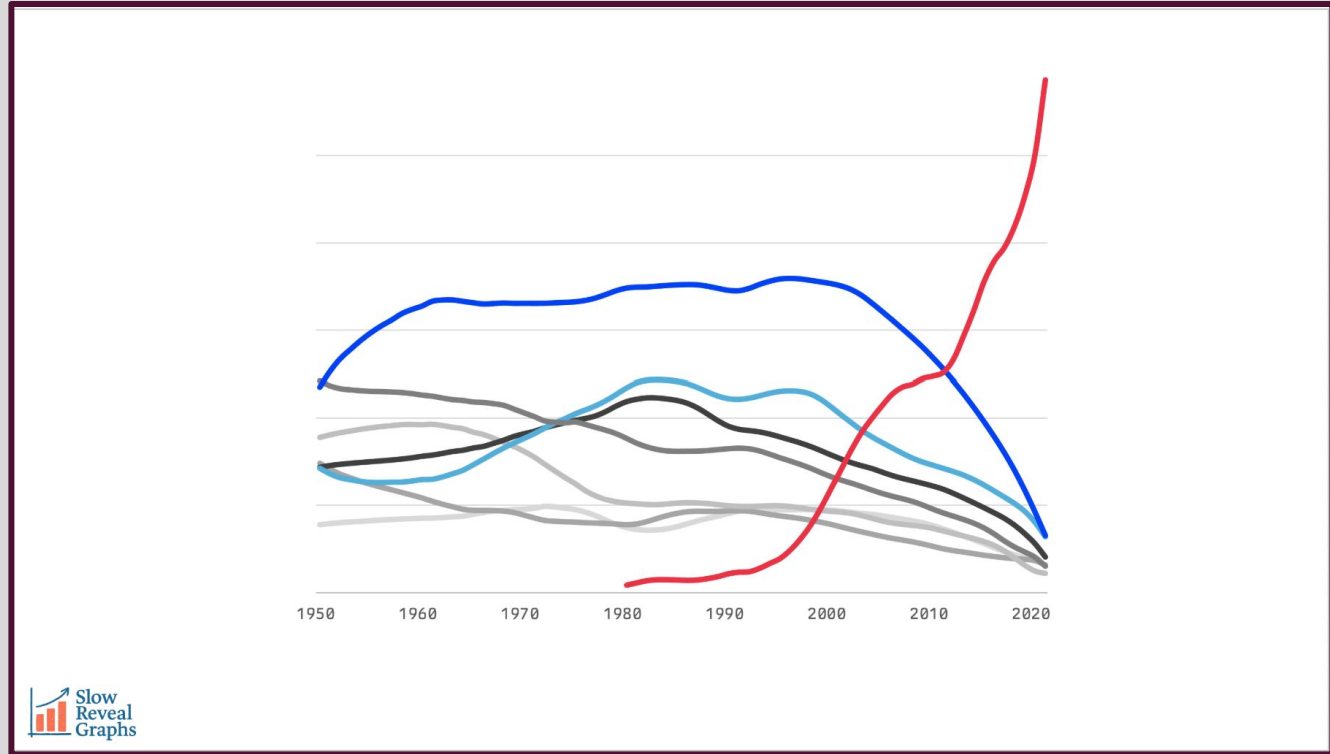
- What do you notice?
- What do you wonder?
- What new information did you learn?

## ❖ Sentence Starters for Discussion

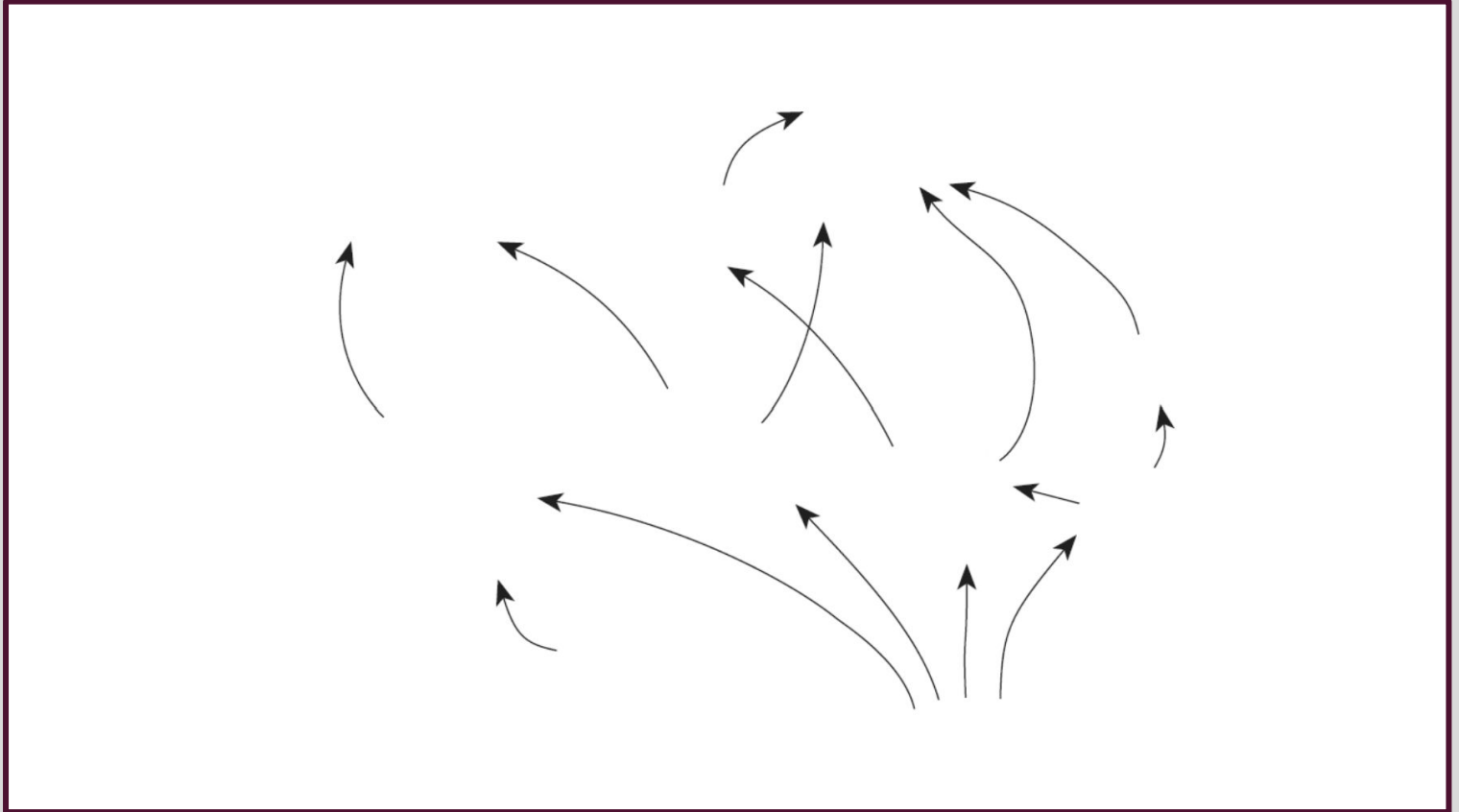
- When I first looked at the diagram, I thought...
- One thing about the diagram that was easy for me was...
- One thing about the diagram that was challenging for me was...
- I was really lost when...
- Once I understood \_\_\_\_\_, I felt...
- The most important piece of information on this diagram is...

## ❖ Check for Understanding

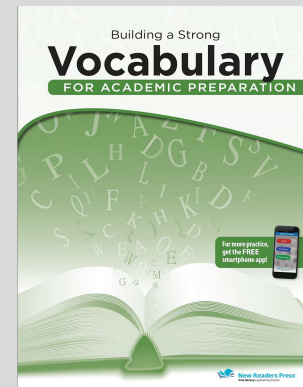
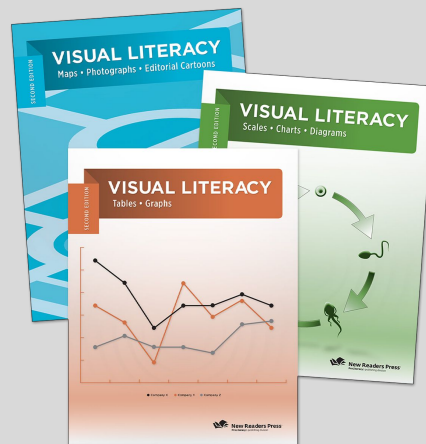
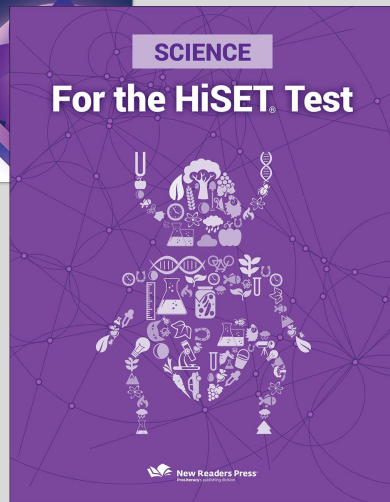
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


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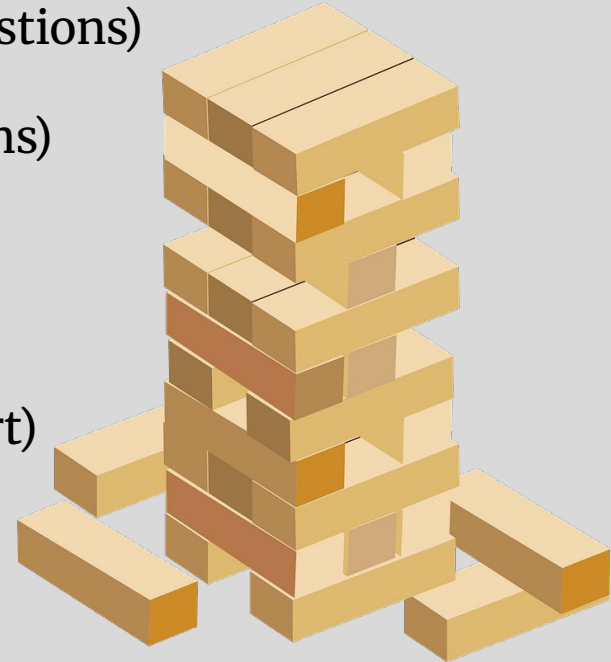
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- ❖ Generate 54 Questions
  - GED Test Mastery Pretest (52 Questions)
  - GED Test Mastery Practice Test (51 Questions)
  - [Calculator Practice](#)
  - Career Power Practice Test (30 Questions)
- ❖ Differentiated Groups
  - Competition Style (Record Points)
  - Choose, Answer, Stack
  - Choose, Answer, Stack (Teacher Support)
  - Independent Practice

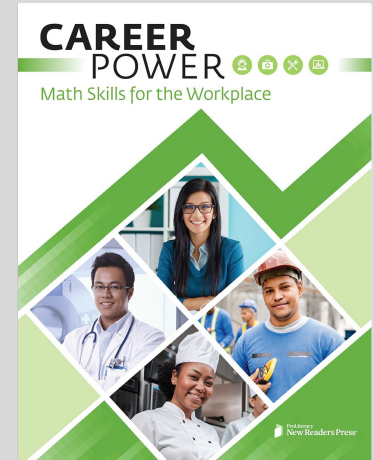
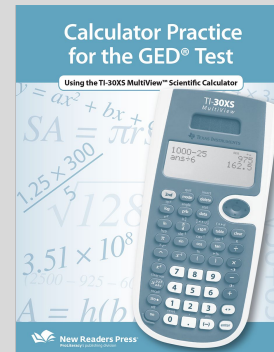
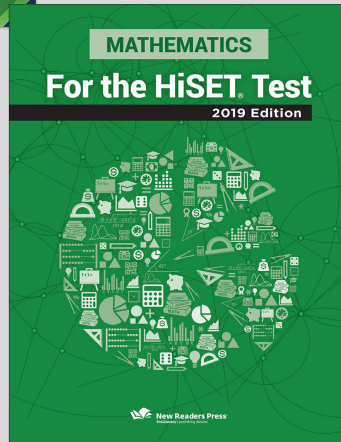
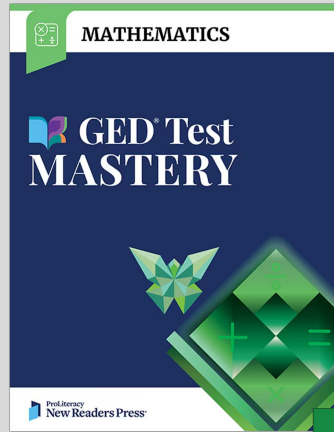


# Math Around the World

- ❖ Engaging
- ❖ Targeted
- ❖ Differentiated
- ❖ Easy to Create
- ❖ [Model Slides](#)



# Math Resources



# 212: The Extra Degree



# One Degree to Remember

The difference between  $211^{\circ}$  and  $212^{\circ}$  is just one degree — but that single degree makes water boil.

What will *your* extra degree be?  
What's one new practice or idea from today's session that you can put into action in your classroom or program to spark those HSE gains?

# To *Go* the *Extra Degree*...



Clint & Mr. Jensen

**...be a Mr. Jensen**

**Thank  
You**



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