



Dive into Summer With The Great Water Odyssey Online Teacher Training IT'S FREE

The Great Water Odyssey is an animated, computer-based program that introduces water conservation and environmental science concepts to students as they travel through Florida's wetlands and natural ecosystems. ***The Great Water Odyssey Online Teacher Training*** is for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teachers, home school and informal educators.

The science topics are integrated with math, language arts, reading, history and geography. This interactive, hands-on curriculum is correlated to the Florida Sunshine State Standards and meets Florida's Reading Initiative standards.

The Great Water Odyssey has a series of short videos and course assignments that are user-friendly and can be completed in the comfort of your own home at any time of the day or night! Your students will love the easy-to-use format and you will love that it helps you reach your FCAT goals!

Sign up today... we provide you with one-on-one online assistance!

Complete the course and we'll make sure you're awarded at least 8 in-service credits!

Take the plunge... dive into summer with *The Great Water Odyssey*!

Register NOW at:

<http://www.ces.fau.edu/education/teachers/gwo/>

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The Great Water OdysseySM



Online Training 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade TRAINING SYLLABUS



Training description

The Great Water OdysseySM (GWO) Online Teacher Training was developed to provide a user-friendly method for educators to access this valuable educational curriculum for their students. The GWO program is offered free to elementary educators in the South Florida Water Management District's 16-county region.

Goals and objectives

The goal of *The Great Water OdysseySM* is to use the importance of water resources as a means to help improve students' performance in the sciences. Specific objectives for each grade level are included in the training documents packet (page 3). All objectives are aligned to the Sunshine State Standards for science, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and technology.

Training Requirements

In order to successfully complete of *The Great Water OdysseySM* training teachers must:

- Complete the Pre-test
- Download *The Great Water OdysseySM* computer software
- Watch all videos (5)
- Explore *The Great Water OdysseySM* computer software on your own
- Submit the Exploration Assignments
- Complete the Post-Test
- Complete the GWO Online Training Evaluation

In-service Points Requirements

In order to receive in-service points through your county, you must complete these requirements above as well as:

- Create a lesson plan and implement it with your students
- Submit the lesson plan online
- Complete the online survey

Upon successful completion of all requirements, a certificate of completion will be provided. Submit this certificate with a district-specific in-service credit form to your district staff development office to receive in-service points. No additional work is required to receive in-service points. **No partial credit will be given.**

Time Investment

The estimated time expected to complete the GWO Online Training is 8 hours detailed below:

ASSIGNMENT	ESTIMATED TIME INVESTMENT
Watch Introduction Video	5 minutes
Print Training Documents & Review Syllabus	45 minutes
Take Pre-test	10 minutes
Download Software	15 minutes
Watch <i>Explore the K-O-E Watershed</i> Video (& answering questions)	15 minutes
Watch <i>How to Log-in</i> Video (& answering questions)	5 minutes
Watch <i>Exploring the Educator Manual</i> Video (& answering questions)	10 minutes
Watch <i>An Overview of The Great Water OdysseySM</i> Video (& answering questions)	5 minutes
Watch <i>A Closer Look at The Great Water OdysseySM</i> Video (& answering questions) – Specific Grade Level	10 minutes
Explore <i>The Great Water OdysseySM</i> on your own	60 minutes
Submit the Exploration Assignment	15 minutes
Take Post-test	10 minutes
Complete Online Training evaluation	10 minutes
Design and Implement Lesson Plan with your students	180 minutes
Submit your lesson plan online	45 minutes
Complete GWO online survey	30 minutes
TOTAL APPROXIMATE TIME INVESTMENT	8 HOURS

Training Schedule

Once you've received your Username and Password, we encourage you to complete the training as soon as possible. We provide one-on-one assistance and will send you email reminders with educational prizes as incentives to complete *The Great Water OdysseySM* Online Teacher Training.

Grading

Your scores on the Pre- and Post-test provide us with important data on your percentage of improvement in knowledge based on your training experience. On the Pre-Test, low scores are expected, so please do not use any resources to complete it. When taking the Post-Test, you can use your training notes and Exploration Assignments to easily answer all the questions correctly!

Program Completion

We value and need your creative feedback to make improvements in *The Great Water OdysseySM* Online Teacher Training! After you have implemented at least one lesson, we ask that you please take the time to complete the online survey. **CONGRATULATIONS – YOU WILL BE DONE!**

Complete *The Great Water Odyssey Online Teacher Training*
 by **July 31** and receive
 one of these books as a gift!

3rd Grade

- ❑ *Water Dance*
- ❑ *What is the World Made of?*
- ❑ *Room for Ripley*
- ❑ *The Magic School Bus - At the Water Works*

4th Grade

- ❑ *The Missing Gator of Gumbo Limbo*
- ❑ *A River Ran Wild*
- ❑ *Where The River Begins*
- ❑ *The Rainstick*

5th Grade

- ❑ *Common Ground: The Water, Earth and Air We Share*
- ❑ *Who Really Killed Cock Robin?*
- ❑ *Beneath the City of Ooze*
- ❑ *The Disappearing Earth*

