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What’s all the excitement about another conference?

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The Northwest Regional NCTE Conference will have something for everyone.

The most difficult thing about attending this conference will be choosing which session to attend. With more than 400 sessions, there will be something for everyone, so you’ll need to create your personal schedule of sessions.

There will be sessions on topics ranging from phonics and phonemic awareness to how to effectively teach through the arts. Writers will be interested in sessions on how to write and tips on how to create a writing portfolio. Teachers of all levels will find sessions on current educational issues and research on effective teaching strategies.

There will be sessions on contemporary novels, literature circles, and teaching reading comprehension. There will be sessions on how to use writing as a tool for instruction. There will be sessions on how to use journals, poetry, and other forms of creative writing to engage students.

There will be sessions on how to use technology in the classroom, including the use of computers and digital tools. There will be sessions on how to create a positive classroom environment and how to use classroom management strategies to create a successful classroom.

There will be sessions on how to use the arts in the classroom, including music, dance, and visual arts. There will be sessions on how to use the arts to teach reading, writing, and mathematics.

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