

## Getting Started with the Integrated Thematic Unit

Can I make the topic and lessons interesting, informative, and relevant to my students?

Am I interested in the topic?

Can I integrate the topic into many subject areas of the curriculum?

Can I meet some of the requirements in the Framework and Standards?

### Step 1:

Read about my topic. Think about how it connects with other topics and areas of the curriculum.

### Step 2:

Look for children's literature books on the topic. Go to the children's books sections in the CSUS library and the public library.

Are there at least 10 children's literature books on the topic?

Do some of those books reflect the cultures of my students and the local community?

### Step 3:

Look for materials to use in my classroom. Search the World Wide Web.

Go to a teacher supply store and find out about books and materials on the topic.

Talk with people, particularly other teachers (network!).

Are there some field trips my students would like to take?

Are there some guest speakers that would inform the topic?

Can I teach this topic across several grade levels?

What do the Framework and Standards require?