

# Five Websites and Articles Reflections

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### **California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE)**

This group meets once a year and its goal is to educate California's students and English Learners through a system called 'Dollars for Scholars Fund'. This is set up for the sole purpose of making sure that California meets the present and future demands for qualified teachers that can teach bilingual instructions and reduce the achievement gap between regular and ELL students. California Legislation, AB2913 allows teachers with a basic teaching credential and a permanent employee of a school district to work with ESL students. I will be using many resources and links that CABE has, for example, The Language Minority Education and Research and the New Teacher Center (NTC) will be very helpful with my classroom learning sessions. It also sets the bar up for teachers everywhere to strive for success.

### **California Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (CATESOL)**

This organization represents English teachers who teach the English language throughout California and Nevada providing high quality and professional development to its students. It is used as a primary resource for leadership in teaching the English language for America and other countries around the world.

### **English – Zone.com**

This website hits on the cultural side of the English Language. By reviewing the Holidays, Arts and History, the student receives information and explanations of the English Culture. I will use this resource to help teach my ELL students and to add more quality to the lessons.

**The National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE)** A national organization representing Bilingual Learners and Bilingual teachers. It is used as an advocate for our Bilingual, ELL students and families. They would cultivate the multilingual multicultural society by promoting policy, programs, pedagogy, research and development that produce academic success. This would value native languages, promote proficiency of the English language and respect all cultures and their diverse languages. The benefits of being a member allow you discounts to their annual conferences and unrestricted access to their website. This can give me an advantage of acquiring more valuable information for myself as well as finding other methods of teaching my students.

### **Dr. Jim Cummins' ESL and Second Language Learning Web**

Second Language Acquisition / Literacy Development- Some of his writing are about the English Language Proficiency, CALP and BICS, e-Lective Language Learning... Some of Dr Cummins books are: Bilingual Children's Mother Tongue, Why Is It Important for Education?,

BICS and CALP, Clarifying the Distinction and Rights and Responsibilities of Educators of Bilingual Bicultural Children. This website is World known for its valuable information, resources, and tools for professionals and educators. Another resource I can use with my lesson plans and this will help me tremendously as I face new challenges in the classroom.

### **Dr. Kenji Hakuta's Home Page**

Dr. Hakuta is currently a professor at Stanford University School of Education since 1989. His focus is on bilingualism, second language acquisition and improving educational opportunities for ELL minority students. His other goals were to help schools, teachers, training of future teachers to improve the educational programs and techniques that can make a great impact on students. Dr. Denji Hakuta's Home page can be a great reference when looking at the many various topics it has to offer.