



# Teaching for Biliteracy with Project GLAD®



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# What is biliteracy?

*comprehension*

*writing*

*fluency*

*oracy*

*oral language*

*reading*

*Using the word bank above, write your own definition of biliteracy.*



**Report out.**



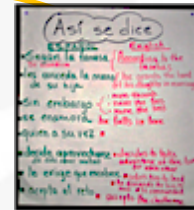
# Teaching for Biliteracy

What?



- Literature/Texts/ Discussions/Writing in both languages
- Strategies that create metalinguistic awareness
- Strategies that facilitate cross-linguistic transfer

How?



Why?



- Asset approach to multilingualism
- Develops cognitive complexity
- Economic and social advantage

The Golden Circle, Sinek, 2014



Planning for Purposeful,  
Strategic and Systematic  
Development of

- Oral Language
- *Oracy*
- Literacy

In two languages.



# Metalinguistic Awareness for *bilinguals*



- is *thinking* and *talking* about *language*, and, in the case of biliteracy, understanding the *relationships* between and within languages.
- involves *identifying*, *analyzing*, and *comparing/contrasting* the sounds, symbols, grammar, vocabulary, and language structures between and across languages.



# Metalinguistic Awareness of similarities and differences in...

- **Phonology** - sounds systems: vowels, consonants, irregular patterns (a-i-e-o-u, y, l, ll, th, h, z, ....)
- **Morphology** or word formation – roots, prefixes and suffixes (incomprehens**ible**-incomprehens**ible**, rapid**ly**-rapidam**ente**)
- **Cognates/False Cognates** (comprender - comprehend , embarazada – **pregnant!**)
- **Syntax and grammar** including rules for punctuation, grammar, word order, etc. that is unique to each language (Juan's black dog. – **El perro negro de Juan.**)
- **Pragmatics** (language use) that include cultural norms that are reflected in language use, ex. Dichos/expressions/idioms  
The apple doesn't fall far from the tree. – **Tal palo, tal astilla.** You - **Usted o Tú-**

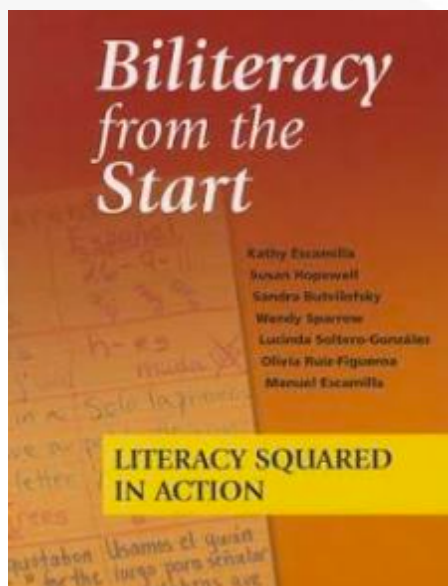
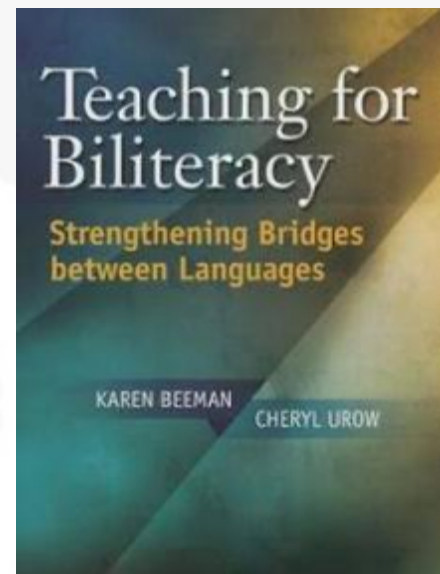




# Teaching for Cross-Linguistic Transfer

Cheryl Urow and Karen Beeman: *The Bridge*

- *Teaching for Biliteracy: Strengthening Bridges Between Languages*



Kathy Escamilla: *Cross-language connections*

- *Biliteracy from the Start: Literacy Squared in Action*



# Teaching for Biliteracy

1. Begins with a highly comprehensible, concrete and interactive activity focused on preparing students to comprehend text
  - ✓ Language Experience Approach
2. Integrates content and literacy instruction
3. Includes strategies to support comprehension throughout the unit
4. Bridges to the other language



Urow and Beeman, 2013



# Teaching for biliteracy: GLAD® – a natural fit



## Thematic Instruction

- Integrating content, language arts and ELD and SLD standards is the most effective way to teach for biliteracy
- Allows students to learn and practice literacy skills within a highly comprehensible context
- Allows for more effective ***cross-linguistic transfer***
  - Concepts and similar language transfer easily
  - Language differences are taught explicitly but are held together within the framework of the unit

*Beeman and Urow, 2013*



# Scaffolding for Content and Language with GLAD®



Gradual Release of Responsibility



GLAD units are made of **strands of strategies** intentionally sequenced and scaffolded to maximize content comprehension and language acquisition.

- **Concrete → Abstract**  
visual, auditory and kinesthetic supports for entering more quickly into academic reading and writing
- **Oral Language → Oracy → Literacy**  
Teacher modeling and shaping of language, student repetition and practice, student reading and writing
- **Whole group → Partner or Team → Individual**  
Individual has multiple opportunities to wrestle with content and language before producing individual work. (assessment)



# *What about the Bridge ?*



Read the page from ***Teaching for Biliteracy*** titled:

- *The Bridge: Teaching to biliteracy looks different than teaching to monoliteracy*
- With an elbow partner discuss

✓ *What is the Bridge?*

✓ *When is it done?*

✓ *How is it done?*



# Opportunities to use the *Bridge* with Project GLAD®

## Strategies that “Hang Together” *intentionally sequenced for GRR*



### 1. **Expository (Informational) Strand**

Graphic Organizer → Pictorial Input Chart → Expert Groups → Process Grid Game  
→ Cooperative Strip Paragraph → BRIDGE → EXTENSION ACTIVITY

### 2. **Narrative Strand**

Narrative Input → ELD Group Frame → Story Map → Written Story Summary →  
BRIDGE → EXTENSION ACTIVITY

### 3. **Sentence Building Strand**

Here, There Chant → Sentence Patterning Chart → Language Study → Descriptive  
Writing → BRIDGE → EXTENSION ACTIVITY

Note: DL teachers may choose to alternate languages of strategy strands from unit to unit (50/50 program) or develop the Expository Strand in the language which is allotted more time (80/20 program)



# Cooperative Strip Paragraph

Observation  
Charts

Chants

**Language Experience Approach**  
*Building the language and content*

- Graphic Organizer
- Pictorial Input Chart
- Expert Groups
- Process Grid *Game*

Inquiry  
Chart

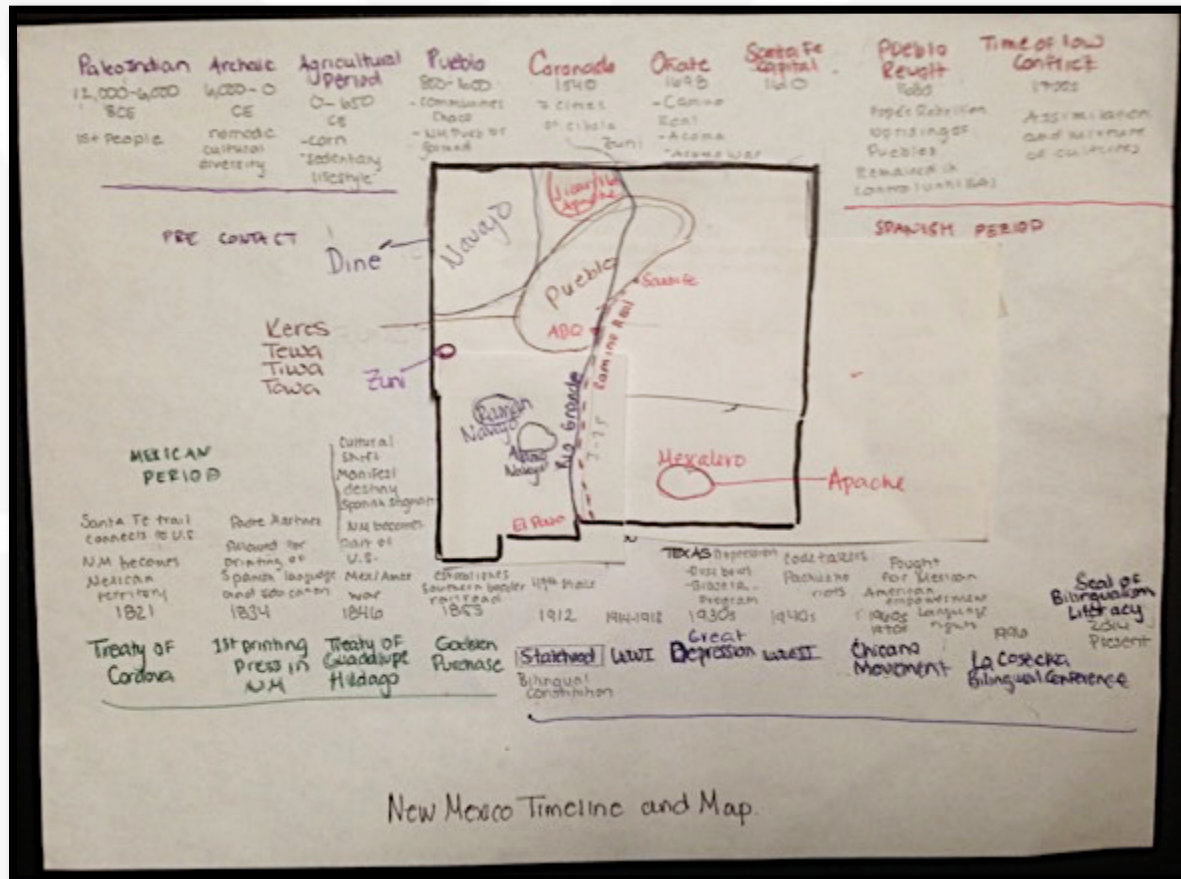
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Learning  
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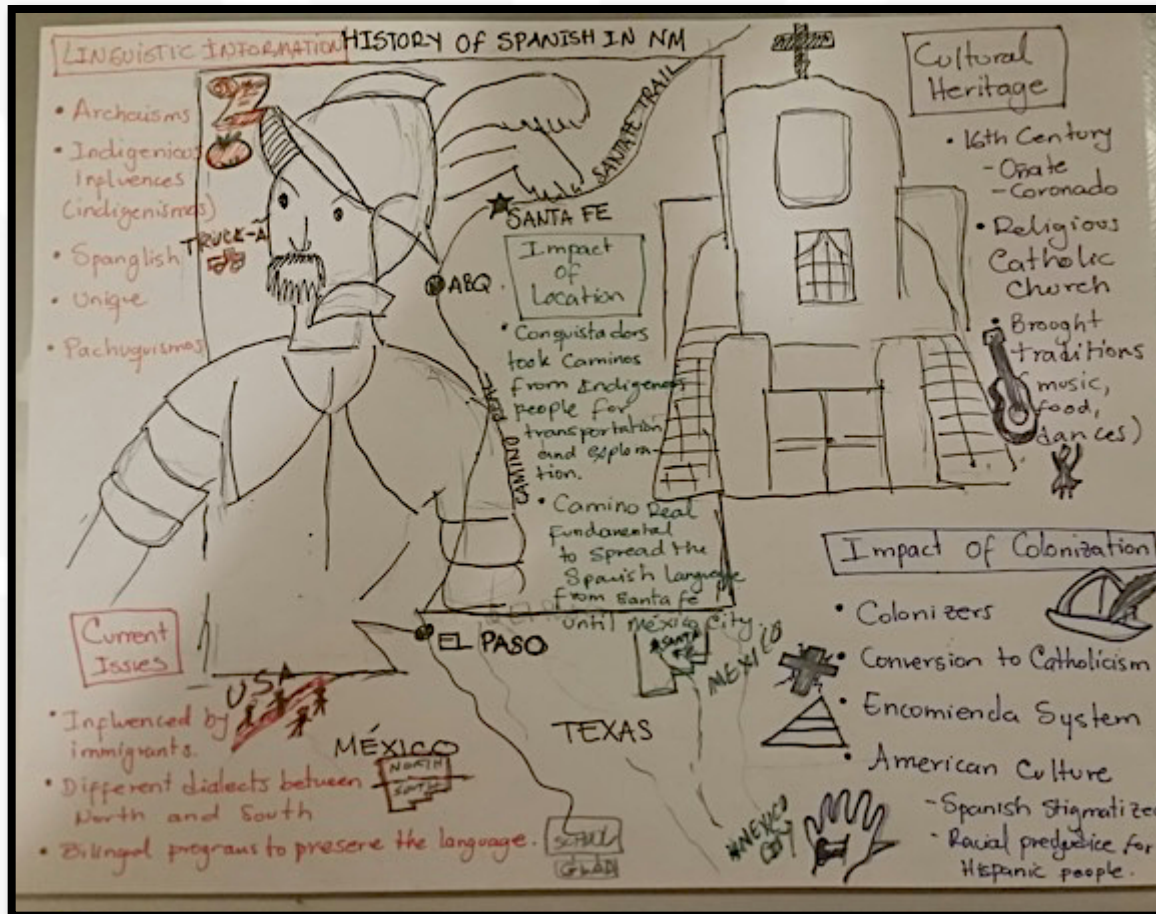
# History of Languages in NM

## Graphic Organizer



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# Pictorial Input Chart



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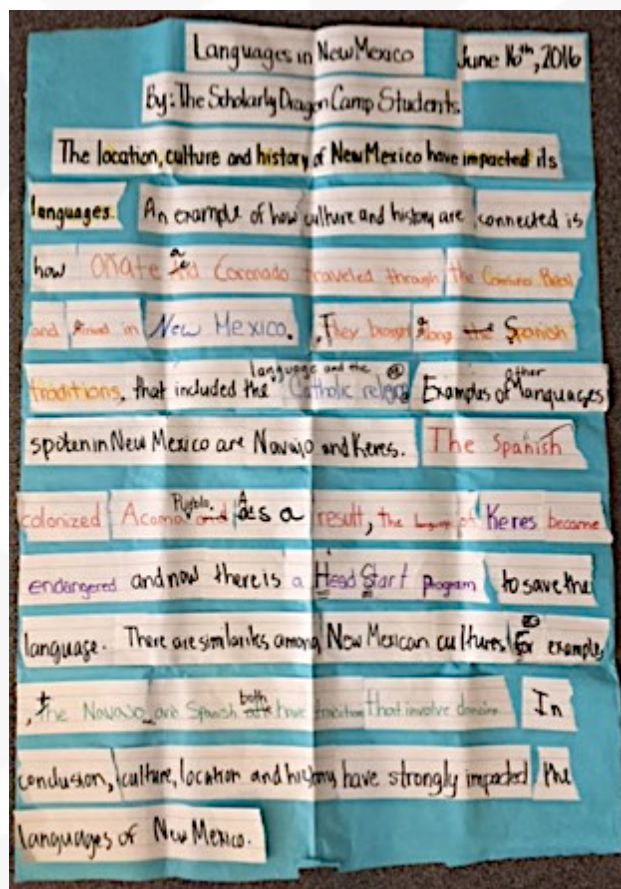
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## Process Grid

Language	Impact of location	Cultural heritage	Impact of Colonization	Linguistic Information	Current Issues
<i>Spanish</i>					
<i>Navajo</i>					
<i>Zuni</i>					
<i>Tewa, Tiwa, Towa</i>					
<i>Keresan</i>					

# History of Languages in NM

## Cooperative Strip Paragraph



# A Bridge to Spanish

English	Spanish



# El párrafo cooperativo

*Así se dice* - una actividad de extensión



*Biliteracy from the Start: Literacy Squared in Action* - Kathy Escamilla

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# Thoughts, Comments, Questions?



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# ¡Muchas gracias!

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