

NEW LONDON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

**MINI-GRANTS for TEACHERS
2007-2008**

Application

1. Name of Teacher(s) Melissa Torrente
2. School's Name Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School
3. Grade Level(s) 7 Number of Students Involved 65
4. Name of Proposal Improving Making Connections Through the Use of
Multicultural Reading Materials
5. Amount of Money Requested \$500

6. a. Project Description:

Goals: To improve student performance on strand C of the CMT, also known as the Making Connections strand, by exposing students to multicultural literature. This is an area of under performance for New London students and students statewide. There is a significant achievement gap among minority students.

Objective: Students will read a variety of multicultural stories from various cultures at their appropriate reading level and engage in a variety of activities that may include, but not be limited to, written responses, book talks, reports, readers' theater, discussions and /or art projects.

- b. Budget for expenditures. \$500 for the purchase of books.