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Taking the Lead on Adolescent Literacy Judith Irvin 2010-02-26 Administrators will find a user-friendly, five-stage planning process with six essential rubrics for developing, implementing, monitoring, and sustaining a successful literacy initiative for Grades 4–12.

Introduction to Rubrics Dannelle D. Stevens 2013-04-30 This new edition retains the appeal, clarity and practicality that made the first so successful, and continues to provide a fundamental introduction to the principles and purposes of rubrics, with guidance on how to construct them, use them to align course content to learning outcomes, and apply them in a wide variety of courses, and to all forms of assignment. Reflecting developments since publication of the first edition, the authors have extended coverage to include: * Expanded discussion on use of rubrics for grading * Grading on-line with rubrics * Wider coverage of rubric types (e.g., holistic, rating scales) * Rubric construction in student affairs * Pros and cons of working with "ready-made" rubrics * Using rubrics to improve your teaching, and for SoTL * Use of rubrics in program assessment (case study) * Application of rubrics in the arts, for study abroad, service learning and students' independent learning * Updated literature review

Building E-Portfolios Using PowerPoint Kathleen K. Montgomery 2008-01-24 Building E-Portfolios Using PowerPoint: A Guide for Educators, Second Edition addresses the use of e-portfolios by pre- and in-service educators as a self-assessment tool and as a way to measure their students' performance. The first half of the book explains what portfolios are, what makes an electronic portfolio (or e-portfolio) superior to physical portfolios, and how they should be organized. The second half of the book addresses which computer programs can be used to build an e-portfolio, then presents detailed instructions on using Microsoft PowerPoint® to create effective, visually rich portfolios. The book is filled with pedagogy, each chapter beginning with a conversation scenario to add relevance and meaning for the reader. There are also numerous charts, summaries, a glossary, and appendices. A Student Resource CD with PowerPoint templates, sample e-portfolios, and additional student resources is available.

Growing Schools: Librarians as Professional Developers Debbie Abilock 2012-06-11 Presenting examples of school librarians leading professional learning in numerous contexts and for diverse learning goals with remarkable success, this book will inspire other practitioners to initiate and refine professional learning in their schools and districts.

ACE the ACT® Book + Online Kelly Roell 2017-05-22 ACE the ACT Book + Online Practice Tests Completely Up-to-date for the 2017 Exam Authored by America's top ACT expert, REA's innovative test prep gives high school students crucial test-taking strategies that can help them raise their score and get into the college of their choice. Four weekly study sessions cover the critical information students need to ace the English, math, science, and reading portions of the exam. An optional fifth week completely covers the enhanced ACT Writing Test. To round out students' preparation, practice tests pinpoint strengths and weaknesses and give students a realistic taste of the ACT test experience. Kelly C. Roell, M.A., is an author, certified teacher, lecturer, and longtime test prep guru. She taught high school English and Reading for years in one of the nation's top-ranked school districts (Hillsborough County, Florida), instructing students in the many facets of local, state, and national testing. Kelly ran an SAT test preparation course for advanced high school students, guiding them to focus their potential and raise their scores. Kelly has written daily test tips and articles for Scholastic.com and MSN.com. About REA's prep: * Tips to boost your score on the Enhanced Writing Test * Practice tests build your test-day confidence

Literacy and the Common Core Sarah Tantillo 2014-07-21 Tools and Insights for Meeting and Exceeding the Common Core Standards Literacy and the Common Core offers K–12 teachers clear guidance on how to design units, lessons, and objectives to meet the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts; it's filled with practical strategies that teachers can use immediately to target key standards; and it describes how to analyze the standards to support instructional planning and curriculum development. This book aims to make life a little easier for everyone—teachers, school leaders, parents, and students—as we all strive to prepare students for college and the careers they most desire. The book includes practical tools, templates, and rubrics ready to be downloaded and customized to meet your needs. Additional resources may be found on the companion site, www.literacycookbook.com. Here are just a few of the essential topics addressed: Which standards to start with and how to tackle them How to bridge the gap when students are not on grade level How to engage and support parents How to teach students to write effectively How to translate the standards for actual use Take the recipes in this book, make them your own, and enjoy your new "Common Core Master Chef" status!

Artificial Intelligence in Education Ulrich Hoppe 2003 This work reports on research into intelligent systems, models, and architectures for educational computing applications. It covers a wide range of advanced information and communication and computational methods applied to education and training.

Action Research Tammy LaPoint-O'Brien 2013 Critical thinking is the focal point missed in many students' educations. Students are taught memorization with little time left for the development of critical thinking skills which allows for a deeper understanding and a richer experience. Learning to ask appropriate questions and deduce information in order to build a

deeper connection to the information is imperative. Ninth grade students at the end of history class composed a minute paper in essay format. The students described three different facts, ideas, concepts, or thoughts developed during the lesson and posed one insightful question. The minute paper afforded the students the opportunity to provide insight and reasoning into their comprehension, while cultivating their critical thinking skills. The following are appended: (1) Timeline of Events for the Study; (2) Instructions for Students; (3) Scoring Rubric; (4) The Development of Critical Thinking Study: Letter to Parents; (5) The Development of Critical Thinking Study Conducted at Friendship Christian School: Informed Consent Form; (6) Daily Scoring Rubric; (7) Supplemental Questions; (8) Teacher Weekly Survey; and (9) [Pre-Set List of Words].

How to Create and Use Rubrics for Formative Assessment and Grading Susan M. Brookhart 2013 Whether you're already familiar with rubrics or not, this book is a complete resource for writing rubrics that assist with learning as well as assess it. Plus, you'll learn how to wisely select from among the many rubrics available for classroom use.

Handbook of Formative Assessment Heidi Andrade 2010-04-02 Formative assessment has recently become a focus of renewed research as state and federal policy-makers realize that summative assessments have reached a point of diminishing returns as a tool for increasing student achievement. Consequently, supporters of large-scale testing programs are now beginning to consider the potential of formative assessments to improve student achievement. The mission of this handbook is to comprehensively profile this burgeoning field of study. Written by leading international scholars and practitioners, each chapter includes a discussion of key issues that dominate formative assessment policy and practice today, as well as those that are likely to affect research and practice in the coming years. Key features include: Comprehensive - nineteen chapters cover all aspects of formative assessment including classroom assessment, large-scale applications, technological applications, applications for special needs students, K-12 and post-secondary applications, psychometric considerations, case studies, and discussion of alternative assessment formats such as portfolios and performance assessments. Integrative - thoughtful attention is given to the integration of large-scale and classroom assessments. Practical - provides practical guidance on how to conduct formative assessments that generate credible information to guide instruction. Global - provides perspectives from leading international scholars and practitioners whose expertise spans diverse settings, student populations, and educational systems. Accessible Style - although grounded in the latest research, the book's style and tone has been carefully crafted to make it accessible to both the textbook and professional markets. It will also be a critical reference book for researchers in teacher preparation, educational administration, and educational policy studies.

Resources in Education 1999-10

Facilitating Preservice Teachers in the Action Research Process Karen M. Gibson 2000

Ethical Educational Leadership in Turbulent Times Joan Poliner Shapiro 2013-05-13 This text is designed to assist educational leaders in the ethical decision-making process. Theoretically, it is based on Gross's Turbulence Theory and Shapiro and Stefkovich's Multiple Ethical Paradigms of justice, critique, care, and the profession. The authors clearly explain these concepts and demonstrate how they can work together to assist leaders in dealing with challenging situations. Authentic ethical dilemmas are provided to be analyzed using Turbulence Theory and the Multiple Ethical Paradigms and to engage readers in applying these concepts to practice. The text is intended for use in a range of educational leadership, educational administration, and teacher education programs that prepare both educational leaders (administrators) and lead teachers.

Transforming Schools Using Project-Based Learning, Performance Assessment, and Common Core Standards Bob Lenz 2015-01-08 It's not what students know, but what they do with what they know that is important. Schools are changing in response to this reality, and in *Transforming Schools Using Project-Based Learning, Performance Assessment, and Common Core Standards*, Bob Lenz, Justin Wells, and Sally Kingston draw on the example of the Envision Education schools, as well as other leading schools around the country, to show how the concept of deeper learning can meet the need for students who are both college and career ready and engaged in their own education. In this book, the authors explain how project-based learning can blend with Common Core-aligned performance assessment for deeper learning. You'll discover how many schools have successfully made the transition from traditional, teacher-centered learning to project-based, deeper learning and find many practical ideas for implementation. Companion DVD and website include videos showing how to implement deeper learning strategies in the classroom. Evidence-based descriptions show why deeper learning is right for students. Performance assessment experts explain how to align assessments with Common Core by shifting the emphasis from knowing to doing. Extensive game plan section provides step-by-step guidance for change. Schools are complex organizations, and transformation involves all of the stakeholders, from students to superintendents. But as this book shows, there are amazing benefits to be realized when everyone commits to diving deeper into learning.

Knowing What Students Know National Research Council 2001-10-27 Education is a hot topic. From the stage of presidential debates to tonight's dinner table, it is an issue that most Americans are deeply concerned about. While there are many strategies for improving the educational process, we need a way to find out what works and what doesn't work as well. Educational assessment seeks to determine just how well students are learning and is an integral part of our quest for improved education. The nation is pinning greater expectations on educational assessment than ever before. We look to these assessment tools when documenting whether students and institutions are truly meeting education goals. But we must stop and ask a crucial question: What kind of assessment is most effective? At a time when traditional testing is subject to increasing criticism, research suggests that new, exciting approaches to assessment may be on the horizon. Advances in the sciences of how people learn and how to measure such learning offer the hope of developing new kinds of assessment-assessments that help students succeed in school by making as clear as possible the nature of their accomplishments and the progress of their learning. *Knowing What Students Know* essentially explains how expanding knowledge in the scientific fields of human learning and educational measurement can form the foundations of an improved approach to assessment. These advances suggest ways that the targets of assessment-what students know and how well they know it-as well as the methods used to make inferences about student learning can be made more valid and instructionally useful. Principles for designing and using these new kinds of assessments are presented, and examples are used to illustrate the principles. Implications for policy, practice, and research are also explored. With the promise of a productive research-based approach to assessment of student learning, *Knowing What Students Know* will be important to education administrators, assessment designers, teachers and teacher educators, and education advocates.

A Resource Guide for Teaching Richard Dean Kellough 1997 Practical and thorough, this engaging resource guide truly practices what it preaches: hands-on, activities-rich, research-based, performance-driven teaching. Coverage integrates the best ideas from a broad spectrum of instructional approaches into an eclectic teaching model that the author characterizes as multilevel instruction. This is truly one of the most comprehensive books on the market today, made even better in this latest edition. Coverage includes the relationship among curriculum standards, assessment, and high-stakes testing, what's need to establish and maintain a supportive learning environment, and updated information on outstanding school programs. For professionals in the field of teaching.

Famous Inventors & Inventions Speedy Publishing 2014-09-30 Famous inventors and the inventions they develop is a fascinating area of historical study that is usually far too advanced for young children. However, a Famous Inventors & Inventions Picture Book breaks that information down in a way that is interesting and engaging to young boys and girls. Instead of pages and pages of text that makes no sense to them, children can see a picture of the inventor alongside the invention they created. This helps to begin laying the foundation for this knowledge in children at a young age and may even spark their interest and imagination in this area.

The Art of Teaching Jay Parini 2005-01-13 Becoming an effective teacher can be quite painful and exhausting, taking years of trial and error. In *The Art of Teaching*, writer and critic Jay Parini looks back over his own decades of trials, errors, and triumphs, in an intimate memoir that brims with humor, encouragement, and hard-won wisdom about the teacher's craft. Here is a godsend for instructors of all levels, offering valuable insight into the many challenges that educators face, from establishing a persona in the classroom, to fostering relationships with students, to balancing teaching load with academic writing and research. Insight abounds. Parini shows, for instance, that there is nothing natural about teaching. The classroom is a form of theater, and the teacher must play various roles. A good teacher may look natural, but that's the product of endless practice. The book also considers such topics as the manner of dress that teachers adopt (and what this says about them as teachers), the delicate question of politics in the classroom, the untapped value of emeritus professors, and the vital importance of a settled, disciplined life for a teacher and a writer. Parini grounds all of this in personal stories of his own career in the academy, tracing his path from unfocused student--a self-confessed "tough nut to crack"--to passionate writer, scholar, and teacher, one who frankly admits making many mistakes over the years. Every year, thousands of newly minted college teachers embark on their careers, most with scant training in their chosen profession. *The Art of Teaching* is a perfect book for these young educators as well as anyone who wants to learn more about this difficult but rewarding profession.

Student Scientific Understandings in a Ninth Grade Project-based Science Classroom Valerie Lynn Talsma 2004

Models of Applied Research in Educational Technology Virginia Pilato

So You Want to be a Wildlife Biologist? United States. Forest Service. Intermountain Region. Wildlife Management Office 1980

Writing, Grade 6 Spectrum 2012-09-01 Spectrum Writing creates student interest and sparks writing creativity! The lessons, perfect for students in grade 6, strengthen writing skills by focusing on sequence of events, comparing and contrasting, point of view, facts and opinions, and more! Each book provides an overview of the writing process, as well as a break down of the essential skills that build good writing. It features easy-to-understand directions, is aligned to national and state standards, and also includes a complete answer key. Today, more than ever, students need to be equipped with the essential skills they need for school achievement and for success on proficiency tests. The Spectrum series has been designed to prepare students with these skills and to enhance student achievement. Developed by experts in the field of education, each title in the Spectrum workbook series offers grade-appropriate instruction and reinforcement in an effective sequence for learning success. Perfect for use at home or in school, and a favorite of parents, homeschoolers, and teachers worldwide, Spectrum is the learning partner students need for complete achievement.

Teaching Technology in Libraries Lura Sanborn 2017-02-06 Libraries are charged with fostering new skills and capabilities, a challenging task in an era of rapid technological change. Developing new ways of teaching and learning—within budget and time constraints—is the key to keeping up-to-date. Written by librarians, this collection of new essays describes an array of technology outreach and instruction programs—from the theoretical to the practical—for public, academic and school libraries, based on case studies and discussions of methodology. Content includes out of the box lessons, outreach successes and technology instruction programs applicable to patrons and staff at public, academic and school libraries.

Teachers Caught in the Action Ann Lieberman 2001-04-27 Because what we do in staff development can best be understood in terms of Contexts, Strategies, and Structures, the remainder of the book features distinguished educators who write from their own unique experiential and theoretical stances. Jacqueline Ancess describes how teachers in New York City secondary schools increase their own learning while improving student outcomes • Milbrey W. McLaughlin and Joel Zarrow demonstrate how teachers learn to use data to improve their practice and meet educational standards • Lynne Miller presents a case study of a long-lived school, university partnership • Beverly Falk recounts stories of teachers working together to develop performance assessments, to understand their student's learning, to re-think their curriculum, and much more • Laura Stokes analyzes a school that successfully uses inquiry groups. There are further contributions (including some from novice teachers) by Anna Richert Ershler, Ann Lieberman, Diane Wood, Sarah Warshauer Freedman, and Joseph P. McDonald. These powerful exemplars from practice provide a much-needed overview of what matters and what really works in professional development today.

Reinventing Project-Based Learning Suzie Boss 2014-07-21 This newly revised book explores proven strategies for overcoming the limitations of the traditional classroom, including a wealth of technology tools for inquiry, collaboration, and global connection to support this new vision of instructional design. The book follows the arc of a project, providing guided opportunities to direct and reflect educators own learning and professional development. In the expanded second edition, educators will find new examples of the latest tools, assessment strategies and promising practices that are poised to shape education in the future.

501 Writing Prompts LearningExpress (Organization) 2018 "This eBook features 501 sample writing prompts that are designed to help you improve your writing and gain the necessary writing skills needed to ace essay exams. Build your essay-writing confidence fast with 501 Writing Prompts!" --

The Knowledge Gap Natalie Wexler 2020-08-04 The untold story of the root cause of America's education crisis--and the seemingly endless cycle of multigenerational poverty. It was only after years within the education reform movement that Natalie Wexler stumbled across a hidden explanation for our country's frustrating lack of progress when it comes to providing every child with a quality education. The problem wasn't one of the usual scapegoats: lazy teachers, shoddy facilities, lack of accountability. It was something no one was talking about: the elementary school curriculum's intense focus on decontextualized reading comprehension "skills" at the expense of actual knowledge. In the tradition of Dale Russakoff's *The Prize* and Dana Goldstein's *The Teacher Wars*, Wexler brings together history, research, and compelling characters to pull back the curtain on this fundamental flaw in our education system--one that fellow reformers, journalists, and policymakers have long overlooked, and of which the general public, including many parents, remains unaware. But *The Knowledge Gap* isn't just a story of what schools have gotten so wrong--it also follows innovative educators who are in the process of shedding their deeply ingrained habits, and describes the rewards that have come along: students who are not only excited to learn but are also acquiring the knowledge and vocabulary that will enable them to succeed. If we truly want to fix our education system and unlock the potential of our neediest children, we have no choice but to pay attention.

Argument Writing as a Supplemental Literacy Intervention for At-Risk Youth Margaret Sheehy 2021-11-29 This volume details the development and initial evaluation of a supplemental literacy course intended to support at-risk high school students in the US. Developed using design based research (DBR), the course combines argument writing and knowledge building literacy routines to support academic literacy development. Acknowledging the demand for US students to meet academic literacy standards that emphasize explanatory and argumentative writing, the text foregrounds knowledge building as key to effective writing development. Chapters trace the development and implementation of course literacy routines designed using DBR and use whole-class and individual case studies to demonstrate how informational reading, discussion, and argument writing become an activity system to support literacy development. Ultimately, the text has important implications for literacy course design, and the use of knowledge building analysis and DBR in research. The text will benefit researchers, academics, and educators in higher education with an interest in academic literacy education, writing and composition, and secondary education more broadly. Those specifically interested in methodologies relating to classroom teaching and learning as well as argumentation and argument writing will also benefit from this book.

Handbook of Writing Research Charles A. MacArthur 2008-01-14 Presents a collection of essays discussing the theories and models of writing research.

Understanding in the Library David V. Loertscher 2005

Information and Emotion Diane Nahl 2007 *Information Tomorrow* offers an engaging, provocative, and wide-ranging discussion for systems librarians, library IT workers, library managers and administrators, and anyone working with or interested in technology in libraries.

Connecting Self-regulated Learning and Performance with Instruction Across High School Content Areas Maria K. DiBenedetto 2018-07-23 This book shows how principles of self-regulated learning are being implemented in secondary classrooms. The 14 chapters are theoretically driven and supported by empirical research and address all common high school content areas. The book comprises 29 lesson plans in English language arts, natural and physical sciences, social studies, mathematics, foreign language, art, music, health, and physical education. Additionally, the chapters address students with special needs, technology, and homework. Each chapter begins with one or more lesson plans written by master teachers, followed by narratives explaining how the lesson plans were implemented. The chapters conclude with an analysis written by expert researchers of the self-regulated learning elements in the lessons. Each lesson and each analysis incorporate relevant educational standards for that area. Different types of high schools in several states serve as venues. This powerful new book edited by Maria K. DiBenedetto provides a unique and invaluable resource for both secondary teachers and researchers committed to supporting adolescents in the development of academic self-regulation. Each chapter is jointly written by teachers who provide a wealth of materials, including lesson plans, and researchers who situate these lesson plans and academic self-regulation goals within the larger work on self-regulation. The topics covered are far broader than any other book I have seen in terms of developing academic self-regulation, covering over a dozen content areas, including literacy, mathematics, social studies, the sciences, and the arts. Teachers and scholars alike will find this book a must read. Karen Harris, EdD, Arizona State University A practical and magnificent blend of educational research and application. This book goes beyond presenting the findings of research on self regulation by connecting detailed strategies that align with the standards to the research. DiBenedetto et al. clearly illustrate how to develop self regulated learners in the classroom. A refreshing must read for all secondary educators and educational researchers seeking to be well grounded in education research and practical application techniques. Heather Brookman, PhD, Fusion Academy- Park Avenue Self-regulated learning is a research-based process by which teachers help students realize their own role in the learning process. *Connecting Self-Regulated Learning and Performance with Instruction Across High School Content Areas* consists of model teachers' lessons and analyses by prominent educational psychologists in the field of self-regulated learning. The book provides teachers with the tools needed to increase students' awareness of learning and inspires all educators to use self-regulated learning to promote engagement, motivation, and achievement in their students. The book also provides administrators with the principles needed to infuse evidenced based self-regulated learning into their curriculum and instruction. I highly recommend the book! Marty Richburg, Northside High School

STEM Student Research Handbook Darci J. Harland 2011 This comprehensive resource for STEM teachers and students, outlines the various stages of large-scale research projects, enabling teachers to coach their students through the research process. This handbook provides enough detail to embolden all teachers--even those who have never designed an experiment on their own--to support student-researchers through the entire process of conducting experiments."

A Rulebook for Arguments Anthony Weston 1992-01-01

Educational Media and Technology Yearbook Michael Orey 2006

Demonstrating Student Mastery with Digital Badges and Portfolios David Niguidula 2019-01-14 In *Demonstrating Student Mastery with Digital Badges and Portfolios*, David Niguidula shows how students can meet standards and express their individuality through digital badges and portfolios. Building off an essential question--What do schools want their students to know and be able to do?--he then shows how schools can implement a proficiency-based approach to student learning that has been successfully field-tested in districts across the United States. In manageable steps, readers are guided through the

implementation process. Niguidula shows readers how to Connect standards to badges. Create portfolio-worthy tasks. Develop common rubrics and a common understanding of what work is considered "good enough." Guide students in curating the elements of their portfolios. Promote authentic student reflection on their work. Replete with real-life examples, this book is essential reading for principals who want to take their schools to the next level, and for teachers who want a refreshing and sensible approach to assessment.

Put Some Pants on That Kid (PARENT/TEACHER) Crystal Crawford 2019-07-01 This is the Parent/Teacher Guide to accompany the Put Some Pants on That Kid Student Book. (Student Book is sold separately.) Writing well is an outgrowth of thinking well. Do your teenagers dread writing assignments? Do research papers make them want to scream? Does teaching essay-writing to your high schoolers feel like it's becoming a negative experience, for you and for them? Welcome to the Put Some Pants on That Kid writing curriculum! Put Some Pants on That Kid takes a big-picture, practical approach to writing, addressing the why behind the typical expectations for essays and research papers, and providing students the tools they need to understand those larger concepts, master them, and extrapolate them to future writing assignments. The Put Some Pants on That Kid curriculum is recommended for students at the 9th-12th grade levels, and covers: Essay writing (narrative and argumentative/persuasive) Research papers & research techniques Practical writing (business letters, business emails, resumes, cover letters, and writing in online spaces such as blogs or social media) An introduction to citation requirements and formatting for MLA and APA and more! Each topic is covered in-depth, addressing not only expectations and techniques for each style of writing, but also the reasons behind them. This curriculum teaches students how to think well about their ideas and the words which communicate them, and provides the tools for students to confidently fulfill assignment expectations while still allowing room for creativity and individual expression in their writing. The Put Some Pants on That Kid curriculum comes in two parts: The Student Book, which provides the core text for the curriculum, and The Parent/Teacher Guide, which provides a 32-week schedule, lesson plans, and techniques for using the curriculum with your high schoolers. The curriculum also includes free access to printable rubrics, handouts, checklists, and other resources for use with the curriculum. These resources are available online and may be printed and copied for you or your students' use as often as needed at no additional cost. Want to know more? Read more about this curriculum, including the story behind the title, at ccrawfordwriting.com/pantsonkid.

Common Core State Standards: Language Arts 9th And 10th Grade Speedy Publishing 2015-04-27 9th and 10th graders usually associate language arts to boredom. They will be required to write compositions and read literary pieces. This guide will help students write objectively as laid out in the 4-paged document. There will be writing assignments, activities and objectives to help sharpen the students' writing skills. Encourage them to write and be creative by giving them a copy today.

School, Family, and Community Partnerships Joyce L. Epstein 2018-07-19 Strengthen family and community engagement to promote equity and increase student success! When schools, families, and communities collaborate and share responsibility for students' education, more students succeed in school. Based on 30 years of research and fieldwork, this fourth edition of a bestseller provides tools and guidelines to use to develop more effective and equitable programs of family and community engagement. Written by a team of well-known experts, this foundational text demonstrates a proven approach to implement and sustain inclusive, goal-oriented programs. Readers will find: Many examples and vignettes Rubrics and checklists for implementation of plans CD-ROM complete with slides and notes for workshop presentations

The Writing Revolution Judith C. Hochman 2017-08-07 "HELP! My Students Can't Write!" Why You Need a Writing Revolution in Your Classroom and How to Lead It. The Writing Revolution (TWR) provides a clear method of instruction that you can use no matter what subject or grade level you teach. The model, also known as The Hochman Method, has demonstrated, over and over, that it can turn weak writers into strong communicators by focusing on specific techniques that match their needs and by providing them with targeted feedback. Insurmountable as the challenges faced by many students may seem, TWR can make a dramatic difference. And the method does more than improve writing skills. It also helps: Boost reading comprehension Improve organizational and study skills Enhance speaking abilities Develop analytical capabilities TWR is as much a method of teaching content as it is a method of teaching writing. There's no separate writing block and no separate writing curriculum. Instead, teachers of all subjects adapt the TWR strategies and activities to their current curriculum and weave them into their content instruction. But perhaps what's most revolutionary about the TWR method is that it takes the mystery out of learning to write well. It breaks the writing process down into manageable chunks and then has students practice the chunks they need, repeatedly, while also learning content.