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*Rigorous Reading* Nancy Frey  
2013-08-30 What it really means to “read closely” Call it close reading, call it deep reading, call it analytic reading—call it what you like. The point is, it’s a level of understanding that students of any age can achieve with the right kind of instruction. In *Rigorous Reading*, Nancy Frey and Doug Fisher articulate an instructional plan so clearly, and so squarely built on research, that teachers, schools, and districts need look no further: Purpose & Modeling Close & Scaffolded Reading Instruction Collaborative Conversations An Independent Reading Staircase Performance  
*Complex Text Decoded* Kathy T. Glass  
2015-09-01 In *Complex Text Decoded*, educational consultant and former master teacher Kathy T. Glass presents strategies, activities, and assessments that target students’ ability to comprehend complex

text—whether presented as traditional written text or in multimedia formats—in grades 5–10. You’ll learn

- \* The essential elements of unit design and models for lesson planning.
- \* Specific, step-by-step instruction for teaching vocabulary.
- \* Effective questioning techniques.
- \* Strategies and activities explicitly designed for teaching complex text.
- \* How to measure text complexity and select appropriate texts that are aligned with curricular goals. It’s important to provide opportunities for students to read a wide variety of texts for different purposes and along a spectrum of difficulty and length. To meet the goal of comprehensively grasping complex text, students must have concrete tools to help them become highly skilled readers. *Complex Text Decoded* enables teachers to provide precisely that.

*Story Stretchers* Shirley C. Raines  
1989 90 children's books are s-t-r-e-

t-c-h-e-d five different ways with lively learning activities.

Text-Dependent Questions, Grades 6-12

Douglas Fisher 2014-09-02 Fisher & Frey's answer to close and critical reading Learn the best ways to use text-dependent questions as scaffolds during close reading and the big understandings they yield. But that's just for starters. Fisher and Frey also include illustrative video, texts and questions, cross-curricular examples, and an online facilitator's guide—making the two volumes of TDQ a potent professional development tool across all of K–12. The genius of TDQ is the way Fisher and Frey break down the process into four cognitive pathways: What does the text say? How does the text work? What does the text mean? What does the text inspire you to do?

*The Knowledge Gap* Natalie Wexler 2019-08-06 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.

**How to Read a Book** Mortimer J. Adler 2014-09-30 Analyzes the art of reading and suggests ways to approach literary works, offering techniques for reading in specific literary genres ranging from fiction, poetry, and plays to scientific and philosophical works.

**Close Reading of Informational Sources, Second Edition** Sunday Cummins 2019-05-14 "Given the number of well-developed informational sources available to educators and students and the focus of departments of education on learning from these sources, there is so much potential for students to grow as critical consumers of information. Being able to read informational sources closely or watch and listen to sources carefully--across all content areas--creates a path for being able to understand the world better. More than ever before, close reading has become an essential approach with students and the informational sources they are attempting to understand. In addition to addressing instruction with traditional printed texts, I address how to teach for understanding of content in videos and infographics. I have also developed a three-phase plan for learning and a matching template for

lesson planning"--

**The Literacy Cookbook** Sarah Tantillo  
2012-11-13 Proven methods for teaching reading comprehension to all students The Literacy Cookbook is filled with classroom-tested techniques for teaching reading comprehension to even the most hard-to-reach students. The book offers a review of approaches that are targeted for teaching reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. The book also includes information on how to connect reading, writing, and test prep. Contains accessible and easy-to-adopt recipes for strengthening comprehension, reading, writing, and oral fluency. Terrific resources are ready for download on the companion website. The materials in this book are aligned with the English Language Arts Common Core Standards The website includes an ELA Common Core Tracking Sheet, a handy resource when writing or evaluating curriculum.

**Close Reading in the Secondary Classroom** Jeff Flygare 2018-03-23  
Close-reading strategies help students develop the critical-thinking skills essential for the rest of their lives. Close Reading in the Secondary Classroom offers high school and middle school educators extensive guidance on how to introduce close reading to students and help them improve their reading comprehension skills and critical thinking. Learn how to select close-reading examples and passages, elicit deeper question formation, facilitate positive classroom discussion, and assess your students' reading comprehension and literacy progress. Understand the importance of close reading, prereading, and post-reading activities. Learn how to choose appropriate literary or informational texts for close reading. Pass on tools necessary for literary analysis and annotating text. Develop thought-

provoking questions and discussion that deepen text analysis and reading comprehension. Assess students' critical and creative thinking skills. Contents: Introduction Chapter 1: Research and Theory Chapter 2: Prereading Chapter 3: Reading Twice and Annotating Chapter 4: Generating Questions and Reading Analytically Chapter 5: Discussing as a Class or Analyzing Individually, and Using Processing Activities Chapter 6: Planning and Assessing Close Reading Epilogue Appendix A: Answers to Comprehension Questions Appendix B: Extended Examples of Close Reading

**A Close Look at Close Reading** Diane Lapp 2015-01-30  
The Common Core State Standards have put close reading in the spotlight as never before. While elementary school teachers are certainly willing to teach students to closely read both literary and informational text, many are wondering what, exactly, this involves. Is there a process to follow? How is close reading different from guided reading or other common literacy practices? How do you prepare students to have their ability to analyze complex texts measured by Common Core assessments? Is it even possible for students in grades K-5 to "read to learn" when they're only just learning to read? Literacy experts Diane Lapp, Barbara Moss, Maria Grant, and Kelly Johnson answer these questions and more as they explain how to teach young learners to be close readers and how to make close reading a habit of practice in the elementary classroom. Informed by the authors' extensive field experience and enriched by dozens of real-life scenarios and downloadable tools and templates, this book explores \* Text complexity and how to determine if a particular text is right for your learning purposes and your students. \* The

process and purpose of close reading in the elementary grades, with an emphasis on its role in developing the 21st century thinking, speaking, and writing skills essential for academic communication and required by the Common Core. \* How to plan, teach, and manage close reading sessions across the academic disciplines, including the kinds of questions to ask and the kinds of support to provide. \* How to assess close reading and help all students--regardless of linguistic, cultural, or academic background--connect deeply with what they read and derive meaning from a complex text. Equipping students with the tools and process of close reading sets them on the road to becoming analytical and critical thinkers--and empowered and independent learners. In this comprehensive resource, you'll find everything you need to start their journey.

**Closer Reading, Grades 3-6** Nancy Boyles 2014-02-19 Close . . . Closer . . . Closest! Close Reading. Not in a very long while has a term been freighted with so much responsibility to lead every student to a great future of college and career readiness. Finally, here's a book that tunes out all of the hubbub and gets down to the business of showing how exactly to "get close reading right." Chapter by chapter, Nancy Boyles delivers astoundingly practical ideas on how to Connect close reading with other instructional practices Select rich texts and plan for initial close reading lessons Deliver initial and follow-up close reading lessons Coordinate comprehension strategies and close reading

**Reading Reconsidered** Doug Lemov 2016-02-29 TEACH YOUR STUDENTS TO READ LIKE CHAMPIONS--WITH RIGOR, INDEPENDENCE, PRECISION, AND INSIGHT The world we are preparing our

students to succeed in is one bound together by words and phrases. Our students learn their literature, history, math, science, or art via a firm foundation of strong reading skills. When we teach students to read with precision, rigor, and insight, we are truly handing over the key to the kingdom. Of all the subjects we teach reading is first among equals. Grounded in advice from effective classrooms nationwide, enhanced with more than 40 video clips, Reading Reconsidered takes you into the trenches with actionable guidance from real-life educators and instructional champions. The authors address the anxiety-inducing world of Common Core State Standards, distilling from those standards four key ideas that help hone teaching practices both generally and in preparation for assessments. This 'Core of the Core' comprises the first half of the book and instructs educators on how to teach students to: read harder texts, 'closely read' texts rigorously and intentionally, read nonfiction more effectively, and write more effectively in direct response to texts. The second half of Reading Reconsidered reinforces these principles, coupling them with the 'fundamentals' of reading instruction—a host of techniques and subject specific tools to reconsider how teachers approach such essential topics as vocabulary, interactive reading, and student autonomy. Reading Reconsidered breaks an overly broad issue into clear, easy-to-implement approaches. Filled with practical tools, including: 44 video clips of exemplar teachers demonstrating the techniques and principles in their classrooms (note: for online access of this content, please visit [my.teachlikeachampion.com](http://my.teachlikeachampion.com)) Recommended book lists Downloadable tips and templates on key topics like

reading nonfiction, vocabulary instruction, and literary terms and definitions. Reading Reconsidered provides the framework necessary for teachers to ensure that students forge futures as lifelong readers. *Techniques of Close Reading* Barry Brummett 2018-04-19 *Techniques of Close Reading, Second Edition* helps you gain a deeper understanding of what texts may be saying, whether they are written, oral, visual, or mediated. Renowned scholar and professor Barry Brummett explains and explores the various ways to "read" messages (such as speeches, cartoons, or magazine ads), teaching you how to see deeper levels of meaning and to share those insights with others. You will learn techniques for discovering form, rhetorical tropes, argument, and ideologies within texts. New to the Second Edition: A new Chapter 6 includes a selection of techniques from each chapter to show you how different techniques may be used together when reading text. A close reading of a group of ads from the insurance company, Liberty Mutual, offers you an opportunity to apply the techniques to recent texts. *How to Reach and Teach Children with Challenging Behavior (K-8)* Kaye Otten 2010-11-09 Interventions for students who exhibit challenging behavior Written by behavior specialists Kaye Otten and Jodie Tuttle--who together have 40 years of experience working with students with challenging behavior in classroom settings--this book offers educators a practical approach to managing problem behavior in schools. It is filled with down-to-earth advice, ready-to-use forms, troubleshooting tips, recommended resources, and teacher-tested strategies. Using this book, teachers are better able to intervene proactively, efficiently, and effectively with students exhibiting behavior problems. The book includes

research-backed support for educators and offers: Instructions for creating and implementing an effective class-wide behavior management program Guidelines for developing engaging lessons and activities that teach and support positive behavior Advice for assisting students with the self-regulation and management their behavior and emotions

***Illuminating Comprehension and Close Reading*** Isabel L. Beck 2016-01-18 Grasping the meaning of a text enables K-8 students to appreciate its language and structure through close reading, which in turn leads to deeper comprehension. This book explains the relationship between comprehension and close reading and offers step-by-step guidelines for teaching both of these key elements of literacy. Reproducible lessons are shared for eight engaging texts (excerpts from fiction, nonfiction, and poetry), complete with discussion tips, queries that scaffold comprehension, close reading activities, and connections to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The authors model lesson development and guide teachers in constructing their own lessons. Ten additional text selections are provided in the Appendix. Purchasers get access to a Web page where they can download and print all 18 texts in a convenient 8 1/2" x 11" size.

*Just the Facts: Close Reading and Comprehension of Informational Text* Lori Oczkus 2014-06-01 Unlock the power of informational text using proven, research-based strategies and techniques to support rich and rigorous instruction. Written by popular literacy expert, Lori Oczkus, this resource provides useful tips, suggestions, and strategies to help students read and understand informational text effectively and support the implementation of today's standards. It includes practical,

concrete lessons with teacher modeling, guided and independent practice, and informal assessments that can be used in the classroom right away. this is a must-have resource for all teachers!

*Dive into Close Reading: Strategies for Your 3-5 Classroom* Diane Lapp 2017-02-01 Explore the what, why, and how of close reading to give students in grades 3–5 the tools they need to be successful. In this must-have guide, teachers will learn the key elements of a close reading lesson as well as strategies for analyzing and selecting a text and how to support students based on their progress and performance. The included lesson template will allow teachers to not only use the provided lessons and texts but also create their own. Correlated to standards, this book includes grade-specific sample close reading lessons and digital copies of teacher and student resources.

**Visible Learning for Literacy, Grades K-12** Douglas Fisher 2016-03-22 "Every student deserves a great teacher, not by chance, but by design" – Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey, & John Hattie What if someone slipped you a piece of paper listing the literacy practices that ensure students demonstrate more than a year's worth of learning for a year spent in school? Would you keep the paper or throw it away? We think you'd keep it. And that's precisely why acclaimed educators Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey, and John Hattie wrote *Visible Learning for Literacy*. They know teachers will want to apply Hattie's head-turning synthesis of more than 15 years of research involving millions of students, which he used to identify the instructional routines that have the biggest impact on student learning. These practices are "visible" for teachers and students to see, because their purpose has been made clear, they are

implemented at the right moment in a student's learning, and their effect is tangible. Yes, the "aha" moments made visible by design. With their trademark clarity and command of the research, and dozens of classroom scenarios to make it all replicable, these authors apply Hattie's research, and show you: How to use the right approach at the right time, so that you can more intentionally design classroom experiences that hit the surface, deep, and transfer phases of learning, and more expertly see when a student is ready to dive from surface to deep. Which routines are most effective at specific phases of learning, including word sorts, concept mapping, close reading, annotating, discussion, formative assessment, feedback, collaborative learning, reciprocal teaching, and many more. Why the 8 mind frames for teachers apply so well to curriculum planning and can inspire you to be a change agent in students' lives—and part of a faculty that embraces the idea that visible teaching is a continual evaluation of one's impact on student's learning. "Teachers, it's time we embrace the evidence, update our classrooms, and impact student learning in wildly positive ways," say Doug, Nancy, and John. So let's see *Visible Learning for Literacy* for what it is: the book that renews our teaching and reminds us of our influence, just in time. [Teaching Skills for Complex Text](#) Heidi Anne E. Mesmer 2016 Tired of hearing about "complex text"? Bothered by the pushy messages about "challenge"? This book is for you! Unlike the many other materials on text complexity, this one focuses on specific comprehension skills that students need in order to really engage with text. This book will help elementary school teachers equip their students with practical tools and understandings of the structures

and conventions that allow them to excel, including concrete tools, passages, games, lessons, and examples to teach anaphora, connectives, paragraph structure, gathering evidence (fiction and nonfiction), and text challenge. A final chapter specifies how to stretch students in texts while attending to their stamina, executive skills, and interests. Book Features: Text-based lessons for grades 3–5. Opening vignettes which provide classroom context for each skill. Key objectives and Common Core Standards. Think-aloud language to guide strategy development. Research-based strategies and games. “Real-life scenarios of comprehension breakdowns all teachers will recognize are followed by detailed guidelines for best practice and step-by-step directions for activities to combat and remedy these pitfalls. This book is a valuable resource for all teachers supporting intermediate graders’ reading comprehension.” –Tisha Hayes, University of Virginia “I highly recommend this book for classroom teachers, reading specialists, and interventionists who are looking for ways to deepen students’ comprehension. Additionally, this book provides a rich toolkit for supporting professional development in schools.” –Kelly B. Cartwright, Christopher Newport University “This book is a must-have for any teacher who strives to meet the standards in meaningful, engaging ways.” –Jennifer Powell, Radford University

**Academic Conversations** Jeff Zwiers 2011 Where would we be without conversation? Throughout history, conversations have allowed us to see different perspectives, build ideas, and solve problems. Conversations, particularly academic conversations ... push students to think and learn in lasting ways. Academic

conversations are back-and-forth dialogues in which students focus on a topic and explore it by building, challenging, and negotiating relevant ideas. [The] authors ... have identified five core communication skills to help students hold productive academic conversations across content areas. These skills are: elaborating and clarifying, supporting ideas with evidence, building on and/or challenging ideas, paraphrasing and synthesizing. This book shows teachers how to weave the cultivation of academic conversation skills and conversations into current teaching approaches.

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Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine Gail Honeyman 2017-05-18 Over 2.5 million copies sold 'Funny, touching and unpredictable' Jojo Moyes 'Heartwrenching and wonderful' Nina Stibbe Winner of Costa First Novel Award, a No.1 Sunday Times bestseller and the Book of the Year

**The Principles and Practice of Narrative Medicine** Rita Charon 2016-11 Narrative medicine is a fresh discipline of health care that helps patients and health professionals to tell and listen to the complex and unique stories of illness. The Principles and Practice of Narrative Medicine expresses the collective experience and discoveries of the originators of the field. Arising at Columbia University in 2000 from roots in the humanities and patient-centered care, narrative medicine

draws patients, doctors, nurses, therapists, and health activists together to re-imagine a health care based on trust and trustworthiness, humility, and mutual recognition. Over a decade of education and research has crystallized the goals and methods of narrative medicine, leading to increasingly powerful means to improve the care that patients receive. The methods described in this book harness creativity and insight to help the professionals in being with patients, not just to diagnose and treat them but to bear witness to what they undergo. Narrative medicine training in literary theory, philosophy, narrative ethics, and the creative arts increases clinicians' capacity to perceive the turmoil and suffering borne by patients and to help them to cohere or endure the chaos of illness. Narrative medicine has achieved an international reputation and reach. Many health care settings adopt methods of narrative medicine in teaching and practice. Through the Master of Science in Narrative Medicine graduate program and health professions school curricula at Columbia University, more and more clinicians and scholars have obtained the rigorous training necessary to practice and teach narrative medicine. This text is offered to all who seek the opportunity for disciplined training in narrative medicine. By clearly articulating our principles and practice, this book provides the standards of the field for those who want to join us in seeking authenticity, recognition, affiliation, and justice in a narrative health care.

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*Crankenstein* Samantha Berger 2013-08-20 The perfect cure for a cranky kid, illustrated by the #1 New York Times bestselling and Caldecott-winning artist, Dan Santat. BEWARE OF CRANKENSTEIN! He's a little monster of crankiness that no one can destroy! MEHHRRRR!!! He may look like any ordinary boy, but when faced with a rainy day, a melting popsicle, or an early bedtime, one little boy transforms into a mumbling, grumbling Crankenstein. When Crankenstein meets his match in a fellow Crankenstein, the results could be catastrophic--or they could be just what he needs to brighten his day! This hilarious and relatable tale of grumpiness gone awry will turn toddler tantrums to giggles in no time. Don't miss the sequel, ACrankenstein Valentine!

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**Close Reading with Paired Texts Level K** Lori Oczkus 2015-06-01 Teach kindergarten students close reading strategies that strengthen their fluency and comprehension skills! Students will read and analyze various types of texts to get the most out of the rich content. Their reading skills will improve as they answer text-dependent questions, compare and contrast texts, and learn to use close reading strategies on their own! The lessons are designed to make close reading strategies accessible, interactive, grade appropriate, and fun. The lesson plans are easy to follow, and offer a practical model built on research-based comprehension and fluency strategies.

**Close Reading and Writing from Sources** Douglas Fisher 2014 Learn new ways to help middle and high school students develop the habits necessary to read closely, take good notes, then analyse what they have read from multiple sources and synthesise information into effective discussion and, ultimately, solid writing. Video clips (linked from QR codes) will show classroom strategies in action, teacher ideas, and chapter introductions from the authors.

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**Close Reading of Informational Texts**  
Sunday Cummins 2012-12-18 This book has been replaced by Close Reading of

Informational Sources, Second Edition, ISBN 978-1-4625-3945-1.  
*Close Reading the Media* Frank Baker 2017-12-12 Teach middle school students to become savvy consumers of the TV, print, and online media bombarding them every day. In this timely book copublished by Routledge and MiddleWeb, media literacy expert Frank W. Baker offers thematic lessons for every month of the school year, so you can engage students in learning by having them analyze the real world around them. Students will learn to think critically about photos, advertisements, and other media and consider the intended purposes and messages. Topics include: Helping students detect fake news; Unraveling the messages in TV advertising; Looking at truth vs propaganda in political ads and debates; Revealing how big media influences the news we read; Understanding how pictures changed America during the Civil Rights Movement; Exploring the language of film and the symbols of costume design; Thinking about how media appeals to our emotions; Examining branding, product placement, and the role of celebrity; Reading and interpreting iconic news images; And much, much more! In addition, the book's lesson plans contain connections to key standards and step-by-step activities you can use immediately. With this practical book, you'll have all the tools and ideas you need to help today's students successfully navigate their media-filled world.

*Little Readers, Big Thinkers* Amy Stewart 2019-01-04 Little Readers, Big Thinkers: Teaching Close Reading in the Primary Grades Young learners are full of questions and wonderings, so much so that sometimes they need a guide for their curiosity. With Amy Stewart's manageable approach to close reading, you'll be able to

harness the big thinking we know is inside their inquisitive minds. Stewart, a Chicago-based literacy coach and teacher, showcases ways that close reading can teach even the youngest students new ways to enjoy texts, think about them critically, and share that thinking with peers and adults. With its description of the pillars of close reading, multiple lesson sequences for grades K-2, and real-life classroom scenarios, *Little Readers, Big Thinkers* offers a trove of insights: What close reading is (and is not) How to encourage students to "read like detectives" Ways to weave close reading practices into your lessons How to cultivate real reading, organic thinking, and deep conversation Which books invite amazing learning and thinking experiences With Stewart as your guide, close reading will become your students' stepping stone to a lifelong love of reading.

*That's Special* Dan Henderson 2015-06-26 Have you ever had a student pretend to bring in Cocoa Puffs and instead she fed the whole class dog food? Have you ever had a kid threaten to take his clothes off if you asked him to read? Do you have a student who thinks he is Michael Jackson and grabs his crotch saying "hee, hee" instead of raising his hand? Follow these real life stories of an inner city teacher's struggle to instruct unruly kids and find simple solutions a teacher or parent can use to manage children. When you have children of your own, you realize the struggle of preoccupying one child. Add 20 or more children into the mix and you have teaching. How are you going to keep every child occupied and group different learners? How are you going to manage the kid who jumps out of windows? Instead of writing a textbook, Dan Henderson decided to write a

compilation of teachable moments. *That's Special* is arranged with each chapter starting with how the situation went awry. The tension builds, and the student pushes the teacher to the inevitable standoff. Are you going to issue a consequence, or will you chicken out? The book relays the importance of standing up to threats during child rearing. Incorporating recent research, these stories relay a lesson behind the calamity. Dan presents teaching tools that anyone can use to improve their teaching. Dan's experiences can help you better ward off teaching mistakes before they happen, such as responding calmly to kids who claim they have seen the devil. While holy water is not included, it is recommended while reading this book. When Dan saw his students doing something strange, he would think "That's Special," as a cue to not take his job too seriously. It is his inspirational mantra for his mental health. He used it to remind himself to get back in the saddle, laugh it off, and develop one of life's greatest skills, perseverance. From the Author: Layered in all the ridiculous stories are real experiences you might encounter, which I

*Falling in Love with Close Reading* Christopher Lehman 2013 Provides strategies for close reading narratives, informational texts, and arguments using a three-step close-reading ritual.

**Adolescent Literacies** Kathleen A. Hinchman 2016-12-01 Showcasing cutting-edge findings on adolescent literacy teaching and learning, this unique handbook is grounded in the realities of students' daily lives. It highlights research methods and instructional approaches that capitalize on adolescents' interests, knowledge, and new literacies. Attention is given to how race,

gender, language, and other dimensions of identity--along with curriculum and teaching methods--shape youths' literacy development and engagement. The volume explores innovative ways that educators are using a variety of multimodal texts, from textbooks to graphic novels and digital productions. It reviews a range of pedagogical approaches; key topics include collaborative inquiry, argumentation, close reading, and composition.

**Notice & Note** G. Kylene Beers 2012 Presents lessons intended to help students read literature with deeper understanding, introducing signposts that help them identify significant moments in literature and anchor questions that encourage them to read more closely.

**Taking Notes and Close Reading** Meg Greve 2015 With simple steps on how to stay organized for quizzes or projects, readers will be able to tackle new ideas or challenging topics. This book is filled with ideas on how to use note taking and close reading to ensure students ace the next test. This book will allow students to determine the main idea of a text, explain how it is supported by key details, and summarize the text.

**Text Complexity** Douglas Fisher 2016-01-28 There is a big difference between assigning complex texts and teaching complex texts No matter what discipline you teach, learn how to use complexity as a dynamic, powerful tool for sliding the right text in front of your students' at just the right time. Updates to this new edition include How-to's for measuring countable features of any written work A rubric for analyzing the complexity of both literary and informational texts Classroom scenarios that show the difference between a healthy struggle and frustration The authors' latest

thinking on teacher modeling, close reading, scaffolded small group reading, and independent reading

**Quick & Easy Strategies for Close Reading and Writing** Sandra Athans 2020-02 To respond effectively to a text--a common task in standardized tests--students have to merge their reading and writing skills. Response writing requires a different set of strategies that involve close reading and writing. This book offers practical strategies for teaching students how to read and analyze text closely and combine ideas gleaned from their reading with their own original thinking to respond to the text. Includes nonfiction and fiction anchor texts, writing scaffolds, and more.

**Student Learning Communities** Douglas Fisher 2020-11-25 Student learning communities (SLCs) are more than just a different way of doing group work. Like the professional learning communities they resemble, SLCs provide students with a structured way to solve problems, share insight, and help one another continually develop new skills and expertise. With the right planning and support, dynamic collaborative learning can thrive everywhere. In this book, educators Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey, and John Almarode explain how to create and sustain student learning communities by - Designing group experiences and tasks that encourage dialogue; - Fostering the relational conditions that advance academic, social, and emotional development; - Providing explicit instruction on goal setting and opportunities to practice progress monitoring; - Using thoughtful teaming practices to build cognitive, metacognitive, and emotional regulation skills; - Teaching students to seek, give, and receive feedback that amplifies their own and others' learning; and - Developing the specific leadership

skills and strategies that promote individual and group success. Examples from face-to-face and virtual K–12 classrooms help to illustrate what SLCs are, and teacher voices testify to what they can achieve. No more hoping the group work you're assigning will be good enough—or that collaboration will be its own reward. No more crossing your fingers for productive outcomes or

struggling to keep order, assess individual student contributions, and ensure fairness. Student Learning Communities shows you how to equip your students with what they need to learn in a way that is truly collective, makes them smarter together than they would be alone, creates a more positive classroom culture, and enables continuous academic and social-emotional growth.