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With *Writing without Teachers* (OUP 1975) and *Writing with Power* (OUP 1995) Peter Elbow revolutionized the teaching of writing. His process method--and its now commonplace "free writing" techniques--liberated generations of students and teachers from the emphasis on formal principles of grammar that had dominated composition pedagogy. This new collection of essays brings together the best of Elbow's writing since the publication of *Embracing Contraries* in 1987. The volume includes sections on voice, the experience of writing, teaching, and evaluation. Implicit throughout is Elbow's commitment to humanizing the profession, and his continued emphasis on the importance of binary thinking and nonadversarial argument. The result is a compendium of a master teacher's thought on the relation between good pedagogy and good writing; it is sure to be of interest to all professional teachers of writing, and will be a valuable book for use in composition courses at all levels.

Reflecting current practices in the teaching of writing, the exercises in this compilation were drawn from the journal "Exercise Exchange." The articles are arranged into six sections: sources for writing; prewriting; modes for writing; writing and reading; language, mechanics, and style; and revising, responding, and evaluating. Among the topics covered in the more than 75 exercises are the following: (1) using the Tarot in the composition class; (2) writing for a real audience; (3) writing and career development; (4) teaching the thesis statement through description; (5) sense exploration and descriptive writing; (6) composition and adult students; (7) free writing; (8) in-class essays; (9) moving from prewriting into composing; (10) writing as thinking; (11) values clarification through writing; (12) persuasive writing; (13) the relationship of subject, writer, and audience; (14) business writing; (15) teaching the research paper; (16) writing in the content areas; (17) writing from literature; (18) responding to literature via inquiry; (19) precision in language usage; (20) grammar instruction; (21) topic sentences; (22) generating paragraphs; (23) writing style; (24) peer evaluation; and (25) writing-course final examinations. (FL)

Preparing to Teach Writing: Research, Theory, and Practice, Third Edition is a comprehensive survey of theories, research, and methods associated with teaching composition successfully. The primary goal is to provide practicing and prospective teachers with the knowledge they need to be effective teachers of writing and to prepare them for the many challenges they will face in the classroom. Overall, the third edition of *Preparing to Teach Writing* is clearer and more comprehensive than the previous editions. It combines the best of the old with new information and features. The discussions and references to foundational studies that helped define the field of rhetoric and composition are preserved in this edition. Also preserved is most of the pedagogical apparatus that characterized the first two editions; research and theory are examined with the aim of informing teaching. New in the Third Edition: *a more thorough discussion of the history of rhetoric, from its earliest days in ancient Greece to the first American composition courses offered at Harvard University in 1874; *a major revision of the examination of major approaches to teaching writing--current-traditional rhetoric, new rhetoric, romantic rhetoric, writing across the curriculum, social-theoretic rhetoric, postmodern rhetoric, and post-postmodern rhetoric---considering their strengths and weaknesses; *an extension of the discussion of strengths and weaknesses of major approaches to its logical conclusion--Williams advocates an epistemic approach to writing instruction that demonstrably leads to improved writing instruction when implemented effectively; *a more detailed account of the phonics--whole language debate that continues to puzzle many teachers and parents; *a new focus on why grammar instruction alone does not lead to better writing, the difference between grammar and usage, and how to teach grammar and usage effectively; *an expanded section on Chicano English that now includes a discussion of Spanglish; *more information on outcome objectives; the Council of Writing Program Administrators' statement of learning outcomes for first-year composition courses has been included to help high school teachers better understand how to prepare high school students for college writing, and to help those in graduate programs prepare for teaching assistantships in first-year composition courses; and *a more comprehensive analysis of assessment that considers such important factors as the validity, reliability, predictability, cost, fairness, and politics of assessment and the effects on teaching of state-mandated testing, and also provides an expanded section on portfolios.

The concept of writing as process has revolutionized the way many view composition, and this book is organized by the stages of that process. Each section begins with a well-known author presenting specific techniques, followed by commentaries which include testimonials, applications of writing techniques, and descriptions of strategy modifications all contributed by classroom teachers. The book includes the following sections and initial chapters: Section 1 (The Process): "Teaching Writing as a Process" (Catherine D'Aoust); Section 2 (Prewriting): "Clustering: A Prewriting Process" (Gabriele Lusser Rico); Section 3 (Prewriting in Different Subjects): "Prewriting Assignments Across the Curriculum" (Jim Lee); Section 4 (Showing, Not Telling): "A Training Program for Student Writers" (Rebekah Caplan); Section 5 (Using Cooperative Learning to Facilitate Writing): "Using Structures to Promote Cooperative Learning in Writing" (Jeanne M. Stone and Spencer S. Kagan); Section 6 (Writing): "Developing a Sense of Audience, or Who Am I Really Writing This Paper For?" (Mark K. Healy); Section 7 (Teaching Writing in the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Classroom): "English Learners and Writing: Responding to Linguistic Diversity" (Robin Scarcella); Section 8 (Domains of Writing): "Teaching the Domains of Writing" (Nancy McHugh); Section 9 (Writing the Saturation Report): "Using Fictional Techniques for Nonfiction Writing" (Ruby Bernstein); Section 10 (Point of View in Writing): "A Lesson on Point of View...That Works" (Carol Booth Olson); Section 11 (Writing the I-Search Paper): "The Reawakening of Curiosity: Research Papers as Hunting Stories" (Ken Macrorie); Section 12 (Critical Thinking and Writing): "Reforming Your Teaching for Thinking: The Studio Approach" (Dan Kirby); Section 13 (Sharing/Responding): "Some Guidelines for Writing-Response Groups" (Peter Elbow); Section 14 (Reader Responses):

"Dialogue with a Text" (Robert E. Probst); Section 15 (RAGs for Sharing/Responding): "Using Read-Around Groups to Establish Criteria for Good Writing" (Jenee Gossard); Section 16 (Rewriting/Editing): "Competence for Performance in Revision" (Sheridan Blau); Section 17 (Revising for Correctness): "Some Basics That Really Do Lead to Correctness" (Irene Thomas); Section 18 (Building Vocabularies): "Word-Sprouting: A Vocabulary-Building Strategy for Remedial Writers" (Barbara Morton); Section 19 (Evaluation): "Holistic Scoring in the Classroom" (Glenn Patchell); and Section 20 (Evaluation Techniques): "Some Techniques for Oral Evaluation" (Michael O'Brien). Contains over 100 references. (EF)

Contains a number of path-breaking studies in history pedagogy, including the first three published essays measuring quantitatively and qualitatively the successes and failures of "e-teaching" and distance learning.

Using detailed examples, checklists and exercises, the authors show how to develop, use and grade classroom examinations. They provide a thorough, step-by-step discussion of general testing and grading issues, including: deciding on the content of an exam; assessing difficulty levels; writing different kinds of test items; scoring different test items; evaluating different subject areas; helping students review for an exam; and developing grading methods and strategies.

The essays in *Web Writing* respond to contemporary debates over the proper role of the Internet in higher education, steering a middle course between polarized attitudes that often dominate the conversation. The authors argue for the wise integration of web tools into what the liberal arts does best: writing across the curriculum. All academic disciplines value clear and compelling prose, whether that prose comes in the shape of a persuasive essay, scientific report, or creative expression. The act of writing visually demonstrates how we think in original and critical ways and in ways that are deeper than those that can be taught or assessed by a computer. Furthermore, learning to write well requires engaged readers who encourage and challenge us to revise our muddled first drafts and craft more distinctive and informed points of view. Indeed, a new generation of web-based tools for authoring, annotating, editing, and publishing can dramatically enrich the writing process, but doing so requires liberal arts educators to rethink why and how we teach this skill, and to question those who blindly call for embracing or rejecting technology.

Essay from the year 2012 in the subject Pedagogy - Common Didactics, Educational Objectives, Methods, , language: English, abstract: The practice of giving feedback within the writing process has been the subject of many studies since the mid-1980s. The call for teachers to develop better feedback practices became apparent after studies showed that students have been generally less than satisfied with how teacher-student written feedback has been given. This chapter aims to identify how teachers may be able to offer feedback in a way that engages students, and presents them with clear messages that they will understand and appreciate. In order for this to be tangible in this context, the consideration and integration of alternative modes of learning through Information Communication Technologies (ICT) need to be realised. In particular, the use of Web 2.0 technology to assist in the writing process by giving students video feedback, instead of written feedback, on their draft papers. The primary epistemology of the proposed approach is consistent with students looking for improved methods of feedback they receive from teachers. This paper describes ongoing ICT-pedagogical practices for improving feedback given by teachers to students at high school level. The students aged fourteen-sixteen are members of a small Turkish high school population of around three hundred pupils. Based on my own classroom research, this paper focuses on feedback given on academic essays completed within the writing process, in order to discover how students respond to a different type of feedback than that to which they have been accustomed. I will also suggest that we, as ELT practitioners, find ways to move for a change to our feedback practices, and provide students with an alternative methodology that could lead to better student-engagement and focused writing practices within this context.

The essays in this collection reflect Smith's belief that we learn from other people, not so much through conscious emulation as by "joining the club" of people we see ourselves as being like, and by being helped to engage in their activities.

The result of an investigation into the grading writing by the National Council of Teachers of English Committee on Alternatives to Grading Student Writing, this collection of essays offers the writing teacher several innovative and interesting options. Following an introduction by the editor (chair of the Committee), in which he delineates the field of possibilities, the essays and their authors are, as follows: (1) "It's Broken--Fix It!" (Liesel K. O'Hagan); (2) "Growth-Biased Assessing of Writers--A More Democratic Choice" (Marie Wilson Nelson); (3) "Writing Students Need Coaches, Not Judges" (Lynn Holaday); (4) "Response: A Promising Beginning for Learning to Grade Student Writing" (Carol Beeghly Bencich); (5) "Can You Be Black and Write and Right?" (Elaine B. Richardson); (6) "Alternative Assessment of Second-Language Writing: A Developmental Model" (Janis Massa); (7) "Scribblolink: Inviting Parents To Respond to Their Children's Writing" (Joyce C. Fine); (8) "Student Attitudes toward Grades and Evaluation on Writing" (Jean S. Ketter and Judith W. Hunter); (9) "Writing at Reading: How a Junior Year in England Changes Student Writers" (Mary B. Guthrow); (10) "Assessment through Collaborative Critique" (Sarah Robbins and others); (11) "What Grades Do for Us, and How To Do without Them" (Marcy Bauman); (12) "Seeing How Good We Can Get It" (Kelly Chandler and Amy Muentener); (13) "Grading on Merit and Achievement: Where Quality Meets Quantity" (Stephen Adkison and Stephen Tchudi); (14) "Total Quality: A Farewell to Grades" (Charles McDonnell); (15) "Using a Multidimensional Scoring Guide: A Win-Win Situation" (Gail M. Young); (16) "Students Using Evaluation in Their Writing Process" (Jacob S. Blumner and Francis Fritz); (17) "Unlocking Outcome-Based Education through the Writing Process" (Rick Pribyl); (18) "Portfolio Assessment as an Alternative to Grading Student Writing" (Kathleen Jones); and (19) "Issues To Consider When Scoring Student Portfolios" (Anne Wescott Dodd). Faculty workshops in alternatives to grading student writing were: "Developing Intrinsic Motivation for Students' Writing" (Immaculate Kizza); "Weighing and Choosing Alternatives" (Stephen Tchudi); "Con-

tract Grades: An Agreement between Students and Their Teachers" (Lynda S. Radican); and "Using Rubrics and Holistic Scoring of Writing" (Jean S. Ketter); "Alternative Assessment Methods across the Disciplines" (Pamela B. Childers); and "Communicating with Parents and the Public" (Marilyn M. Cooper). Individual chapters contain references. (NKA)

Seminar paper from the year 2004 in the subject English - Pedagogy, Didactics, Literature Studies, grade: 2 (B), Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg, 11 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: Writing English language tests is a topic very many students and of course also their teachers have to deal with. Often testing does not have a very good reputation, especially when regarding the students. Most of them are probably happy when a test is over and enjoy the time without them. But testing has much more functions than a superficial look at it will provide. Chapter 3.1 of this paper deals with the numerous purposes and is also supposed to show the important role that testing plays in the teaching process. This paper will concentrate on the writing skill and the evaluation of it. The other three skills reading, listening and speaking are not the centre of research. But it is not possible to exclude them because they are all interrelated to the writing skill as this paper wants to show. What is it that makes especially the writing skill and also the testing of it so sophisticating and complex? Writing at an advanced level is usually compositional writing or essay writing. Chapter 2.3 concentrates on that kind of writing and points out its often difficult prerequisites, even for writers in the native language. What are the necessary features of tests in general? It is supposed to become clear that certain conditions such as validity, reliability and practicality are extremely important for written assessment and for every other assessment too. Many people, even if they never actively scored a test, are able to imagine the difficulties of a fair and objective judgement. Especially when dealing with compositional writing, that assumption is true. But nevertheless there are ways to improve the objectivity of evaluation even if a rest of subjectivity can not be avoided. Chapter 3.5 focuses on ways to judge tests adequately. Writing English language te

This comprehensive, interdisciplinary handbook reviews the latest methods and technologies used in automated essay evaluation (AEE) methods and technologies. Highlights include the latest in the evaluation of performance-based writing assessments and recent advances in the teaching of writing, language testing, cognitive psychology, and computational linguistics. This greatly expanded follow-up to Automated Essay Scoring reflects the numerous advances that have taken place in the field since 2003 including automated essay scoring and diagnostic feedback. Each chapter features a common structure including an introduction and a conclusion. Ideas for diagnostic and evaluative feedback are sprinkled throughout the book. Highlights of the book's coverage include: The latest research on automated essay evaluation. Descriptions of the major scoring engines including the E-rater®, the Intelligent Essay Assessor, the Intellimetric™ Engine, c-rater™, and LightSIDE. Applications of the uses of the technology including a large scale system used in West Virginia. A systematic framework for evaluating research and technological results. Descriptions of AEE methods that can be replicated for languages other than English as seen in the example from China. Chapters from key researchers in the field. The book opens with an introduction to AEEs and a review of the "best practices" of teaching writing along with tips on the use of automated analysis in the classroom. Next the book highlights the capabilities and applications of several scoring engines including the E-rater®, the Intelligent Essay Assessor, the Intellimetric™ engine, c-rater™, and LightSIDE. Here readers will find an actual application of the use of an AEE in West Virginia, psychometric issues related to AEEs such as validity, reliability, and scaling, and the use of automated scoring to detect reader drift, grammatical errors, discourse coherence quality, and the impact of human rating on AEEs. A review of the cognitive foundations underlying methods used in AEE is also provided. The book concludes with a comparison of the various AEE systems and speculation about the future of the field in light of current educational policy. Ideal for educators, professionals, curriculum specialists, and administrators responsible for developing writing programs or distance learning curricula, those who teach using AEE technologies, policy makers, and researchers in education, writing, psychometrics, cognitive psychology, and computational linguistics, this book also serves as a reference for graduate courses on automated essay evaluation taught in education, computer science, language, linguistics, and cognitive psychology.

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Litigation in the area of teacher evaluation has developed around issues concerning the processes and criteria used by school districts in conducting evaluations. Following an introduction explaining basic concepts, chapter 2 discusses the appropriate content of teacher evaluation, examining formal adoption of evaluation policies, compliance with state statutes and regulations, and content and constitutional requirements. Chapter 3 focuses on the use of commonly recognized statutory grounds for terminating teachers and the part these grounds play in evaluation. The procedural aspects of evaluation, such as the use of objective criteria and remediation, are described in chapter 4. The fifth chapter discusses the use of competency testing, issues of test validity, potential constitutional challenges, discrimination, and miscellaneous legal considerations. Issues in teacher evaluation and defamation claims are examined in the final section, presenting lines of defense available to administrators to protect against such claims. A conclusion points to the pervasive attitude of judicial deference to the decisions of educational policymakers. (317 footnotes) (LMI)

Preface UGC NET exam pattern 2022 has been released by National Testing Agency (NTA) along with the official notification. As per the UGC NET 2022 exam pattern, the exam consists of two papers- Paper 1 and Paper 2. Both papers are comprised of objective-type multiple-choice questions (MCQs). There is no break between Paper 1 and 2. The exam will be conducted in Computer Based Test (CBT) mode. The medium of the UGC NET question paper is in English and Hindi languages only. Till December 2018, the UGC NET exam pattern was such that the test consisted of two papers (Paper 1 and 2) that were conducted in two different sessions. Candidates had to complete both the papers (Paper 1 and 2) in a duration of one and two hours, respectively. However, in June 2019, NTA changed the exam pattern as per which candidates now have to give both the papers in a single three-hour duration. In UGC NET Paper 1, the official website of NTA informs, "The questions will be generic in nature, intending to assess the teaching/research aptitude of the candidate. It will primarily be designed to test reasoning ability, comprehension, divergent thinking and general awareness of the candidate." This book 'A Handbook for General Paper on Teaching & Research Aptitude (Paper -I) of UGC-NET & PET Exams: A Crash Course

for all Aspiring Students' (For All 101 Subjects) is an outcome of not just efforts from the authors, but contributions by many Research Scholars. We take this opportunity to thank all those who supported in publication of this book. Many research scholars have been kind enough to share their research works in form of Video sessions on Teaching & Research Aptitude, Power-point presentations, MCQs in google from etc, so that a larger section of the aspiring students can take a guideline in preparing for the exams. This Book also contains useful QR codes for direct link to various folders and files on the drive for Syllabi for UGC NET Paper-I & Various MCQ's on different Open-source websites. We owe to many authors and websites whose writings formed the basis for this book. Our special acknowledgment and thanks to Indira Gandhi Open University, New Delhi and their open source websites www.ignou.ac.in & www.egyankosh.ac.in. We also take this opportunity to thank Amazon and Kindle Publishing for the publication of this book. At the end we would like to say that there is always a room for improvement in whatever we do. We would appreciate any suggestions and feedback regarding this book from the readers on mukulburghate@gmail.com so that the book can be made more interesting and meaningful. Dr. Mukul Burghate | BE, FIE, M. Com, MBA, SET, NET Dr. Indu Mazumdar | MBA, DTM, NET Dr. Ram Panchariya | MBA, M. Com, NET Dr. Ninad Gawande | MBA, NET

This book presents ideas, strategies, and information intended to help teachers provide students with skills to perform effectively on specific writing tests. The first part of the book ("Background/Rationale") encompasses two major topics--the composing process and scoring methods--to give background for ideas and suggestions in other sections. The second part ("Writing Tests") describes major types of writing tests for which students should be prepared, and includes illustrative examples. The third part ("Teaching Strategies") provides a variety of general teaching activities, demonstrating methods of helping students acquire various skills and attitudes important to effective writing in each of the respective situations. Appendixes contain a trait scoring guide, competency test sample, College Board test sample, college application sample, and suggestions for sharing activities. Contains 37 references. (SR)

Noting that while writing teachers acknowledge that responding to their students' writing is central to their teaching, they still express frustration about how to make their response effective. This book describes a two-part study conducted to discover how the nation's most successful writing teachers respond to their students' work. The first chapter provides background information, the rationale behind the study, and an elaboration of the research questions. The second chapter presents details of the experimental design, including procedures for selecting the 560 successful teachers and their 715 students who participated in the first part of the survey. This chapter also discusses ethnography--observing response practices--in the two ninth grade writing classes that participated in the second part of the study. The third chapter describes the response practices of the teachers, and their range and helpfulness, while the fourth chapter analyzes values about writing uncovered in the survey, the underpinnings and structuring of response. The fifth chapter provides a summary of the research, including characteristics of the successful teachers and their response practices, while the sixth chapter contemplates what can be learned from the study. The book concludes with 83 references and the following appendixes: (1) the National Writing Project surveys; (2) assignment sequences; (3) note-taking conventions and procedures for in-class data collection; (4) criteria for determining what was to be recorded on camera; (5) supplementary tables; (6) questions for character analysis; and (7) student writing samples. (SKC)

Peter Elbow's widely-acclaimed and novel theories on the writing process, set out in *Writing without Teachers* and *Writing with Power*, have earned him the reputation of a leading innovator in the field. Now Elbow has drawn together twelve of his essays on the nature of learning and teaching, which, together, form a comprehensive synthesis of his philosophy of education. At once theoretical and down-to-earth, this collection will appeal not only to teachers and students of education, but to all those with a love of learning. What, Elbow asks, is natural in studying, learning, and teaching? What are our assumptions about how the mind ought to function in learning and teaching? Elbow explores the "contraries" in the educational process, in particular his theory that clear thinking can be enhanced by inviting indecision, incoherence, and paradoxical thinking. The essay, written over period of twenty-five years, are engaged in a single enterprise: to arrive at insights or conclusions about learning and teaching while still doing justice to the "rich messiness" of intellectual inquiry. Elbow discusses the value of interdisciplinary teaching, his theory of "cooking" (an interaction of conflicting ideas), the authority relationship in teaching, and the value of specifying learning objectives. A full section is devoted to evaluation and feedback, both of students and faculty. Finally, Elbow focuses on the need to move beyond the skepticism of "critical thinking" to what he calls "methodological belief"--an ability to embrace more than one point of view. About the Author: Peter Elbow is Director of the Writing Program at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He has also taught at M.I.T., Franconia College, Evergreen State College, and Wesleyan University. The famed innovator in writing instruction shares his philosophy of education

Intended for teachers, this monograph argues that, unlike the structured, formulaic "school" essay, personal essays in the manner of Michel de Montaigne lead students to explore their connections with ideas and texts. The monograph describes several strategies which use writing as a tool for critical thinking. The monograph contains the following chapters: (1) "The School Essay (Bad Memories of)"; (2) "The Case against Writing--Plato's Challenge"; (3) "'For it is myself that I portray': Montaigne's Legacy"; (4) "Invitations to the Essay"; and (5) "'I'm not going to talk about it.'" Forty-three references and an annotated bibliography derived from searches of the ERIC database are attached. (MS)

This second edition of a widely used teacher text about helping junior and senior high school students learn to write brings to the fore many of the refinements about writing processes.

Although most writing instructors know the benefits of collaborative learning and writing in college writing classes, many remain unsure how to implement collaborative techniques successfully in the classroom. This collection provides a diversity of voices that address the "how tos" of collaborative learning and writing by addressing key concerns about the process. Fresh essays consider the importance of collaborative work and peer review, the best ways to select groups in classes, integration of collaborative learning techniques into electronic environments, whether group learning and writing are appropriate for all writing classes, and ways special populations can benefit from collaborative activities. Despite its challenges, collaborative learning can prove remarkably effective and this study provides the advice to make it work smoothly and successfully.

First-Year Composition: From Theory to Practice's combination of theory and practice provides readers an opportunity to hear twelve of the leading

theorists in composition studies answer, in their own voices, the key question of what it is they hope to accomplish in a first-year composition course. In addition, these chapters, and the accompanying syllabi, provide rich insights into the classroom practices of these theorists.

Academic Paper from the year 2018 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, , course: English, language: English, abstract: Recent developments in EIKEN and TEAP testing in Japan try to ensure that students can write to a suitable standard and express their thoughts concisely whilst making use of correct academic conventions. However, as many teachers are aware, a large percentage of their university students are incapable of writing even the most fundamental sentences, despite having studied the language for six years. Indeed, large numbers of students wishing to attend universities in the UK and other overseas countries find it difficult to convey meaning accurately in English. They face similar problems with content and structure. This paper examines how three classes, one of 35 students and two of 34 students, at one university were assessed on their written ability and demonstrate that, even with the most rudimentary instruction and feedback, many were able to increase their writing performance significantly. I write this paper before the onset of a more detailed active research project I hope to conduct and feel confident that the initial findings substantiate further research into this field. Additionally, I am collaborating with a colleague to develop assessment software for the educational sector. In the following paragraphs I will discuss the methodology and reasoning behind the research project before discussing the findings. I teach English at a number of institutes from junior high schools to universities and I have always wondered how I might be able to help or encourage my students to improve upon their writing skills. Since I also grade written work for EIKEN pre-first examinees and TEAP examinees as well as deliver seminars on correct EAP conventions, I noticed that a large number of students make similar and repetitive mistakes in their written work. At the time of writing, I am collaborating with a colleague to develop assessment software for the EFL market and I wanted to test the appropriateness of this software on a number of students, receive their feedback and suggestions and make any necessary alterations to the planned software design before making an investment.

This volume examines the development and growing use of online student ratings and the potential impact online rating systems will have on the future of students' evaluations of teaching. The contributors demonstrate how the preference for online evaluation is growing, even amidst challenges and doubt. Sharing their first-hand experience as researchers and administrators of online systems, they explore major concerns regarding online student ratings and suggest possible solutions. D. Lynn Sorenson and Christian M. Reiner review existing online-rating systems that have been developed independently across the globe. Kevin Hoffman presents the results of a national survey that tracks the increased use of the Internet for student ratings of instruction. At Northwestern University, Nedra Hardy demonstrates how ongoing research about online student evaluations is helping to dispel common misperceptions. Application of online rating systems can present institutions with new challenges and obligations. Trav D. Johnson details a case study based on five years of research in the response rates for one university's online evaluation system and suggests strategies to increase student participation. Reviewing online reporting of results of online student ratings, Donna C. Llewellyn explores the emerging issues of security, logistics, and confidentiality. Other chapters explore existing online systems, highlighting their potential benefits for institution and instructor alike. Beatrice Tucker, Sue Jones, Lean Straker, and Joan Cole analyze Course Evaluation on the Web (CEW), a comprehensive online system for instructional feedback and improvement. Cheryl Davis Bullock reviews the Evaluation Online (EON) system and its successful role in facilitating midcourse student feedback. The fate of online rating may rest in the unique advantages it may – or may not – have over traditional ratings systems. Debbie E. McGhee and Nana Lowell compare online and paper-based methods through mean ratings, inter-rater reliabilities and factor structure of items. Comparing systems from another angle, Timothy W. Bothell and Tom Henderson examine the fiscal costs and benefits of implementing an online evaluation system over paper-based systems. Finally, Christina Ballantyne considers the prominent issues and thought-provoking ideas for the future of online student ratings raised in this volume. Together, the contributors bring insight and understanding to the processes involved in researching and initiating innovations in online-rating systems. This is the 96th issues of the quarterly journal *New Directions for Teaching and Learning*.

When writers read, they evaluate all the time. They can't help it. But they can become better at it, and that's what this second edition of *When Writers Read* is about: what students can do to become better evaluators of themselves as writers and readers, and how you can help. Extensively revised, the second edition is organized around five concepts that are central to an effective writing-reading program. *Voices*: When writers read, they listen for a strong author voice; they know they can hear their own when they write and assume other authors' voices come through as well. It's essential that all voices, both those of students and professional writers, be honored and supported by an evaluation system dedicated to this notion. *Decisions*: When writers read, they make decisions, so it's only natural that they look for evidence of the decisions other authors make. To become effective writers and readers, students must learn to make decisions about which types of writing to create, what to write and read about, where to work, when to do so, whom to share their work with, and what to do to become better writers and readers. *Time*: When writers read, they read and read and read. One of your primary responsibilities as their teacher is to provide plenty of opportunities for them to do so and create an overall framework in which students spend their time wisely. *Response*: When writers read, they look for a message. Students need to understand that to respond effectively to other writers, they should listen closely and think appreciatively and critically about the author. *Self-discipline*: When writers read, it's their self-discipline that keeps them engaged. By providing plenty of good books, writing possibilities, and self-evaluation opportunities, you can help ensure your students are self-disciplined and eager.

Noting that the term "assessment" sounds formal and institutional and frequently generates fear and anxiety, this book presents 14 essays that demonstrate that assessment can help students, teachers, and administrators in writing across the curriculum (WAC) programs learn about what they are doing well and about how they might do better. The first set of essays in the book focus on informal, formative WAC assessments; the second set discuss more formal efforts to assess WAC; and a concluding essay provides a theoretical and historical look at WAC assessment. After a preface, "The WAC Archives Revisited" (Toby Fulwiler and Art Young), essays in the book are: (1) "Introduction--Assumptions about Assessing WAC Programs: Some Axioms, Some Observations, Some Context" (Kathleen Blake Yancey and Brian Huot); (2) "From Conduit to Customer: The Role of WAC Faculty in WAC Assessment" (Barbara Walvoord); (3) "Documenting Excellence in Teaching and Learning in WAC Programs" (Joyce Kinkead); (4) "Contextual Evaluation in WAC Programs: Theories, Issues, and Strategies for Teachers" (Cynthia L. Selfe); (5) "Beyond Accountability: Reading with Faculty as

Partners across the Disciplines" (Brian Huot); (6) "How Portfolios for Proficiency Help Shape a WAC Program" (Christopher Thaiss and Terry Myers Zawicki); (7) "Listening as Assessment: How Students and Teachers Evaluate WAC" (Larry Beason and Laurel Darrow); (8) "Program Review, Program Renewal" (Charles Moran and Anne Herrington); (9) "The Crazy Quilt of Writing across the Curriculum: Achieving WAC Program Assessment" (Meg Morgan); (10) "Integrating WAC into General Education: An Assessment Case Study" (Martha A. Townsend); (11) "Adventures in the WAC Assessment Trade: Reconsidering the Link between Research and Consultation" (Raymond Smith and Christine Farris); (12) "Research and WAC Evaluation: An In-Progress Reflection" (Paul Prior, Gail E. Hawisher, Sibylle Gruber, and Nicole MacLaughlin); (13) "WAC Assessment and Internal Audiences: A Dialogue" (Richard Haswell and Susan McLeod); and (14) "Pragmatism, Positivism, and Program Evaluation" (Michael M. Williamson). (RS)

This bibliography includes scholarly journals, dissertations, papers, and books published primarily from 1980 through December 1984 that focus on teacher evaluation and merit pay. These materials are presented in separate chapters, according to the type of publication in which they appeared. In addition to materials identified and annotated from a literature search of several education databases, the authors wrote to public school districts with student populations of over 5,000 requesting copies of their teacher evaluation materials. They received 348 sets of evaluation documents and these materials are annotated in the chapter entitled *School District Publications*. Other materials prepared by school districts are included in the chapter entitled *Papers*.

Modern Classroom Assessment offers an applied, student-centered guide to the major research-based approaches to assessment in today's modern classroom. Rather than simply list basic assessment formats with a few examples, as many textbooks do, award-winning professor and scholar Bruce Frey's book fully explores all five key approaches for teacher-designed assessment—Traditional Paper-and-Pencil, Performance-Based Assessment, Formative Assessment, Universal Test Design, and Authentic Assessment—while making abstract concepts and guidelines clear with hundreds of real-world illustrations and examples of what actual teachers do. Offering a variety of engaging learning tools and realistic stories from the classroom, this text will give any reader a strong foundation for designing modern assessments in their own classrooms.

Evaluating Children's Writing: A Handbook of Grading Choices for Classroom Teachers, Second Edition introduces and explains a wide range of specific evaluation strategies used by classroom teachers to arrive at grades and gives explicit instructions for implementing them. Samples of student writing accompany the instructions to illustrate the techniques, and an appendix of additional student writing is provided to allow readers to practice particular evaluation strategies. More than just a catalog of grading options, however, this is a handbook with a point of view. Its purpose is to help teachers become intentional about their grading practices. Along with recipes for grading techniques, it offers a philosophy of evaluating student writing that encourages teachers to put grading into a communication context and to make choices among the many options available by determining the instructional purpose of the assignment and considering the advantages and disadvantages of particular grading strategies. Specific grading techniques are integrated with suggestions about the craft of evaluation—guidelines for instructional objectives, for student audience analysis, and for teacher self-analysis that help define communication contexts. New in the Second Edition: *a new chapter on state standards and assessments; *a reorganization of the chapter on approaches to grading; *additions to the chapter on management systems; *additions to the chapter on teaching yourself to grade; *additions to the annotated bibliography; and *updated references throughout the text.

Get back to basics with this practical look at the foundations of good essay writing. With personal and classroom anecdotes, ideas and strategies, and samples and reproducibles, this cheerful and accessible book offers real-life advice that both teachers and students can really use. Each chapter contains easy-to-incorporate lessons along with teaching tips for teaching specific concepts that range from pre-writing exercises to revising and editing to celebrating the final product. The book includes a wide range of innovative approaches to teaching essay writing -- from how to picture and "act out" an essay to a winning format for a topic sentence and using scattergrams to turn brainstorming into constructive outlines. Throughout the book, assessment tools and marking keys support simple marking techniques that are visible and relatively frequent, and consider not just the essay, but effort and time on task.

This book offers demonstrable proof that when teachers engage in sustained inquiry, reflection, and communication about assessment, they can discover and define their own professionalism and refine their art of teaching.

Assessment in the Second Language Writing Classroom is a teacher and prospective teacher-friendly book, uncomplicated by the language of statistics. The book is for those who teach and assess second language writing in several different contexts: the IEP, the developmental writing classroom, and the sheltered composition classroom. In addition, teachers who experience a mixed population or teach cross-cultural composition will find the book a valuable resource. Other books have thoroughly covered the theoretical aspects of writing assessment, but none have focused as heavily as this book does on pragmatic classroom aspects of writing assessment. Further, no book to date has included an in-depth examination of the machine scoring of writing and its effects on second language writers. Crusan not only makes a compelling case for becoming knowledgeable about L2 writing assessment but offers the means to do so. Her highly accessible, thought-provoking presentation of the conceptual and practical dimensions of writing assessment, both for the classroom and on a larger scale, promises to engage readers who have previously found the technical detail of other works on assessment off-putting, as well as those who have had no previous exposure to the study of assessment at all.

A Sourcebook for Responding to Student Writing is a resource for writing teachers. It provides a range of teacher comments on a sampling of college student papers and an anthology of key statements on theory and practice of responding to student writing. Specifically, the book presents: twenty-five sets of responses, made on a sampling of five student papers, including expressive, explanatory, evaluative, and argumentative writing; comments by a variety of teachers both well-recognized composition scholars who have contributed to the research on teacher response and college English teachers whose primary area of study is outside composition; two additional essays without accompanying teacher comments, for further practice; a detailed bibliography on teacher response; a collection of noted articles on reading, evaluating, and responding to student writing[.] Free of analysis and apparatus, the book may be used by teachers in their own ways, according to their own assumptions, predilections and goals, to develop better ways of responding to student writing. --From cover.