

Standards-Based Activities

It has been my experience in working with teachers that nearly all know the standards they are to teach. Some are required to write the standards on the board each day; most all write them in their lesson plans.

The standards teachers must use are still being discussed and debated from state to state. Many states have adopted or partially adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Other states, however, utilize their own standards. Because the CCSS have the most widespread use, I have indexed the activities to them. See page 178 . If you are in a state that does not use the Common Core, the activities are easy to correlate to the standards you use.

The activities in this book are integrated across the curriculum. Many of them are interdisciplinary. Most require reading, writing, gathering information, organizing, and/or research skills. Therefore, many of the activities that I have categorized in one content area may address the standards in other areas as well.

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