

How to Use This Book

FORMATS FOR CREATIVITY X 4

Six Thinking Hats®, Encounter Lessons, Questivities™, and SCAMPER

The Common Core State Standards with their emphasis on breadth, depth, and higher-level thinking skills are exemplary vehicles to enhance creative practice and production in the classroom. If it is indeed possible to encourage and increase creativity while using the Common Core Standards, it is essential to identify tools you can use as you plan and implement lessons to accomplish that task. In this book are four practical, standards-based lesson planning formats to use to develop creativity and higher-level thinking. These are:

- Six Thinking Hats®
- Encounter Lessons
- Questivities™
- SCAMPER

In each section of this book, there is a description of the format, an explanation of its structure, a procedure for writing, and suggestions are given for how to use and implement it in a classroom setting. Each section includes 10 sample units that are ready to use and/or adapt for your own students. Finally, in each section is a blank form to use as you write your own content units and lessons.

THE ACCOMPANYING CD

The CD includes reproducible pages with all of the units in PDF format. There is a blank WORD form for each of the formats that you can customize for your content area. This means you can adapt the wording, content, topic, standard, or activity to create your own unit in the WORD file.

INDEXES

You will find two Indexes in this book. On page 11 is an Index of Topics identified by subject areas. At the back of the book is an Index of Common Core Standards used in all the units. Both make it easy to find what you need.