



DIFFERENTIATED LESSONS FOR EVERY LEARNER: Standards-Based Activities and Extensions for Middle School

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Differentiated Lessons for Every Learner has been written to support teachers and students in the Middle Years of schooling, more specifically Years 6 – 8. It identifies the purpose of differentiation to support all students in their learning and addresses the need to provide learning at a challenging level for students, including extension.

This text bases all the lessons around the American Common Core State Standards and makes direct links within each extension lesson to Norman Webb's Depth of Knowledge (DOK) Levels. Each of the lesson plans identify the American standards that relate to the activity and the correlating English curriculum standards. The strength of this text is how it demonstrates that all learning activities in different curriculum areas must have a component of the English curriculum content incorporated in allow for engaging and purposeful learning.

The authors explain how this book supports the framework of Response to Intervention (RtI) as well as how the contents of this book fits within the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) structure.

The implications for the Australian Middle Years teacher, reading and using this resource, would be that the curriculum focus statements may not directly coincide with the Australian Curriculum Standards.

The extension lessons can generally be adapted to the Australian classroom programs with modifications to suit Australian learners. The History and Social Studies lessons would need to be changed to reflect Australian content.