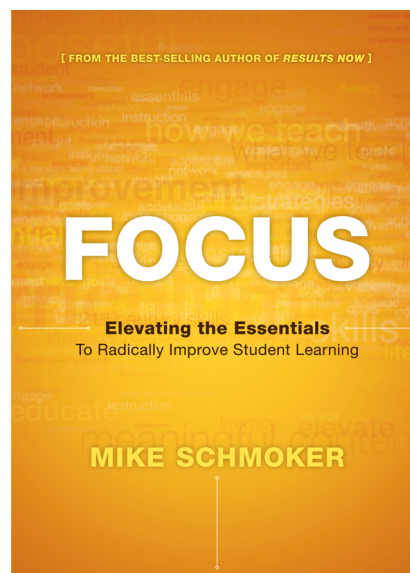


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Summary:

This book explains why and how to take a “first-things-first” approach to school improvement and focus laser-like on only three essentials:

- Coherent curriculum (what we teach).
- Sound lessons (how we teach).
- Purposeful reading and writing (authentic literacy).
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In making his clear and compelling case, Schmoker delves deep into the significance of the three essentials so you get a complete understanding of what they mean to your daily practice. Applying these insights gained from his years of work with schools of all kinds, Schmoker lays out a complete plan for radically improving the way schools teach English, social studies, science and maths.

Mike Schmoker takes a wide array of complex concepts and initiatives and weaves them into a framework that is not only easily understood but translates into immediate action. This book will help new teachers focus on the essentials of curriculum and lessons, and will help veterans, weary of the perpetual hail of silver bullets, to rediscover the joy of teaching with purpose.

Supporting Resources:

- *21st Century Skills: Rethinking How Students Learn - Leading Edge Series (SOT7054)*
- *Improving Teaching with Collaborative Action Research: An ASCD Action Tool (111006)*
- *Wasting Minds: Why Our Education System Is Failing and What We Can Do About It (111015)*
- *A Handbook for the Art and Science of Teaching (108049)*


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