Compare & Contrast: Teaching Comparative Thinking to Strengthen Student Learning (A Strategic Teacher PLC Guide)

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Summary:

Developed in partnership with over 75 schools, this guide makes it easier and more effective for teams of teachers to engage in professional development using the Compare & Contrast strategy. Included in the guide are activities, sample lessons, student work examples, planning forms and learning tools. This PLC Guide takes you and your colleagues on a "guided tour" of the Compare and Contrast strategy, enabling you to: explore the principles and classroom phases that make it such an effective strategy; experience a model lesson using the strategy and learn from sample lessons; plan a complete lesson using the strategy; reflect deeply on your lesson and expand your use of the strategy; and examine student work at various levels of proficiency, and use your findings to plan next steps in building students' comparative analysis skills. Includes poster.

Supporting Resources:

- The Strategic Teacher: Selecting the Right Research-Based Strategy for Every Lesson (107059)
- Brain-Based Teaching in the Digital Age (110018)
- Poster: Compare & Contrast (110125)



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