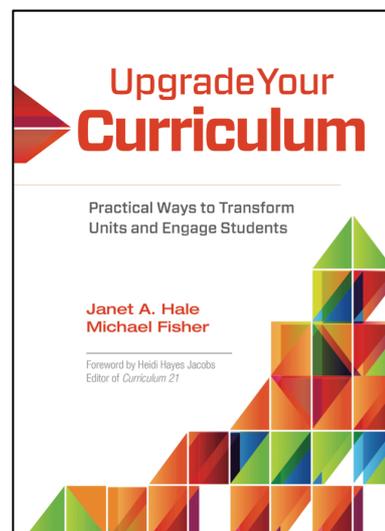


# Upgrade Your Curriculum: Practical Ways to Transform Units and Engage Students

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## Summary

Amid a confluence of messages regarding accountability, the Common Core Standards, teacher effectiveness and student performance, educators everywhere are looking for ways to revitalise their curriculum design and instructional practice. *Upgrade Your Curriculum* offers a solution: providing students with meaningful, relevant units of study developed by the educators who actually teach them. The authors, both curriculum experts, advocate a gradual approach to transforming curriculum in which teachers work collaboratively to upgrade one unit at a time.

Drawing from a wealth of professional development experiences in schools across the United States and overseas, the authors:

- address the foundational concepts involved in transforming curriculum
- introduce their innovative transformational matrix – an essential visual reference that classifies upgrades according to their effect on student learning and engagement
- outline the four phases of the collaborative transformational process
- explain how to create units of study that engage student in higher-order thinking, authentically incorporate technology and web-based tools and align with the Common Core
- present transformational snapshots that reflect how real practitioners across all year levels and subject areas have upgraded curriculum and instruction and increased student ownership of learning.

This indispensable guide offers strategic, practical knowledge that will enrich your school's curriculum mapping efforts and help you create authentic, engaging learning environments that prepare students for the future.

## Supporting Resources

- *Curriculum 21: Essential Education for a Changing World* (109008)
- *A Guide to Curriculum Mapping: Planning, Implementing and Sustaining the Process* (CO5657)
- *An Educational Leader's Guide to Curriculum Mapping: Creating and Sustaining Collaborative Cultures* (CO8372)
- *Contemporary Perspectives on Literacy Series (Set of 4)* (SOT1200)