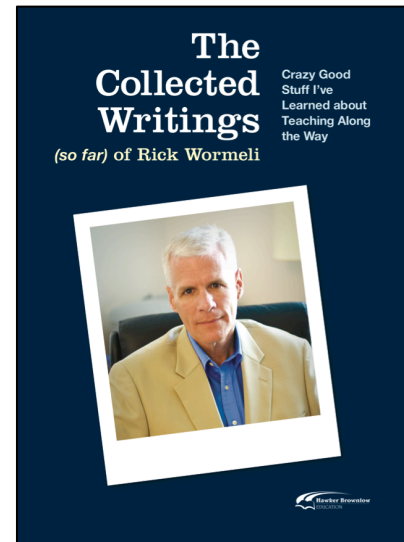


The Collected Writings (so far) of Rick Wormeli: Crazy Good Stuff I've Learned about Teaching Along the Way

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Summary

Rick Wormeli's collected writings challenge readers to take radical responsibility for challenging conventions and breaking rules that conspire against meeting young adolescents' needs. He speaks from a deep understanding of the struggle teachers have to unleash their creativity and will tethered by conventional thinking or lack of tools. Learn from Rick's insights about:

- professional issues (acting courageously, questioning the status quo, building creative thinking, using Twitter)
- motivating and connecting to students (transitioning to the middle years, developing relationships with students, figuring out what to do when all else fails)
- providing effective learning experiences (using metaphors, creating wonder, using brain-science-based methods, teaching note-taking, assigning homework)
- differentiation (setting the pedagogy straight, tiering to adjust the level of challenge, flexible grouping, teaching the gifted, teaching ELLs)
- literacy in every subject (teaching vocabulary, reading between the lines, writing in the content areas, teaching summarisation)
- additional teaching techniques (creating sponges and warm-ups, holding class discussions, refining lectures, handling excursions, teaching memorisation)
- assessment (finding curriculum clarity, building data analysis skills, mastering formative assessment and authentic assessment, writing good test questions)
- grading (standards-based grading, differentiated grading, stop averaging grades, necessity of failing, turning zeroes to 60s, late work, cheating, honour rolls)

Supporting Resources

- *Summarisation in Any Subject: 50 Techniques to Improve Student Learning* (104014)