

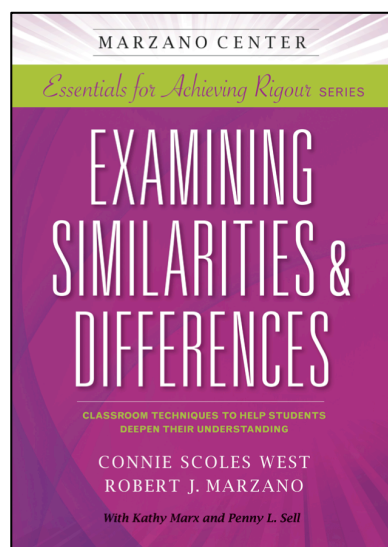
# ESSENTIALS FOR ACHIEVING RIGOUR SERIES:

## Examining Similarities & Differences:

*Classroom Techniques to Help Students Deepen Their Understanding*

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### Summary

Do your students know how to make meaningful comparisons?

Academic standards call for increased rigour, but simply raising complexity is not enough. Students must also be able to examine similarities and differences within critical content they are learning. They need to know how to use comparisons, classifications, metaphors and analogies to generalise, draw conclusions and refine schema, ultimately deepening their understanding of the content.

*Examining Similarities & Differences: Classroom Techniques to Help Students Deepen Their Understanding* explores explicit techniques for mastering a crucial strategy of instructional practice: teaching students to examine similarities and differences. It includes:

- explicit steps for implementation
- recommendations for monitoring if students are able to autonomously examine similarities and differences
- adaptations for students who struggle, have special needs or excel in learning
- examples and non-examples from classroom practice
- common mistakes and ways to avoid them.

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