Teaching for Creativity in the Common Core Classroom

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Summary

Creativity is important to today’s teachers. Yet, for many educators, nurturing students’ creativity seems to conflict with ensuring that they learn specific skills and content. In this book, the authors outline ways to adapt existing lessons and mandated Common Core curricula to encourage the development of student creativity alongside more traditional academic skills. Based on cutting-edge psychological research on creativity, Teaching for Creativity in the Common Core Classroom debunks common misconceptions about creativity and describes how learning environments can support creativity, offers creative lessons and insights for teaching English and mathematics and includes assessments for creativity and Common Core learning. Featuring numerous classroom examples, this practical resource will empower teachers to think of curriculum standards and creativity as encompassing complementary, rather than mutually exclusive, goals.

Book features:
- shows how teaching skills mandated by the Common Core and teaching for creativity can reinforce one another
- helps teachers better understand what creativity is, how to develop it and how to assess it in meaningful ways
- examines the many misconceptions about creativity that prevent teachers from doing their best work
- provides classroom examples, ideas, and lesson plans from successful teachers across disciplines

Supporting Resources
- The Focus Factor: 8 Essential Twenty-First Century Thinking Skills for Deeper Student Learning (TCP0621)
- Creativity x 4: Using the Australian Curriculum (POL3851)
- Sparking Student Creativity: Practical Ways to Promote Innovative Thinking and Problem Solving (115007)