

Rubric For Grading Papers

*This practical guide addresses the challenges for building and maintaining a college research program in an environment that does not focus on supporting research activity and for those with a heavy teaching load. The challenges faced by teacher-researchers and solutions to issues are reviewed. The steps for maximizing research productivity are outlined: time management, obtaining research space and equipment and funding, recruiting and managing human subjects, and overcoming bureaucratic stumbling blocks. Chapters feature opening vignettes, examples, cases, figures, tables, summaries, suggested readings, and research references which provide a scientific grounding. Highlights include coverage of: –The latest time saving digital resources including automatic literature search alerts, Zotero for managing literature, Dropbox for sharing files, Open Science for managing workflow, and OpenStax Tutor. –Strategies for recruiting subjects such as flyers and posting lab meeting minutes on a web page. – How to increase research productivity while still engaging in effective teaching. –The problems of the availability of human subjects and strategies for recruiting from classes, offering extra credit for research participation, and participation as a course requirement. – Using students as volunteer research assistants and strategies for recruiting and managing volunteers along with ethical considerations. –Bureaucratic stumbling blocks and strategies for overcoming those challenges. – How to use browser/word processor add-ons that store and organize literature in a searchable library and produce citations and reference lists. –The use of cloud storage to design experiments and collect data and free cloud based resources to store electronic research files. The steps for maximizing research productivity are outlined in chapter 1: time management, obtaining research space and equipment and funding, recruiting and managing human subjects, and overcoming bureaucratic stumbling blocks, along with impediments and solutions for establishing a research program. Strategies to overcome time constraints including automatic literature searches, Zotero for managing your literature, Dropbox for sharing files, and the Open Science Framework for managing workflow are provided in Chapter 2. Chapter 3 provides tips on obtaining funding. Chapters 4 and 5 provide strategies for recruiting and managing research participants such as ad hoc recruiting from classes, offering extra credit for research participation, and participation as a course requirement. The book concludes with a review of other items to consider when developing a research program. Intended for professional development or teacher training courses offered in masters and doctoral programs in colleges and universities or as a supplement in graduate level research methods courses, this book is also an invaluable resource for faculty development centers and university administrators. Designed for both early career and veteran teacher-researchers looking to enhance their research productivity, this book appeals to college teachers of all levels and disciplines. An award-winning scientist offers his unorthodox approach to childrearing: "Parentology is brilliant, jaw-droppingly funny, and full of wisdom.bound to change your thinking about parenting and its conventions" (Amy Chua, author of Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother). If you're like many parents, you might ask family and friends for advice when faced with important choices about how to raise your kids. You might turn to parenting books or simply rely on timeworn religious or cultural traditions. But when Dalton Conley, a dual-doctorate scientist and full-blown nerd, needed childrearing advice, he turned to scientific research to make the big decisions. In Parentology, Conley hilariously reports the results of those experiments, from bribing his kids to do math (since studies show conditional cash transfers improved educational and health outcomes for kids) to teaching them impulse control by giving them weird names (because evidence shows kids with unique names learn not to react when their peers tease them) to getting a vasectomy (because fewer kids in a family mean smarter kids). Conley encourages parents to draw on the latest data to rear children, if only because that level of engagement with kids will produce solid and happy ones. Ultimately these experiments are very loving, and the outcomes are redemptive—even when Conley's sassy kids show him the limits of his profession. Parentology teaches you everything you need to know about the latest literature on parenting—with lessons that go down easy. You'll be laughing and learning at the same time. This new edition retains the appeal, clarity and practicality that made the first so successful, and continues to provide a fundamental introduction to the principles and purposes of rubrics, with guidance on how to construct them, use them to align course content to learning outcomes, and apply them in a wide variety of courses, and to all forms of assignment. Reflecting developments since publication of the first edition, the authors have extended coverage to include: * Expanded discussion on use of rubrics for grading * Grading on-line with rubrics * Wider coverage of rubric types (e.g., holistic, rating scales) * Rubric construction in student affairs * Pros and cons of working with "ready-made" rubrics * Using rubrics to improve your teaching, and for SoTL * Use of rubrics in program assessment (case study) * Application of rubrics in the arts, for study abroad, service learning and students' independent learning * Updated literature review Evaluating a student's progress as a writer requires striking a delicate balance between the student's needs and the school's needs. This collection of essays offers several innovative options, concluding with ideas for formulating plans of action for introducing grading alternatives in classrooms, schools, and districts.*

Designing Assignments and Evaluating with Rubrics

A Research-Based Resource for College Instructors

Writing, Grade 2

A Common Sense Guide

Introduction to Rubrics

Negotiating for Success: Essential Strategies and Skills

An Assessment Tool to Save Grading Time, Convey Effective Feedback, and Promote Student Learning

There has been a remarkable growth of interest in the assessment of student learning and its relation to the process of learning in higher education over the past ten years. This interest has been expressed in various ways – through large scale research projects, international conferences, the development of principles of assessment that supports learning, a growing awareness of the role of feedback as an integral part of the learning process, and the publication of exemplary assessment practices. At the same time, more limited attention has been given to the underlying nature of assessment, to the concerns that arise when assessment is construed as a measurement process, and to the role of judgement in evaluating the quality of students' work. It is now timely to take stock of some of the critical concepts that underpin our understanding of the multifarious relationships between assessment and learning, and to explicate the nature of assessment as judgement. Despite the recent growth in interest noted above, assessment in higher education remains under-conceptualized. This book seeks to make a significant contribution to conceptualizing key aspects of assessment, learning and judgement.

Being a great teacher is more than lesson plans and seating charts. In this revised and expanded new edition of the classic bestseller, you learn what it takes to be the very best educator you can be, starting from day one in your new classroom! Filled with real-world life lessons from experienced teachers as well as practical tips and techniques, you'll gain the skill and confidence you need to create a successful learning environment for you and your students, including how to: Organize a classroom Create engaging lesson plans Set ground rules and use proper behavior management Deal with prejudice, controversy, and violence Work with colleagues and navigate the chain of command Incorporate mandatory test preparation within the curriculum Implement the latest educational theories In this book, veteran teacher Melissa Kelly provides you with the confidence you'll need to step into class and teach right from the start.

What We Really Value traces the origins of traditional rubrics within the theoretical and historical circumstances out of which they emerged, then holds rubrics up for critical scrutiny in the context of contemporary developments in the field. As an alternative to the generic character and decontextualized function of scoring guides, he offers dynamic criteria mapping, a form of qualitative inquiry by which writing programs (as well as individual instructors) can portray their rhetorical values with more ethical integrity and more pedagogical utility than rubrics allow. To illustrate the complex and indispensable insights this method can provide, Broad details findings from his study of eighty-nine distinct and substantial criteria for evaluation at work in the introductory composition program at "City University." These chapters are filled with the voices of composition instructors debating and reflecting on the nature, interplay, and relative importance of the many criteria by which they judged students' texts. Broad concludes his book with specific strategies that can help writing instructors and programs to discover, negotiate, map, and express a more robust truth about what they value in their students' rhetorical performances.

Provides step-by-step instructions on creating a writing program using rubrics, and includes lesson plans, forms, and scheduling guidelines.

Using Performance Criteria for Assessing and Improving Student Performance

Objective, Comprehensive Evaluation of Student Work

ACE the ACTs Book + Online

Connecting Classrooms in Theory and Practice

A Tool for Learning and Assessment

European Conference, ECIL 2013, Istanbul, Turkey, October 22–25, 2013. Revised Selected Papers

Parentology

ACE the ACT Book + Online Practice Tests Completely Up-to-date for the 2017 Exam Authored by America's top ACT expert, REA's innovative test prep gives high school students crucial test-taking strategies that can help them raise their score and get into the college of their choice. Four weekly study sessions cover the critical information students need to ace the English, math, science, and reading portions of the exam. An optional fifth week completely covers the enhanced ACT Writing Test. To round out students' preparation, practice tests pinpoint strengths and weaknesses and give students a realistic taste of the ACT test experience. Kelly C. Roell, M.A., is an author, certified teacher, lecturer, and longtime test prep guru. She taught high school English and Reading for years in one of the nation's top-ranked school districts (Hillsborough County, Florida), instructing students in the many facets of local, state, and national testing. Kelly ran an SAT test preparation course for advanced high school students, guiding them to focus their potential and raise their scores. Kelly has written daily test tips and articles for Scholastic.com and MSN.com. About REA's prep: * Tips to boost your score on the Enhanced Writing Test

*Practice tests build your test-day confidence

How Students Learn: Science in the Classroom builds on the discoveries detailed in the best-selling How People Learn. Now these findings are presented in a way that teachers can use immediately, to revitalize their work in the classroom for even greater effectiveness. Organized for utility, the book explores how the principles of learning can be applied in science at three levels: elementary, middle, and high school.

Leading educators explain in detail how they developed successful curricula and teaching approaches, presenting strategies that serve as models for curriculum development and classroom instruction. Their recounting of personal teaching experiences lends strength and warmth to this volume. This book discusses how to build straightforward science experiments into true understanding of scientific principles. It also features illustrated suggestions for classroom activities.

A guide to introducing service learning in the economics classroom

The role of the writing program administrator is one of diverse activities and challenges, and preparation for the position has traditionally come through performing the job itself. As a result, uninitiated WPAs often find themselves struggling to manage the various requirements and demands of the position, and even experienced WPAs often encounter situations on which they need advice. The Writing Program Administrator's Resource has been developed to address the needs of all WPAs, regardless of background or experience. It provides practical, applicable tools to effectively address the differing and sometimes competing roles in which WPAs find themselves. Readers will find an invaluable collection of articles in this volume, addressing fundamental practices and issues encountered by WPAs in their workplace settings and focusing on the hows and whys of writing program administration. With formal preparation and training only now beginning to catch up to the very real needs of the WPA, this volume offers guidance and support from authoritative and experienced sources--educators who have established the definitions and standards of the position: who have run into obstacles and surmounted them; and who have not just survived but thrived in their roles as WPAs. Editors Stuart C. Brown and Theresa Enos contribute their own experience and bring together the voices of their colleagues to delineate the intellectual scope and practices of writing program administration as an emerging discipline. Established and esteemed leaders in the field offer insights, advice, and plans of action for the myriad scenarios encountered in the position, encouraging WPAs and helping them to realize that they often know more than they think they do. This resource is required reading for the new WPA, and an essential reference for all who serve in the WPA role. As a guidebook for WPAs, it is destined to become a fixture on the desk of every educator involved with or interested in administering writing programs, writing centers, and writing-across-the-curriculum efforts.

Scoring Rubrics in the Classroom

How Students Learn

Restoring Rigor, Motivating Students, and Saving Faculty Time

Worldwide Commonalities and Challenges in Information Literacy Research and Practice

The Everything New Teacher Book

Grading Strategies for the College Classroom

Putting the Invisible Hand to Work

Effective science teaching requires creativity, imagination, and innovation. In light of concerns about American science literacy, scientists and educators have struggled to teach this discipline more effectively. Science Teaching Reconsidered provides undergraduate science educators with a path to understanding students, accommodating their individual differences, and helping them grasp the methods--and the wonder--of science. What impact does teaching style have? How do I plan a course curriculum? How do I make lectures, classes, and laboratories more effective? How can I tell what students are thinking? Why don't they understand? This handbook provides productive approaches to these and other questions. Written by scientists who are also educators, the handbook offers suggestions for having a greater impact in the classroom and provides resources for further research.

Do you want to expand working knowledge of how to construct, revise, and implement rubrics with specific how-to's and plenty of examples? Rubric Assessment Goes to College provides effective college-level rubrics that are the right tools for the job of objective, comprehensive assessment and can be constructed almost as easily as constructing an ice cream sundae!

We all negotiate on a daily basis. We negotiate with our spouses, children, parents, and friends. We negotiate when we rent an apartment, buy a car, purchase a house, and apply for a job. Your ability to negotiate might even be the most important factor in your career advancement. Negotiation is also the key to business success. No organization can survive without contracts that produce profits. At a strategic level, businesses are concerned with value creation and achieving competitive advantage. But the success of high-level business strategies depends on contracts made with suppliers, customers, and other stakeholders. Contracting capability—the ability to negotiate and perform successful contracts—is the most important function in any organization. This book is designed to help you achieve success in your personal negotiations and in your business transactions. The book is unique in two ways. First, the book not only covers negotiation concepts, but also provides practical actions you can take in future negotiations. This includes a Negotiation Planning Checklist and a completed example of the checklist for your use in future negotiations. The book also includes (1) a tool you can use to assess your negotiation style; (2) examples of "decision trees," which are useful in calculating your alternatives if your negotiation is unsuccessful; (3) a three-part strategy for increasing your power during negotiations; (4) a practical plan for analyzing your negotiations based on your reservation price, stretch goal, and most-likely target,

and zone of potential agreement; (5) clear guidelines on ethical standards that apply to negotiations; (6) factors to consider when deciding whether you should negotiate through an agent; (7) psychological tools you can use in negotiations—and traps to avoid when the other side uses them; (8) key elements of contract law that arise during negotiations; and (9) a checklist of factors to use when you evaluate your performance as a negotiator. Second, the book is unique in its holistic approach to the negotiation process. Other books often focus narrowly either on negotiation or on contract law. Furthermore, the books on negotiation tend to focus on what happens at the bargaining table without addressing the performance of an agreement. These books make the mistaken assumption that success is determined by evaluating the negotiation rather than evaluating performance of the agreement. Similarly, the books on contract law tend to focus on the legal requirements for a contract to be valid, thus giving short shrift to the negotiation process that precedes the contract and to the performance that follows. In the real world, the contracting process is not divided into these phases. What happens during a negotiation has a profound impact on the contract and on the performance that follows. The contract's legal content should reflect the realities of what happened at the bargaining table and the performance that is to follow. This book, in contrast to others, covers the entire negotiation process in chronological order beginning with your decision to negotiate and continuing through the evaluation of your performance as a negotiator. A business executive in one of the negotiation seminars the author teaches as a University of Michigan professor summarized negotiation as follows: "Life is negotiation!" No one ever stated it better. As a mother with young children and as a company leader, the executive realized that negotiations are pervasive in our personal and business lives. With its emphasis on practical action, and with its chronological, holistic approach, this book provides a roadmap you can use when navigating through your life as a negotiator.

Spectrum Writing creates student interest and sparks writing creativity! The lessons, perfect for students in grade 6, strengthen writing skills by focusing on sequence of events, comparing and contrasting, point of view, facts and opinions, and more! Each book provides an overview of the writing process, as well as a break down of the essential skills that build good writing. It features easy-to-understand directions, is aligned to national and state standards, and also includes a complete answer key. Today, more than ever, students need to be equipped with the essential skills they need for school achievement and for success on proficiency tests. The Spectrum series has been designed to prepare students with these skills and to enhance student achievement.

Developed by experts in the field of education, each title in the Spectrum workbook series offers grade-appropriate instruction and reinforcement in an effective sequence for learning success. Perfect for use at home or in school, and a favorite of parents, homeschoolers, and teachers worldwide, Spectrum is the learning partner students need for complete achievement.

A Guide for Teaching Assistants, Instructors, and New Professors at All Colleges and Universities

The Knowledge Gap

Diversity and Inclusion in Global Higher Education

Introduction to International and Global Studies, Third Edition

How to Create and Use Rubrics for Formative Assessment and Grading

A Survival Guide for the First Year and Beyond

Specifications Grading

This open access book offers pioneering insights and practical methods for promoting diversity and inclusion in higher education classrooms and curricula. It highlights the growing importance of international education programs in Asia and the value of understanding student diversity in a changing, evermore interconnected world. The book explores diversity across physical, psychological and cognitive traits, socio-economic backgrounds, value systems, traditions and emerging identities, as well as diverse expectations around teaching, grading, and assessment. Chapters detail significant trends in active learning pedagogy, writing programs, language acquisition, and implications for teaching in the liberal arts, adult learners, girls and women, and Confucian heritage communities. A quality, relevant, 21st Century education should address multifaceted and intersecting forms of diversity to equip students for deep life-long learning inside and outside the classroom. This timely volume provides a unique toolkit for educators, policy-makers, and professional development experts.

The grading process can yield rich information about student learning. Effective Grading enables faculty to go beyond using grades as isolated artifacts and helps them make classroom grading processes more fair, time-efficient, and conducive to learning. Classroom assessment of student learning can then contribute to departmental and general-education assessment in ways that meet the needs of institutions and accrediting agencies. Tailored to specific needs of faculty members who seek to make grading a valuable part of student learning and motivation, Effective Grading balances assessment theory and hands-on advice. It offers an in-depth examination of the link between teaching and grading and provides concrete guidance on such critical steps as setting and communicating grading standards, developing assignments to grade, managing time spent on grading, and providing feedback to students.

Rubric Assessment Goes to CollegeObjective, Comprehensive Evaluation of Student WorkRowman & Littlefield

The first edition of Assessing Student Learning has become the standard reference for college faculty and administrators who are charged with the task of assessing student learning within their institutions. The second edition of this landmark book offers the same practical guidance and is designed to meet ever-increasing demands for improvement and accountability. This edition includes expanded coverage of vital assessment topics such as promoting an assessment culture, characteristics of good assessment, audiences for assessment, organizing and coordinating assessment, assessing attitudes and values, setting standards and standards, and using results to inform and improve teaching, learning, planning, and decision making.

A Guide for Peer Educators on College Campuses

Alternatives to Grading Student Writing

Rethinking Rubrics in Writing Assessment

Science in the Classroom

Practical Strategies and Lesson Plans for Grades 2-8

The hidden cause of America's broken education system—and how to fix it

On Your Mark

The Essential Guide to Writing History Essays is a step-by-step guide to the typical assignments of any undergraduate or master's-level history program in North America. Effective writing is a process of discovery, achieved through the continual act of making choices--what to include or exclude, how to order elements, and which style to choose--each according to the author's goals and the intended audience. The book integrates reading and specialized vocabulary with writing and revision and addresses the evolving nature of digital media while teaching the terms and logic of traditional sources and the reasons for citation as well as the styles. This approach to writing not only helps students produce an effective final product and build from writing simple, short essays to completing a full research thesis, it also teaches students why and how an essay is effective, empowering them to approach new writing challenges with the freedom to find their own voice.

The untold story of the root cause of America's education crisis--and the seemingly endless cycle of multigenerational poverty. It was only after years within the education reform movement that Natalie Wexler stumbled across a hidden explanation for our country's frustrating lack of progress when it comes to providing every child with a quality education. The problem wasn't one of the usual scapegoats: lazy teachers, shoddy facilities, lack of accountability. It was something no one was talking about: the elementary school curriculum's intense focus on decontextualized reading comprehension "skills" at the expense of actual knowledge. In the tradition of Dale Russakoff's The Prize and Dana Goldstein's The Teacher Wars, Wexler brings together history, research, and compelling characters to pull back the curtain on this fundamental flaw in our education system—one that fellow reformers, journalists, and policymakers have long overlooked, and of which the general public, including many parents, remains unaware. But The Knowledge Gap isn't just a story of what schools have gotten so wrong—it also follows innovative educators who are in the process of shedding their deeply ingrained habits, and describes the rewards that have come along: students who are not only excited to learn but are also acquiring the knowledge and vocabulary that will enable them to succeed. If we truly want to fix our education system and unlock the potential of our neediest children, we have no choice but to pay attention.

Synchronous technologies, particularly interactive video conferencing (IVC), are becoming common modes of teaching and delivering college courses. The increasing popularity of IVC in the U.S. and abroad calls for more pedagogically effective practices for instructors using this technology. This volume focuses on innovative and proven approaches to IVC teaching in a variety of disciplines: English, history, biology, chemistry, geology, engineering, social work, and elementary and special education. Contributors hail from a pioneering university at the forefront of distance education and understand the practice and potential of IVC teaching at the highest levels. Chapters outline the challenges and benefits of IVC teaching from pedagogical, technical, and administrative perspectives.

Named a 2013 Doodys's Essential Purchase! I recommend this book as an introduction to new educators involved in clinical teaching. "--Journal for Nurses in Staff Development This textbook presents a comprehensive framework for planning, guiding, and evaluating learning activities for undergraduate and graduate nursing students in clinical settings. The book presents clinical teaching strategies that are effective and practical in a rapidly changing health care environment. It describes a range of teaching strategies useful for courses in which the teacher is on-site with students, in courses using preceptors, in simulation laboratories, and in distance education environments. This book represents the cutting edge of educational strategies, examining innovative uses of virtual reality, game-based learning, and nontraditional sites for clinical teaching. Also discussed are culturally inclusive strategies, methods incorporating current technologies, and strategies for teaching students with disabilities. Key Topics: Choosing clinical learning assignments Self-directed learning activities Case method, case study, and grand rounds Clinical Nurse Educator Examination Detailed Test Blueprint core competencies Evaluation strategies and grading for written assignments Ethical and legal issues in clinical teaching Recognizing that clinical settings require different approaches to teaching, the contributors present all the tools necessary to help educators meet the challenges of this complex learning environment.

A Tool for Learning and Assessment in College

First Time in the College Classroom

Assessment, Learning and Judgement in Higher Education

Launching a Successful Research Program at a Teaching University

Interdisciplinary Approaches to Distance Teaching

This book presents the knowledge base of college teaching in a user-friendly, easy-to-read, yet well-researched format. From sample syllabi to the creation of an effective grading scale, this book covers critically important aspects of organizing and teaching your curriculum.

Create and sustain a learning environment where students thrive and stakeholders are accurately informed of student progress. Clarify the purpose of grades, craft a vision statement aligned with this purpose, and discover research-based strategies to implement effective grading and reporting practices. Identify policies and practices that render grading inaccurate, and understand the role grades play in students' future success and opportunities.

The second edition of Effective Grading—the book that has become a classic in the field—provides a proven hands-on guide for evaluating student work and offers an in-depth examination of the link between teaching and grading. Authors Barbara E. Walvoord and Virginia Johnson Anderson explain that grades are not isolated artifacts but part of a process that, when integrated with course objectives, provides rich information about student learning, as well as being a tool for learning itself. The authors show how the grading process can be used for broader assessment objectives, such as curriculum and institutional assessment. This thoroughly revised and updated edition includes a wealth of new material including: Expanded integration of the use of technology and online teaching A sample syllabus with goals, outcomes, and criteria for student work New developments in assessment for grant-funded projects Additional information on grading group work, portfolios, and service-learning experiences New strategies for aligning tests and assignments with learning goals Current thought on assessment in departments and general education, using classroom work for program assessments, and using assessment data systematically to "close the loop" Material on using the best of classroom assessment to foster institutional assessment New case examples from colleges and universities, including community colleges "When the first edition of Effective Grading came out, it quickly became the go-to book on evaluating student learning. This second edition, especially with its extension into evaluating the learning goals of departments and general education programs, will make it even more valuable for everyone working to improve teaching and learning in higher education." —Dr. Robert M. Kegan, author, Creating Significant Learning Experiences "Informed by encounters with hundreds of faculty in their workshops, these two accomplished teachers, assessors, and faculty developers have created another essential text. Current faculty, as well as graduate students who aspire to teach in college, will carry this edition in a briefcase for quick reference to scores of examples of classroom teaching and assessment techniques and ways to students' classroom work in demonstrating departmental and institutional effectiveness." —Trudy W. Banta, author, Designing Effective Assessment

Linda Nilson puts forward an innovative but practical and tested approach to grading—the specifications grading paradigm—which restructures assessments to streamline the grading process and greatly reduce grading time, empower students to choose the level of attainment they want to achieve, reduce antagonism between the evaluator and the evaluated, and increase student receptivity to meaningful feedback, thus facilitating the learning process - all while upholding rigor. In addition, specs grading increases students' motivation to do well by making expectations clear, lowering their stress and giving them agency in determining their course goals. Among the unique characteristics of the schema, all of which simplify faculty decision making, are the elimination of partial credit, the reliance on a one-level grading rubric and the "bundling" of assignments and tests around learning outcomes. Successfully completing more challenging bundles (or modules) earns a student a higher course grade. Specs grading works equally well in small and large class settings and encourages "authentic assessment." Used consistently over time, it can restore credibility to grades by demonstrating and making transparent to all stakeholders the learning outcomes that students achieve.

Evaluation Beyond Exams in Nursing Education

Students Helping Students

The Essential Guide to Writing History Essays

A Handbook

Assessing Student Learning

Science Teaching Reconsidered Concepts and Models for Service Learning in Economics

What is a rubric? A rubric is a coherent set of criteria for student work that describes levels of performance quality. Sounds simple enough, right? Unfortunately, rubrics are commonly misunderstood and misused. The good news is that when rubrics are created and used correctly, they are strong tools that support and enhance classroom instruction and student learning. In this comprehensive guide, author Susan M. Brookhart identifies two essential components of effective rubrics: (1) criteria that relate to the learning (not the “tasks”) that students are to demonstrate and (2) clear descriptions of performance across a continuum of quality. She outlines the difference between various kinds of rubrics (for example, general versus task-specific, and analytic versus holistic), explains when using each type of rubric is appropriate, and highlights examples from all grade levels and assorted content areas. In addition, Brookhart addresses “ Common misconceptions about rubrics: “ Important differences between rubrics and other assessment tools such as checklists and rating scales, and when such alternatives can be used effectively for formative assessment and grading, including standards-based grading and report card grades, intended for educators who are already familiar with rubrics as well as those who are not. This book is a complete resource for writing effective rubrics and for choosing wisely from among the many rubrics that are available on the Internet and from other sources. And it makes the case that rubrics, when used appropriately, can improve outcomes by helping teachers teach and helping students learn.

The book you’re about to read is not only a superb analysis of rubrics but a lesson in how to apply careful thinking to classroom practice. –Alfie Kohn, Author of *The Case Against Standardized Testing* This book will create the conversations educators desperately need about accurate assessment, quality in writing, and informed teaching. –Randy Borner, Author of *For a Better World* The conventional wisdom in English education is that rubrics are the best and easiest tools for assessment. But sometimes it’s better to be unconventional. In *Rethinking Rubrics in Writing Assessment*, Maja Wilson offers a new perspective on rubrics and argues for a better, more responsive way to think about assessing writers’ progress. Though you may sense a disconnect between student-centered teaching and rubric-based assessment, you may still use rubrics for convenience or for want of better alternatives. *Rethinking Rubrics in Writing Assessment* gives you the impetus to make a change, demonstrating how rubrics can hurt kids and replace professional decision making with an inauthentic pigeonholing that stamps standardization onto a notably nonstandard process. With an emphasis on thoughtful planning and teaching, Wilson shows you how to reconsider writing assessment so that it aligns more closely with high-quality instruction and avoids the potentially damaging effects of rubrics. Stop listening to the conventional wisdom, and turn instead to a compelling new voice to find out why rubrics are often replaceable. Open *Rethinking Rubrics in Writing Assessment* and let Maja Wilson start you down the path to more sensitive, authentic style of writing assessment.

This book offers a practical approach to assessing challenging but necessary performance tasks like creative writing, “real-world” research projects, and cooperative group activities. This second edition offers a practical training guide for college students who serve as leaders, tutors, counselors, or advisors for their peers. This thoroughly revised and updated volume contains a fundamental discussion on student growth and development, and provides learning objectives and self-discovery exercises to help student leaders with tasks such as tutoring, student orientation, residence hall advising, crisis intervention, coaching, and more. *Students Helping Students* includes: Updates on the most current research and the latest advances in teaching and learning; A revised model that contains service learning and student retention programs The results of two intervention strategies: the Health Behaviors Assessment and the College Learning Effectiveness Inventory, which focus on the topics of wellness and academic success Descriptive overviews of peer programs addressing sexuality, safety, violence reduction, residence life, online peer connections, and more Praise for the Second Edition of *Students Helping Students* This new work remains the definitive standard in the field. It should be on the bookshelf of every college professional and is an important tool for preparing peer educators for providing service.”—Ernest Pascarella, professor and Mary Louise Petersen Chair in Higher Education, University of Iowa “The second edition of *Students Helping Students* teems with useful material that can be thoughtfully applied by peer helpers. The what, so what, and now what framework reflectively guides the reader to self-discovery and thoughtful practical applications. Being a peer helper is a high-impact learning experience made intentional through the pages of this fine book.”—R. Komives, professor of college student personnel, University of Maryland and president, Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education

Writing, Grade 6

Effective Grading

Grit

The Writing Program Administrator’s Resource

Teaching at Its Best

A Guide to Reflective Institutional Practice

Beyond Rubrics in Teaching and Assessing Writing

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the European Conference on Information Literacy, ECIL 2013, held in Istanbul Turkey, in October 2013. The 73 revised full papers presented together with two keynotes, 9 invited papers and four doctoral papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 236 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on overview and research; policies and strategies; theoretical framework; related concepts; citizenship and digital divide; disadvantaged groups; information literacy for the workplace and daily life; information literacy in Europe; different approaches to information literacy; teaching and learning information literacy; information literacy instruction; assessment of information literacy; information literacy and K-12; information literacy and higher education; information literacy skills of LIS students; librarians, libraries and ethics.

Tells of the assessment strategy called performance assessment. Examines two parts of a performance assessment: tasks and criteria (scoring guides or rubrics). Explores seven effective strategies for using performance criteria as a teaching tool.

Shawn C. Smallman and Kimberley Brown’s popular introductory textbook for undergraduates in international and global studies is now released in a substantially revised and updated third edition. Encompassing the latest scholarship in what has become a markedly interdisciplinary endeavor and an increasingly chosen undergraduate major, the book introduces key concepts, themes, and issues and then examines each in lively chapters on essential topics, including the history of globalization; economic, political, and cultural globalization; security, energy, and development; health; agriculture and food; and the environment. Within these topics the authors explore such diverse and pressing subjects as commodity chains, labor (including present-day slavery), pandemics, human rights, and multinational corporations and the connections among them. This textbook, used successfully in both traditional and online courses, provides the newest and most crucial information needed for understanding our rapidly changing world. New to this edition: *Close to 50% new material *New illustrations, maps, and tables *New and expanded emphases on political and economic globalization and populism; health; climate change, and development *Extensively revised exercises and activities *New resume-writing exercise in careers chapter *Thoroughly revised online teacher’s manual

Grading Strategies for the College Classroom provides insights into managing the supremely complicated task of assigning a simple letter to a semester’s work. It’s a must-read for any faculty member seeking to understand how to use assessment not just to measure performance but also to enhance it, and it delivers some of the most current, innovative ideas for meeting that challenge. It presents new: Thinking about what grades should measure Ideas for developing robust assessment tools Strategies for encouraging students to pursue knowledge instead of grades Ways to ensure that assessments gauge performance and inspire effort A collection of more than 30 articles written by a score of highly accomplished college classroom veterans, *Grading Strategies for the College Classroom* was edited by Maryellen Weimer, Ph.D., author, editor of *The Teaching Professor* newsletter, and award-winning professor emerita of teaching and learning at Penn State Berks. The book’s articles, first published in *The Teaching Professor*, address four critical aspects of the assessment process: grading exams, assessing papers, gauging participation, and engaging students in meaningful conversations about grades. *Grading Exams* The authors present creative solutions for the challenges of grading exams. Articles cover: Alternatives to final exams, including reflective exercises and concept-mapping projects Research showing why cumulative exams may be a better teaching tool than unit exams How-tos for designing, administering, and managing security concerns for online exams Policies that reduce test anxiety and mitigate morale problems *Grading Papers* This material is equally innovative when it comes to the challenges of assigning and assessing papers. Articles present a wealth of high-impact ideas, including: A unique carrot-and-stick method to encourage students to create drafts of papers

Ten practical tips for successfully managing the paper-grading burden A manageable process-driven approach to grading that can be a lifesaver, particularly for new faculty A critical reexamination of the value of rubrics in grading papers Best and worst practices in grading papers Classroom Participation Chapter three focuses on a perennial ambiguous grading area, classroom participation, providing insight into how student perceptions of participation can differ from those of faculty and how to reconcile the two. The authors share strategies for: Creating a participation rubric Helping students appreciate the difference between mere attendance and participation Assessing and grading online participation Reconciling rubrics with student self-assessments Talking with Students about Grades The book’s final section addresses the difficult subject of managing expectations and conversations about students’ grades. This process begins on the first day of class and continues past the final exam. Topics include how to: Answer the question “What will we be graded on?” Handle the “I deserve a better grade on this” conversation Involve students in determining assignment weights and how this impacts performance Deal with students’ growing sense of entitlement The learning “story” that takes place over the course of a semester is rich, complex, and unique to each student. The details of how an individual progresses (or does not) over the term, what skills are developed, and what knowledge is retained could fill a book. And yet in the end, professors are asked to tell the story not in a book, on a page, over a paragraph, or even in a sentence, but in a single letter. Small wonder grading is such a persistent challenge for both new and veteran faculty. The foreword is by Barbara E. Walvoord, Ph.D., professor emerita of the University of Notre Dame and author of several classic books on higher ed assessment and grading, including *Effective Grading: A Tool for Learning and Assessment*

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A Collection of Articles for Faculty

The Power of Passion and Perseverance

“This wonderfully compact introduction to rubrics will serve higher education teachers well [and] when departments or groups of faculty use rubrics as described in this book, they will indeed achieve the ‘academic currency’ sought today in higher education.” -- Amy Driscoll, director of Teaching, Learning and Assessment CSU, Monterey Bay. You need rubrics if:* You find yourself repeating the same comments on most student papers* You worry that you’re grading the latest papers differently from the first* You’re concerned about communicating the complexity of a semester-long assignment* You question the consistency of your and your colleagues’ grading scales * Grading is taking up far too much of your valuable timeResearch shows that rubrics save professors’ time while conveying meaningful and timely feedback for students, and promoting self-regulated and independent learning. The reason rubrics are little used in higher education is that few faculty members have been exposed to their use.At its most basic a rubric is a scoring tool that divides an assignment into its component parts and objectives, and provides a detailed description of what constitutes acceptable and unacceptable levels of performance for each part.Rubrics can be used to grade any assignment or task: research papers, book reviews, participation in discussions, laboratory work, portfolios, oral presentations, group work, and more.This book defines what rubrics are, and how to construct and use them. It provides a complete introduction for anyone starting out to integrate rubrics in their teaching.The authors go on to describe a variety of processes to construct rubrics, including some which involve student participation. They demonstrate how interactive rubrics -- a process involving assessors and the assessed in defining the criteria for an assignment or objective -- can be effective, not only in involving students more actively in their learning, but in establishing consistent standards of assessment at the program, department and campus level. “A valuable resource for the new user in a content discipline and belongs in every faculty developer’s library.” -- Edward Nusifer, Director, Center for Teaching and Learning, Idaho State University

Teaching at Its Best This third edition of the best-selling handbook offers faculty at all levels an essential toolbox of hundreds of practical teaching techniques, formats, classroom activities, and exercises, all of which can be implemented immediately. This thoroughly revised edition includes the newest portrait of the Millennial student; current research from cognitive psychology; a focus on outcomes maps; the latest legal options on copyright issues; and how to best use new technology including wikis, blogs, podcasts, vodcasts, and clickers. Entirely new chapters include subjects such as matching teaching methods with learning outcomes, inquiry-guided learning, and using visuals to teach, and new sections address Felder and Silverman’s Index of Learning Styles, SCALE-UP classrooms, multiple true-false test items, and much more. Praise for the Third Edition of *Teaching at Its Best*Everyone—veterans as well as novices—will profit from reading *Teaching at Its Best* for it provides both theory and practical suggestions for handling all of the problems one encounters in teaching classes varying in size, ability, and motivation.”—Wilbert McKeachie, Department of Psychology, University of Michigan, and coauthor, *McKeachie’s Teaching Tips*This new edition of Dr. Nilson’s book, with its completely updated material and several new topics, is an even more powerful collection of ideas and tools than the last. What a great resource, especially for beginning teachers but also for us veterans!”—L. Dee Fink, author, *Creating Significant Learning Experiences*This third edition of *Teaching at Its Best* is successful at weaving the latest research on teaching and learning into what was already a thorough exploration of each topic. New information on how we learn, how students develop, and innovations in instructional strategies complement the solid foundation established in the first two editions.”—Marilla D. Svinicki, Department of Psychology, The University of Texas, Austin, and coauthor, *McKeachie’s Teaching Tips*

In this instant New York Times bestseller, Angela Duckworth shows anyone striving to succeed that the secret to outstanding achievement is not talent, but a special blend of passion and persistence she calls “grit.” “Inspiration for non-geniuses everywhere” (People). The daughter of a scientist who frequently noted her lack of “genius,” Angela Duckworth is now a celebrated researcher and professor. It was her early eye-opening stints in teaching, business consulting, and neuroscience that led to her hypothesis about what really drives success: not genius, but a unique combination of passion and long-term perseverance. In *Grit*, she takes us into the field to visit cadets struggling through their first days at West Point, teachers working in some of the toughest schools, and young finalists in the National Spelling Bee. She also mines fascinating insights from history and shows what can be gleaned from modern experiments in peak performance. Finally, she shares what she’s learned from interviewing dozens of high achievers—from JP Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon to New Yorker cartoon editor Bob Mankoff to Seattle Seahawks Coach Pete Carroll. “Duckworth’s ideas about the cultivation of tenacity have clearly changed some lives for the better” (The New York Times Book Review). Among *Grit*’s most valuable insights: any effort you make ultimately counts twice toward your goal; grit can be learned, regardless of IQ or circumstances; when it comes to child-rearing, neither a warm embrace nor high standards will work by themselves; how to trigger lifelong interest; the magic of the Hard Thing Rule; and so much more. Winningly personal, insightful, and even life-changing, *Grit* is a book about what goes through your head when you fall down, and how that—not talent or luck—makes all the difference. This is “a fascinating tour of the psychological research on success” (The Wall Street Journal).