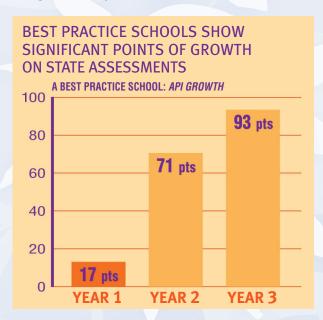
Schools that adopt Best Practices significantly outscore similar schools.



Points of Growth: This Best Practice school had an API (Academic Performance Index) of 410 points. The like-school ranking was 1. After three years of implementing Best Practices, the school's API improved from 410 to 624. The like-school ranking went from a 1 to an 8 (10 being the highest).

Testimonials

"I have grown leaps and bounds as a teacher by implementing the strategies in the Best Practice in Teaching series. Applying the strategies has increased my students' test scores. My students are engaged in lessons and holding onto knowledge longer. My students are working cooperatively and are motivated to learn."

- Sean Howland, 8th grade teacher

"I am in my 29th year of teaching. The most drastic change in my teaching that has resulted from the Best Practice in Teaching Series is in "awareness." I am confident now that the material presented is specific and targeted to students' needs." - Maria Ruiz. 5th Grade teacher

"I have implemented the Vocabulary strategies using the *Rule of Three* daily with my students including my English language learners. The strategies work. My class won a regional spelling contest this year and scored at proficient and advanced levels on state testing for the first time."

- Courtney Lewis, 6th grade teacher

"Using the Stoplight Comprehension Passages daily has accelerated my student achievement in comprehension. The passages have particularly helped my students with expository reading. My English language learners have greatly benefited from the Stoplight strategies and the short narrative and expository selections that "chunk down" information in comprehensible pieces."

- Mary Bennett, 3rd grade teacher

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- Harriet Young, Principal



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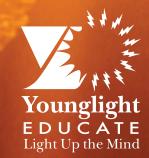
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Best Practices

Curriculum Content
Understand and organize
subject matter

Classroom Structure
Manage and create effective
environments

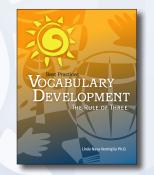
Instructional Planning
Teach to a content standard,
the ABC's of lesson planning

Curriculum Alignment
Alignment of curriculum with
assessment

Ongoing Assessment
Eight-week Benchmark testing

Student Engagement
Engage and support all
students in learning

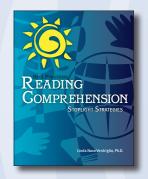
Repertoire of Teaching Incorporate scaffolding structures and multi-modality teaching strategies



Best Practices Interdisciplinary Vocabulary Development *The Rule of Three*

- Vocabulary knowledge has the highest correlation with academic achievement
- (1) 20 minutes or just (2) 10 minute periods of systematic vocabulary development results in accelerated student achievement across subject areas.

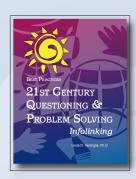
This book outlines the key elements for research-based Best Practice systematic vocabulary development using the *Rule of Three*. It gives teachers the strategies to target critical interdiscilinary words.



Best Practices Reading Comprehension Stoplight Strategies

Thinking and reading are interconnected. Each chapter of the book gives research-based Best Practices for accelerating reading achievement in both text and digital formats. This book prepares teachers to instruct using non-linear formats that develop 21st century thinking skills.

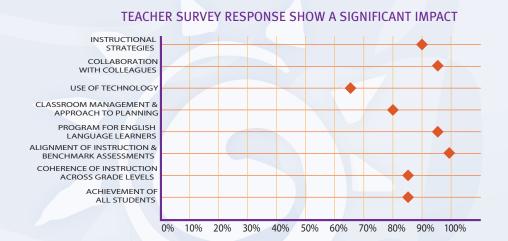
Stoplight Strategies, a research-based Best Practice, is outlined in this book. **Stoplight Strategies** improve reading comprehension on both narrative and expository text.



Best Practices 21st Century Questioning & Problem Solving *Infolinking*

This book takes the teacher step by step through the process of how to ask questions that develop students' critical and creative thinking skills.

The teacher will learn how to design 21st century problem solving that involves a circular rather than a linear process. This process enables students to use the skill of infolinking to connect and integrate information creatively textural and digital formats.



Teacher Survey: These are the results of a Best Practices survey that asked teachers to rate the impact of Best Practices in their classrooms. Teachers who implemented Best Practices for one year or longer commented that Best Practices strategies accelerated student achievement in their classrooms.

How are BEST PRACTICES evaluated in the classroom?

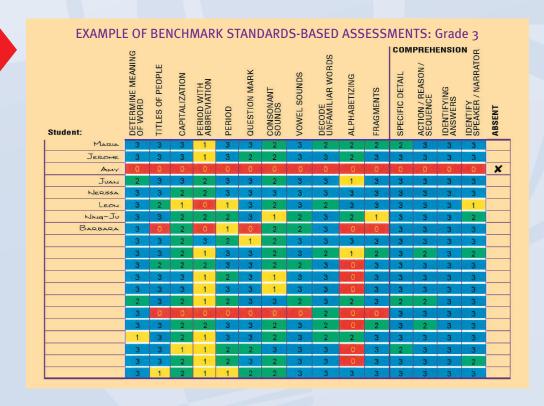
Teachers can self-evaluate student progress using eight-week benchmark assessments. These assessments are based on the state content standards. Benchmarks encourage mastery learning. Skills that are not mastered in the eight-week period are retaught.

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- Blue is mastery
- Green is partial mastery
- •Yellow and Red indicates standards have not been mastered



BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS

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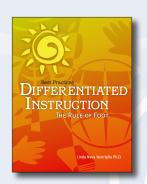
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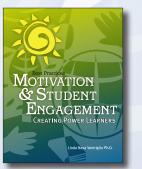


Best Practices Differentiated Instruction *The Rule of Foot*

Research shows that alignment of curriculum and assessment accelerates achievement for students across subject areas and on high stakes testing.

This book gives teachers the strategies to target the standards for accelerated student learning. It explains grouping patterns and benchmark assessments that allow the teacher to target teach and differentiate instruction. Strategic and

aligned instruction is addressed through the three instructional elements of: *Teach, Practice and Apply.* Specific differentiated strategies are addressed for English language learners. Targeted and aligned instruction as addressed in this book accelerates student learning and achievement on High Stakes testing.

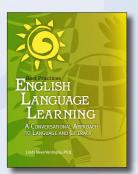


Best Practices Motivation and Student Engagement *Creating Power Learners*

Research studies confirm the fact that students who are engaged in active learning retain knowledge better and achieve at higher levels.

Best Practices for motivation and student engagement are given in this book. Each chapter presents step by step instructions on how to implement student engagement strategies such as *Think-Pair-Share* and *Jigsaw* across the

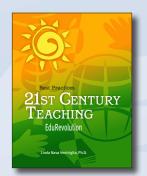
curriculum. There are 100 student engagement strategies that the teacher can use to motivate and engage students in learning. Most importantly, teachers will learn how to use student engagement strategies across subject areas to create self motivated 21st century Power Learners. This is an important resource book for every teacher.



Best Practices English Language Learning A Conversational Approach to Language and Literacy

Research has shown conversation-based learning accelerates English language acquisition across subject areas.

Each chapter in this book gives the teacher research-based Best Practice strategies to bridge English language development to content standards. Student learning is accelerated through strategies that integrate listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. This book has are over 100 Conversation-based activities to accelerate language acquisition.



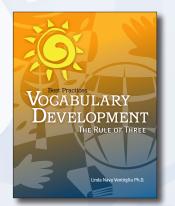
Best Practices 21st Century Teaching *EduRevolution*

21st Century Skills: Will Our Students Be Prepared?

Today's education system faces irrelevance unless we bridge the gap between classroom instruction and how students live and learn in the multifaceted technology driven world of the 21st century. The school system needs no less than an Edu-Revolution. Learn the essential key elements for 21st century learning and the key teaching strategies to transform instruction. This book gives the teacher the background information and the strategies to create the 21st century classroom.

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Interdisciplinary Vocabulary Development Accelerate Word Power Using the Rule of Three

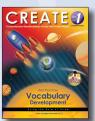
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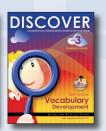
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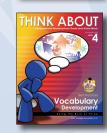
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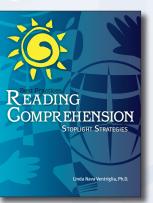
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