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once upon a time children s nonfiction books were stodgy concise and not very kid friendly most were text heavy with just a few scattered images decorating the content and meaning rather than enhancing it over the last 20 years children s nonfiction has evolved into a new breed of visually dynamic and engaging texts in 5 kinds of nonfiction enriching reading and writing instruction with children s books melissa stewart and dr marlene correia present a new way to sort nonfiction into five major categories and show how doing so can help teachers and librarians build stronger readers and writers along the way they introduce the 5 kinds of nonfiction active browseable traditional expository literature and narrative and explore each category through discussions classroom examples and insights from leading children s book authorsoffer tips for building strong diverse classroom texts and library collections provide more than 20 activities to enhance literacy instructioninclude innovative strategies for sharing and celebrating nonfiction with students with more than 150 exemplary nonfiction book recommendations and stewart and correia s extensive knowledge of literacy

instruction 5 kinds of nonfiction will elevate your understanding of nonfiction in ways that speak specifically to the info kids in your classrooms but will inspire all readers and writers

here is what i love about this book it has gobs and gobs of student writing samples with smart and lively explanations of how to use each as the focus of a craft lesson to teach writing the right models of student writing are the best mentor texts a teacher can find and with this book you need look no further breathe fellow writing teachers much needed and wanted help has arrived ruth culham author of traits writingsometimes a student s best teacher is another studentif ever there were a book to respond to the pressure to increase students test scores this is it you see

when writing workshop first blossomed in classrooms its hallmarks were genuine curiosity individual choice quality conversations and engaging children s literature a joyous hum of intention creativity and craft enlivened the school day but today s teachers are often faced with a range of obstacles as new initiatives are embraced mandates handed down and scripted programs purchased sometimes teachers must sacrifice the original principles of writing workshop and lose that joyous hum above and beyond the writing workshop by shelley harwayne is filled with original joyful writing challenges designed to bring back the spirit of the original writing workshop model while encouraging educators to enhance it through invention innovation and inspiration these challenges are meant to generate other lessons and other projects as teachers come to realize that teaching writing is not only possible but perhaps the most important relevant and gratifying part of their instruction shelley invites teachers to keep the groundbreaking spirit alive by taking back their writing workshops finding time for professional conversations trying out new ideas in the company of colleagues encouraging children to be inquisitive outspoken and independent reminding children how fascinating the world is helping students delight in figuring out how things work and then teaching others what they have learned offering children an opportunity to think deeply about their passions and giving one another new things to love showing children that high quality writing can and will make a difference in the world shelley believes children who write what matters to them their experiences their beliefs their observations will find their lives enhanced she seeks to raise activists who by becoming more aware of the world and asking why things are the way they are will be empowered to make it better

there s a strong interest in reading for pleasure or self improvement in america as shown by the popularity of harry potter and book clubs including oprah winfrey s although recent government reports show a decline in recreational reading the

same reports show a strong correlation between interest in reading and academic achievement this set provides a snapshot of the current state of popular american literature including various types and genres the volume presents alphabetically arranged entries on more than 70 diverse literary categories such as cyberpunk fantasy literature flash fiction glbtq literature graphic novels manga and anime and zines each entry is written by an expert contributor and provides a definition of the genre an overview of its history a look at trends and themes a discussion of how the literary form engages contemporary issues a review of the genre's reception a discussion of authors and works and suggestions for further reading sidebars provide fascinating details and the set closes with a selected general bibliography reading in america for pleasure and knowledge continues to be popular even while other media compete for attention while students continue to read many of the standard classics new genres have emerged these have captured the attention of general readers and are also playing a critical role in the language arts classroom this book maps the state of popular literature and reading in america today including the growth of new genres such as cyberpunk zines flash fiction glbtq literature and other topics each entry is written by an expert contributor and provides a definition of the genre an overview of its history a look at trends and themes a discussion of how the literary form engages contemporary issues a review of the genre's critical reception a discussion of authors and works and suggestions for further reading sidebars provide fascinating details and the set closes with a selected general bibliography students will find this book a valuable guide to what they're reading today and will appreciate its illumination of popular culture and contemporary social issues

teach writing skills using the four square method which has been proven to work in classrooms just like yours the four square method can be used with all forms of writing and will fit any reading or language arts program this step by step approach is built around a simple graphic organizer that first shows students how to collect ideas and then helps them use those ideas to create clear and polished prose open ended reproducibles make the technique accessible to writers of all ability ranges it is also great for content area writing

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improve reading instruction in all content areas including difficult content you ll learn what proficient readers do how to capture student interest and how to identify difficulties in reading comprehension throughout the book you ll find several tips along the way to aid you in your quest to help learners become lifelong readers this resource supports the common core state standards 144pp

this is an essential book for everyone who wants to write clearly about any subject and use writing as a means of learning

love it or hate it the five paragraph essay is perhaps the most frequently taught form of writing in classrooms of yesterday and today but have you ever actually seen five paragraph essays outside of school walls have you ever found it in business writing journalism nonfiction or any other genres that exist in the real world kimberly hill campbell and kristi latimer reviewed the research on the effectiveness of the form as a teaching tool and discovered that the research does not support the five paragraph formula in fact research shows that the formula restricts creativity emphasizes structure rather than content does not improve standardized test scores inadequately prepares students for college writing and results in vapid writing in beyond the five paragraph essay kimberly and kristi show you how to reclaim the literary essay and create a program that encourages thoughtful writing in response to literature they provide numerous strategies that stimulate student thinking value unique insight and encourage lively personal writing including the following close reading which is the basis for writing about literature low stakes writing options that support students thinking as they read collaboration in support of discussion debate and organizational structures that support writing as exploration a focus on students writing process as foundational to content development and structure the use of model texts to write in the form of the literature students are reading and analyzing the goal of reading and writing about literature is to push and challenge our students thinking we want students to know that their writing can convey something important a unique view to share defend prove delight discover and inspire if we want our students to be more engaged skilled writers we need to move beyond the five paragraph essay

why take a cognitive strategies approach to helping young readers and writers to think big best practices in reading and writing instruction for students in grades 2 8 reading and writing narrative texts reading and writing informative expository texts reading and writing opinion persuasive interpretive and argumentative texts

when individuals read or listen to prose they try to understand what it means this is quite obvious however the cognitive mechanisms that participate in prose

comprehension are far from obvious even simple stories involve complexities that have stymied many cognitive scientists why is prose comprehension so difficult to study perhaps because comprehension is guided by so many domains of knowledge perhaps because some critical mysteries of prose comprehension reside between the lines in the mind of the comprehender ten years ago very few psychologists were willing to dig beyond the surface of explicit code in their studies of discourse processing tacit knowledge world knowledge inferences and expectations were slippery notions that experimental psychologists managed to circumvent rather than understand in many scientific circles it was taboo to investigate mechanisms and phenomena that are not directly governed by the physical stimulus fortunately times have changed cognitive scientists are now vigorously exploring the puzzles of comprehension that lie beyond the word the study of discourse processing is currently growing at a frenetic pace

in rhyming text pack the packrat sorts his collection of trinkets in a variety of ways

this report focuses on the development of reading proficiency during the transition from adolescence to early adulthood

this textbook follows california language arts standards for grades 9 12 to provide a generalized understanding of composition and to serve as a supplementary aid to high school english teachers

if you re a librarian charged with collecting curriculum materials and children s literature to support the common core state standards then this book the only one that offers explicit advice on collection development in curriculum collections is for you while there are many publications on the common core for school librarians and k 12 educators no such literature exists for curriculum librarians at the post secondary level this book fills that gap standing alone as a guide to collection development for curriculum librarians independent of the common core state standards ccss the book provides instruction and guidance to curriculum librarians who acquire and manage collections so you can develop a collection based on best practices the book begins with a primer on the ccss and how curriculum librarians can support them discussion of the standards is then woven through chapters arranged by content area that share research based practices in curriculum development and instruction to guide you in curriculum selection material types covered include games textbooks children s literature primary sources counseling and nonfiction additional chapters cover the management of curriculum collections testing collections and instruction and reference as well as how to support and collect for special needs learners current practices in

collection development for curriculum materials librarians are also reviewed the book closes with a discussion of the future of curriculum materials

the book addresses the curricular instructional and assessment needs of upper grade elementary teachers who are struggling to promote literacy development in their english language learners these students have already been transitioned yet struggle with the increased literacy demands in the upper grades

this book comprises innovative research on the information behavior of various age groups it also looks at special populations such as ethnic minorities indigenous peoples and users with disabilities the book presents research and reflections on designing systems that help the new generation cope with a complex knowledge society

this collection of standards based lessons will guide middle and high school teachers while teaching the nation s history in a user friendly ready made fashion during a time of standards based instruction beyond the textbook using trade books and databases to teach our nation s history grades 7 12 will fill the gap in today s middle and high school classrooms to simultaneously engage students in effective literacy skill exercises and teach our nation s history authored by three experienced former public school teachers these ready made lesson plans for classroom teachers and school librarians make planning easy for implementation in a social studies history or english classroom the book covers topics from native americans to the louisiana purchase offering evidence based reading strategies throughout that can hold adolescents attention and develop their vocabulary and comprehension each chapter will include bibliographic information suggested grade level information literacy and national social studies standards before during and after reading strategies database integration for classroom use and suggested readalikes users will find the standards and evidenced based research perfectly applicable in today s classrooms

the last half century witnessed an upheaval in scientific investigation of human meaning making and meaning sharing dynamism in metaphor and beyond is offered as a snapshot of the status of this multidisciplinary endeavor a peak under the umbrella of what cognitive linguistics psycholinguistics figurative language studies and related fields have morphed into this volume honors raymond w gibbs who played no small role in this upheaval the themes and insights emerging from the chapters i e among others a need for account integration a new appreciation of the dynamic nature of figurative and all meaning making a need for continued broadening of the communicative techniques in our studied topics greater attention to emotion a deepened appreciation of social

motivations and psychological processes involved etc may guide us in our continued grappling with meaning making and meaning sharing via metaphor through figurative language and via other communicative phenomena associated with them

this book pulls together the experiences of teachers and children in pre school through grade 3 it demonstrates that nonfiction composing is a highly creative process for young children it provides suggestions for writing assignments focused reading and assessment the theme that underlines this book is that joy and creativity are inherently part of nonfiction and non narrative composing with young children

communication in everyday life the basic course edition with public speaking offers an engaging look at the inseparable connection between relationships and communication best selling authors steve duck and david t mcmahan expertly combine theory and application to introduce students to communication fundamentals the book provides a strong foundation in communication concepts theory and research while helping readers master practical communication skills such as listening and critical thinking using technology to communicate understanding nonverbal communication creative persuasive strategies and managing group conflict the third edition includes enhancements to its proven pedagogical features that reflect updates in research cultural and societal changes and emerging issues

volume one of a two volume set outlining and comparing three approaches to the study of language labelled structural functionalist functional grammar fg role and reference grammar rrg and systemic functional grammar sfg

what is special about beyond motivating themes real world issues cultural exposure communicative spirit interactive procedure beyond is all that you need components student s multi skill course book student s composition and grammar course book student s activity cd teacher s guide teacher s audio input cd

packed with enriching ideas for all educators this guide summarizes the key areas of the reading first program to provide a comprehensive understanding of its components

assessing the political dimensions of anthony giddens work from the 1970s to the present this book highlights new directions for politics distinct from his third way kolarz provides an assessment of giddens political relevance and utility for present day political endeavours reflecting on the approach to critical social theory found in his early work notably his theory of structuration and critique of historical

materialism and his consequent utopian realist analysis of late modernity giddens and politics beyond the third way extracts from his work a rationale for global redistributive action as well as an integrative approach to policymaking suggesting that coherence of centre left emancipatory politics requires coordination of policy areas previously thought of as separate

the edited and peer reviewed volume presents selected papers of the conference beyond knowlegde the legacy of competence organized by earli sig learning and instruction with computers in cooperation with sig instructional design it reflects the current state of the art work of scholars worldwide within the area of learning and instruction with computers mainly areas of computer based learning environments supporting competence focused knowledge acquisition but also foundational scientific work are addressed more specific contents cover cognitive processes in hypermedia and multimedia learning social issues in computer supported collaborative learning motivation and emotion in blended learning and e learning

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in this indispensable work prominent authorities review the latest research on all aspects of ell instruction k 12 and identify what works for today s students and schools provided are best practice guidelines for targeting reading writing oral language vocabulary content domain literacies and other core skill areas assessing culturally and linguistically diverse students and building strong school home community partnerships chapters include clear cut recommendations for teaching adolescent ell s and those with learning disabilities the comprehensive scope

explicit linkages from research to practice and guidance for becoming a culturally informed reflective practitioner make the book an ideal course text

your teacher training may have provided sound theory and a collection of instructional techniques but it s often the practical details that can make day to day survival difficult in your first days weeks and years of teaching for new teachers or those just new to the middle school environment here is an invaluable resource from the author of meet me in the middle that will help you walk in the door prepared to teach oriented toward the unique experience of teaching grades 5 through 9 day one and beyond delivers proven best practices along with often humorous observations that provide a window into the middle school environment based on his many years of research and experience in the middle school classroom rick offers frontline advice on practical survival matters such as what to do the first day and week setting up the grade book and other record keeping and what to do if you only have one computer in the classroom classroom management including discipline getting students attention and roving classrooms social issues like the unique nature of middle level students relating to students and positive relations with parents professional concerns from collegiality with teammates to professional resources all middle level teachers should have content and instruction are important but so are the practical matters that enable sound teaching practice day one and beyond shows middle level teachers how to manage the physical and emotional aspects of their unique environment so they can do what they ve been trained to do successfully teach young adolescents

literacy beyond text comprehension aims to systematically investigate how readers interpret reading tasks within a situation and how that interpretation influences reading behavior and comprehension presenting a new model of reading as problem solving resolv the authors describe reading comprehension in terms of how a reader adopts goals within a particular situation that then guide what is read when and how by applying the resolv model to a range of reading situations this book provides evidence to suggest that there is no unitary understanding of a task because individuals bring their own goals and characteristics to the situation as such it demonstrates the importance of understanding how a reader e g student test taker employee completing a work task represents the context and the specific assignment written by internationally recognized learning sciences scholars literacy beyond text comprehension advances the state of the art in reading research but also seeks to inform a broader range of audiences including those interested in the teaching and the assessment of reading

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assessment and much more

teacher candidates seeking certification to become bilingual teachers in texas public schools must take the texes bilingual education supplemental 164 test this rea test guide provides extensive coverage of the exam s four competencies in addition to a thorough review the book features a diagnostic test and full length practice test that deal with every type of question subject area and skill tested on the exam both tests are also available online for timed testing conditions automatic scoring and instant feedback on every question to help teacher candidates zero in on the topics that give them trouble now so they can succeed on test day provided by the publisher

today it is more essential than ever that students develop the knowledge and skills necessary to become college and career ready there is a nationwide focus on the skills and strategies students need in order to be successful at the core are the assessments currently in circulation from the classroom to the test how to improve student achievement on the summative ela assessments is a comprehensive book to help educators of grades 3 8 support students in these efforts it provides information for adjusting instruction to enhance reading comprehension close reading vocabulary development writing and media skills speaking and listening and much more sample test items for each grade level round out this resource

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Decoding DirectX: Understanding and Troubleshooting Microsoft's Graphics API

DirectX is a collection of application programming interfaces (APIs) developed by Microsoft. Crucial for Windows gaming and multimedia applications, understanding DirectX is essential for anyone troubleshooting performance issues, installing games, or delving into game development. This article aims to demystify DirectX, addressing common questions and challenges faced by users and developers alike.

1. What is DirectX and What Does it Do?

DirectX isn't a single program but a suite of APIs that provide a low-level interface between applications and hardware, primarily graphics cards and sound cards. It acts as a translator, allowing game developers to write code that works across different hardware configurations without needing to write separate versions for each graphics card or sound system. Think of it as a bridge connecting your software's instructions to your computer's hardware capabilities. Without DirectX, games and multimedia applications would require significantly more specialized coding and likely wouldn't function on many systems. DirectX handles various aspects of multimedia processing, including:

- 2D and 3D graphics rendering: The core functionality, allowing for the visual presentation of games and applications.
- Audio processing: Managing sound effects and music playback.
- Input handling: Managing input devices like keyboards, mice, and gamepads.
- Networking: Facilitating online multiplayer gaming.

Different versions of DirectX exist, each improving performance and adding new features. Generally, newer versions offer better performance and support for advanced graphics techniques.

2. Identifying Your DirectX Version and Checking for Updates

Knowing your DirectX version is crucial for troubleshooting. To check your DirectX version:

1. Press Windows key + R to open the Run dialog.
2. Type `dxdiag` and press Enter.
3. The DirectX Diagnostic Tool will open. The version number will be displayed prominently on the "System" tab.

Updating DirectX is usually done indirectly through Windows updates. Microsoft generally integrates DirectX

updates into its operating system updates. Therefore, ensuring your Windows is up-to-date is the most effective way to get the latest DirectX version. You should not need to download a separate DirectX installer.

3. Common DirectX-Related Problems and Solutions

Several issues can stem from DirectX problems. Here are some common scenarios and solutions: Problem 1: Game crashes or displays errors related to DirectX.

Solution: This often points to outdated or corrupted DirectX files. First, try updating Windows to ensure you have the latest DirectX version. If that doesn't solve the problem, consider reinstalling the game. In some cases, a clean reinstall of Windows (as a last resort) might be necessary. Check the game's system requirements to ensure your hardware meets the minimum specifications.

Problem 2: Low frame rates or poor graphics performance in games. Solution: While not always directly related to DirectX, outdated drivers for your graphics card can significantly impact performance. Visit the website of your graphics card manufacturer (NVIDIA, AMD, or Intel) and download and install the latest drivers. Also, check your DirectX version; an older version may limit performance. Consider adjusting in-game graphics settings to lower the load on your system. Problem 3: DirectX errors during game installation. Solution: Ensure you have sufficient disk space. Also, temporarily disable any antivirus or firewall software that might be interfering with the installation process. If the problem persists, try downloading the game from a different source or contacting the game's support team.

4. DirectX and Game Development

For game developers, DirectX is a powerful tool. It offers low-level control over hardware, enabling highly optimized and visually stunning games. However, working with DirectX requires a strong understanding of computer graphics programming concepts and the specific DirectX APIs. Resources like Microsoft's DirectX documentation and various online tutorials are invaluable for aspiring game developers. The learning curve is steep, but the rewards - the ability to create high-performance games - are significant.

5. Summary

DirectX is a foundational component of the Windows gaming and multimedia ecosystem. Understanding its role, troubleshooting common problems, and

keeping your system updated are crucial for a smooth and enjoyable experience. While directly updating DirectX itself is typically unnecessary, ensuring your Windows is updated and your graphics drivers are current will generally resolve most DirectX-related issues. For game developers, DirectX provides unparalleled control and efficiency in creating high-performance applications.

FAQs:

1. Can I run DirectX on a non-Windows operating system? No, DirectX is exclusively for Windows. Other operating systems have their own graphics APIs (e.g., Vulkan, Metal). 2. Is DirectX the only graphics API? No. While dominant on Windows, other APIs like Vulkan and OpenGL exist, offering different features and approaches to graphics programming. 3. What are the different versions of DirectX, and do they matter? DirectX versions range from DirectX 1 to DirectX 12. Newer versions often offer performance improvements and support for newer graphics features. Games often specify the minimum DirectX version they require. 4. Can I uninstall DirectX? DirectX is deeply integrated into Windows. Attempting to uninstall it is generally not recommended and could destabilize your system. 5. My game says it requires a specific DirectX version, but I have a newer one. What should I do? This is usually not a problem. Newer versions are typically backward compatible. However, if you experience issues, try checking your graphics driver updates or reinstalling the game.

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