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Intended to serve as a resource for the many and varied groups concerned with improving students' reading proficiencies, this report from the Nation's Report Card provides a long-term perspective on students' reading skills and strategies based on a series of five national assessments conducted from 1971 to 1988. Each chapter of the report provides a different perspective on trends in students' reading abilities. The first chapter describes changes in the average reading performance of 9-, 13-, and 17-year-olds across the five reading trend assessments conducted by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) between 1971 and 1988. The second chapter defines levels of reading proficiency and presents the percentages of students attaining these successive levels in each assessment. The third chapter summarizes trends in students' responses to questions on their reading instruction and experiences and investigates the relationships between these background factors and reading proficiency. Overall, the findings described in the report reveal generally positive but subtle changes in reading performance at the national level since 1971: (1) nine-year-olds assessed in 1988 read significantly better than their counterparts assessed in 1971, but this progress was made in the 1970s; (2) thirteen-year-olds' reading achievement has fluctuated slightly over the years; and (3) seventeen-year-old students assessed in 1988 read significantly better than their counterparts assessed in either 1971 or 1975. A procedural appendix and an appendix of data are attached. (RS)

Based on an established program, this is the definitive book on peer evaluation for administrators!

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Based on two national assessments of the writing proficiency of representative samples of students in grades 4, 8, and 11 conducted during the school years ending in 1984 and 1988, this report assesses the informative, persuasive, and imaginative writing performance of the nation's students and tracks changes in performance over time. The first three chapters of the report describe student performance on the informative, persuasive, and imaginative writing tasks included in the writing trend assessments, based on the results of the primary trait and holistic analyses. The fourth chapter summarizes trends in average task accomplishment for the nation and various demographic subpopulations. In the fifth chapter, trends in students' grammar, punctuation, and spelling are discussed. The sixth chapter discusses factors that appear to be related to writing performance, such as students' instructional experiences and home environment. The report concludes that despite some progress on some tasks, students' writing performance across tasks remains low and has changed little across time. The report also finds that the extent to which students at all grade levels value writing, use it in their own lives, and engage in writing process activities remains quite limited. (A procedural appendix and an appendix of data are attached.) (RS)

The Building Construction Inspector II Passbook(R) prepares you for your test by allowing you to take practice exams in the subjects you need to study. It provides hundreds of questions and answers in the areas that will likely be covered on your upcoming exam, including but not limited to: principles and practices of building construction; building construction materials and standards, and their applications; drawings, specifications and contract documents; inspection and supervision of building construction projects; supervision; and more.

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"...this substantial and engaging text offers a wealth of practical (in every sense of the word) advice...Every undergraduate laboratory, and, ideally, every undergraduate chemist, should have a copy of what is by some distance the best book I have seen on safety in the undergraduate laboratory." *Chemistry World*, March 2011

**Laboratory Safety for Chemistry Students** is uniquely designed to accompany students throughout their four-year undergraduate education and beyond, progressively teaching them the skills and knowledge they need to learn their science and stay safe while working in any lab. This new principles-based approach treats lab safety as a distinct, essential discipline of chemistry, enabling you to instill and sustain a culture of safety among students. As students progress through the text, they'll learn about laboratory and chemical hazards, about routes of exposure, about ways to manage these hazards, and about handling common laboratory emergencies. Most importantly, they'll learn that it is very possible to safely use hazardous chemicals in the laboratory by applying safety principles that prevent and minimize exposures.

**Continuously Reinforces and Builds Safety Knowledge and Safety Culture**

Each of the book's eight chapters is organized into three tiers of sections, with a variety of topics suited to beginning, intermediate, and advanced course levels. This enables your students to gather relevant safety information as they advance in their lab work. In some cases, individual topics are presented more than once, progressively building knowledge with new information that's appropriate at different levels. A Better, Easier

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Way to Teach and Learn Lab Safety We all know that safety is of the utmost importance; however, instructors continue to struggle with finding ways to incorporate safety into their curricula. Laboratory Safety for Chemistry Students is the ideal solution: Each section can be treated as a pre-lab assignment, enabling you to easily incorporate lab safety into all your lab courses without building in additional teaching time. Sections begin with a preview, a quote, and a brief description of a laboratory incident that illustrates the importance of the topic. References at the end of each section guide your students to the latest print and web resources. Students will also find “Chemical Connections” that illustrate how chemical principles apply to laboratory safety and “Special Topics” that amplify certain sections by exploring additional, relevant safety issues. Visit the companion site at

<http://userpages.wittenberg.edu/dfinster/LSCS/>.

Peterson's Two-Year Colleges 2011 includes information on nearly 2,000 accredited two-year undergraduate institutions in the United States and Canada, as well as some international schools. It also includes scores of detailed two-page descriptions written by admissions personnel. College-bound students and their parents can research two-year colleges and universities for information on campus setting, enrollment, majors, expenses, student-faculty ratio, application deadline, and contact information. **SELLING POINTS:** Helpful articles on what you need to know about two-year colleges: advice on transferring and returning to school for adult students; how to survive standardized tests; what

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international students need to know about admission to U.S. colleges; and how to manage paying for college

State-by-state summary table allows comparison of institutions by a variety of characteristics, including enrollment, application requirements, types of financial aid available, and numbers of sports and majors offered

Informative data profiles for nearly 2,000 institutions, listed alphabetically by state (and followed by other countries) with facts and figures on majors, academic programs, student life, standardized tests, financial aid, and applying and contact information

Exclusive two-page in-depth descriptions written by college administrators for Peterson's Indexes offering valuable information on associate degree programs at two-year colleges and four-year colleges—easy to search alphabetically

This book examines three Title I, year-round, or modified calendar schools that switched from a traditional to a modified schedule in order to meet the academic needs of the students.

Provides biographical information, including career information and addresses, for notable Asian Americans in all fields of endeavour. The entries were selected on the basis of prominence in their fields or civic responsibility.

Your students and users will find biographical information on approximately 300 modern writers in this volume of Contemporary Authors(R).

This laboratory based text centres itself around decision-making activities, where students apply their chemistry knowledge to realistic situations. This fifth edition includes more photographs, new drawings and new design.

Adventures of Charter School Creators takes the reader

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inside the world of individual educational entrepreneurs who have created charter schools from scratch and lived to tell about it. Drawn from examples across the country, individuals (and a few teams) tell their stories of the victories they enjoyed and the defeats they overcame to create their schools. They include an Episcopal priest working in the Pico-Union community of Los Angeles, a corporate attorney in Miami, a manpower training specialist in East Saint Louis, the chief financial officer of a major African American church in New York City, a retired military officer in North Carolina, as well as experienced school teachers and administrators. From these stories Deal and Hentschke extract and examine the issues of school leadership that are peculiar to those school leaders who have chosen to create schools from scratch. This book: Examines entrepreneurial leadership as a concrete manifestation of school leadership. Sheds light on the concrete differences between leadership in relatively autonomous start-up charters and the relatively dependent traditional schools. Anchors charter school leadership within the context of general (non-education) leadership and distinguishes it from what is typically associated with school leadership today. It describes: The general forces in society which are pushing public K-12 education into market-based initiatives. The general leadership issues of any break-away or start-up enterprise. Will be of interest to all educators. This professionally challenging volume--focusing on the performance and status of Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants (COTAs)--serves as a basis for reexamination and redefinition of the relationship between occupational therapists and assistants. Experts offer constructive possibilities for resolving some of the ongoing conflicts about the appropriate functions and education of COTAs and promote examination of the appropriate levels of function and education for the occupational therapist. The selected topics,

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chosen for their value and relevance to all occupational therapists--OTRs, COTAs, clinicians, and academicians--address the administrative issues regarding efficient use of COTAs and opportunities for their career development and job satisfaction; models of COTA practice described by COTAs who developed and implemented them within the framework of their jobs; and issues of concern to COTAs primarily as expressed by COTAs, with proposals and strategies for their resolution.

This classroom-tested textbook is an introduction to probability theory, with the right balance between mathematical precision, probabilistic intuition, and concrete applications. Introduction to Probability covers the material precisely, while avoiding excessive technical details. After introducing the basic vocabulary of randomness, including events, probabilities, and random variables, the text offers the reader a first glimpse of the major theorems of the subject: the law of large numbers and the central limit theorem. The important probability distributions are introduced organically as they arise from applications. The discrete and continuous sides of probability are treated together to emphasize their similarities. Intended for students with a calculus background, the text teaches not only the nuts and bolts of probability theory and how to solve specific problems, but also why the methods of solution work.

This is a book about educational leadership. It tells the stories of 7 educational leaders who made the

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difficult decision to change their school to public charter school status. Several of the stories are told by those leaders themselves. Their journeys span over 25 years in many cases. The authors also conducted follow-up interviews, dialogues, and investigations to investigate the keys to their sustained success over time. These leaders all possessed an unwavering commitment to their school communities and maintained unusual dedication to their stakeholders.

What it really means to “read closely” Call it close reading, call it deep reading, call it analytic reading—call it what you like. The point is, it’s a level of understanding that students of any age can achieve with the right kind of instruction. In *Rigorous Reading*, Nancy Frey and Doug Fisher articulate an instructional plan so clearly, and so squarely built on research, that teachers, schools, and districts need look no further: *Purpose & Modeling Close & Scaffolded Reading Instruction Collaborative Conversations An Independent Reading Staircase Performance*

This report summarizes findings from two national surveys of U.S. civics achievement conducted by the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Part 1 reports on a trend assessment of approximately 56,000 students at ages 13 and 17, carried out during the 1975-76, 1981-82, and 1987-88 school years. Chapter 1 summarizes national trends, trends

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for demographic subpopulations, trends in students' ability to define democracy, and trends in students' ability to identify the value of multiple newspaper publishers. Part 2 reports on patterns of achievement of fourth-, eighth-, and twelfth-grade students in 1988. Chapter 2 summarizes the levels of civics proficiency across the grades. Chapter 3 compares civics proficiency across subpopulations defined by gender, race/ethnicity, region, and other characteristics. Chapter 4 explores students' performance in specific content areas such as: democratic principles and the purpose of government; political processes; and rights, responsibilities, and the law. Chapter 5 describes the amount of instruction students reported receiving in civics, while chapter 6 discusses the topics studied and the instructional approaches used in these classes. Appendices contain procedural information and tables of statistical data that supplement the information in the text. (JB)

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