

Preface

My goal of helping teachers benefit from each others' great ideas has remained the same for over a decade. Like its successful prequel *Best Practices for High School Classrooms*, this new collection of *MORE Best Practices* is a unique resource, providing high school teachers with exemplary teaching practices from award-winning colleagues across the country. These are the teachers we read about in journals and magazines, the teachers who win grants, fellowships, and contests; they are the recipients of awards from Time Warner Cable, NCTE, the U.S. and state Departments of Education, the Milken Foundation, NSTA, ASCD, and the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation, among many others.

There is endless information out there and it can take hours to find just what you are seeking. This book makes it easy to find what you need. Within the four parts (Classroom Practices Across the Curriculum; Teaching Science and Math; Teaching Language Arts and Social Studies; and Teaching Music, Art, and Physical Education) are chapters with such varied titles as “Nine Co-Teaching Tips from Two Co-Teaching Gurus,” “Video Analysis Unlocks the Physics World,” “Parabolic Solar Cooker,” “Take Me Out to the Ball Game: Building Sentence Sense Without Teaching Grammar,” “Navigating *Spoon River* While Putting Your Students in the Spotlight,” “Economics in My Hometown,” and “Creating Correct Vowels for Singing.”

I hope you enjoy each submission with the same enthusiasm and excitement that I did as I chose these innovative lessons from among the many offered by the generous secondary educators who responded to the invitation to contribute to this new volume. Who wouldn't enjoy “poking their nose” into classrooms like these?