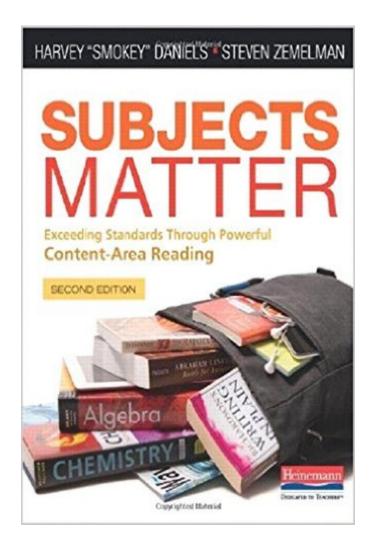
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# Subjects Matter, Second Edition: Exceeding Standards Through Powerful Content-Area Reading





## Synopsis

"To help every kid fall in love with at least one field of knowledge, our students must encounter our fields' most galvanizing, tantalizing, and pivotal documents. This book is about making those encounters as compelling as we can make them." -Harvey "Smokey" Daniels and Steven Zemelman We are specialists to the bone-in science, math, social studies, art, music, business, and foreign language. But now, the Common Core and state standards require us to help our students better understand the distinctive texts in our subject areas. "Nobody's making us into reading teachers," write Smokey Daniels and Steve Zemelman, "but we must become teachers of disciplinary thinking through our students' reading." If this shift sounds like a tough one, Subjects Matter, Second Edition is your solution. Smokey and Steve, two of America's most popular educators, share exactly what you need to help students read your nonfiction content closely and strategically: 27 proven teaching strategies that help meet-and exceed-the standards how-to suggestions for engaging kids with content through wide, real-world reading a lively look at using "boring" textbooks motivating instruction that's powered by student collaboration specifics for helping struggling readers succeed. Subjects Matter, Second Edition enables deep, thoughtful learning for your students, while keeping the irreverent, inspiring heart that's made the first edition indispensable. You'll discover fresh and re-energized lessons, completely updated research, and vibrant vignettes from new colleagues and old friends who have as much passion for their subjects as you do. "We'll be using methods particular to our fields as well as engaging reading materials that help students understand and remember our content better," write Smokey and Steve. "We can realize that vision of the light going on in kids' heads and maybe fill them with enthusiasm about the amazing subject matter that we have to offer. Sound good? Let's get to work." Read a sample chapter from Subjects Matter, Second Edition.

#### **Book Information**

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I appreciated both the support and criticism given to various components of the Common Core. The authors seem to move around and through the modern political fashion just fine as they present concrete examples of the functional teaching of reading. The folksy style makes the book accessible, and many see it as a strength. I prefer just a bit more formality. Some of the "research" used to support the techniques refers to educator blog posts, but much of it does appear to be authentic educational research of varying quality. The techniques do have strong anecdotal support. In a sentence: The two authors do appear to know their business, and communicate it succinctly and accessibly.

This book is an absolute must read for any non-English teacher in high school- although it would serve as a good reminder to ela teachers as well. I could absolutely see this book being approached as a PLC book study for groups trying to close the achievement gap in the area of secondary literacy- so many explicit strategies that could help a school building or department get traction towards reaching their goals.

This book was easy to read and follow. It presents several ideas for introducing literacy in classrooms across the cirriculum in schools. It explains what each idea is and how to use it in the classroom.

Recommend for all you teachers out there. Most of the stuff is really obvious, but it is handy to have so many options for classroom activities written down in one spot. Good resource.

Entertaining and informative. Not quite what I was hoping for however in terms of readily accessible strategies, but a great addition to any professional development library.

Great teaching book! Lots of good teaching strategies for incorporating literacy

Great changes to this new edition. I'm glad I got this latest edition.

#### Awesome information in this book to help me become a better teacher!

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