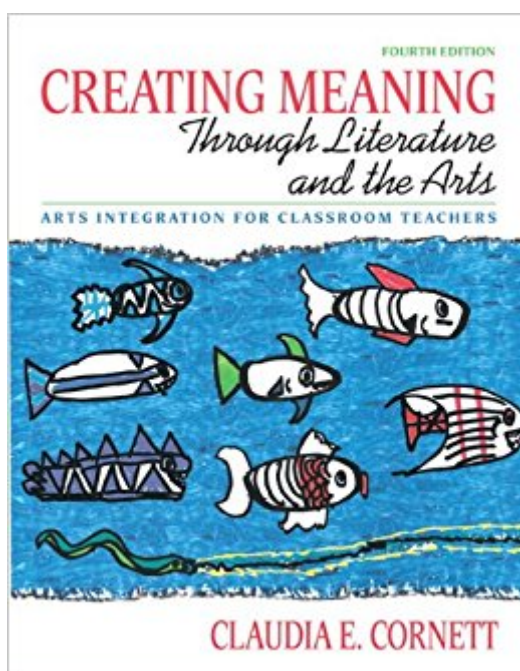


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# Creating Meaning Through Literature And The Arts: Arts Integration For Classroom Teachers (4th Edition)



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*Creating Meaning through Literature and the Arts: Arts Integration in the Elementary Curriculum* is a watershed of knowledge, strategies and resources for any educator, wishing to know and understand what arts integration is all about. I like the fact that the book is designed to assist the reader in developing his/her own teaching practice of arts integration into the curriculum at a very

high level. This book reminded me of the things I have come to know through the experience of 39 years as an artist educator, but more over, it has made clearer the powerful humanizing effect of the arts on subject matter and the teaching and learning process. This book will certainly bring you up to speed and prepare you to take control of your own professional development and teaching in the area of arts integration. It will as well lay a foundation and the groundwork for developing an art infused curriculum that draws students to wanting to know from a stance of intrinsic motivation, (What is it being taught?). This book is the holy grail, no other arts integration book I have read, commands the respect of the subject and those affected by it.

I was so excited to get this book when it arrived because I looked forward to the video examples provided by MyEducationLab. I spent \$100 in total to get it. To my great disappointment Pearson informed me even tho I have a brand new purchased book and access code I must be registered in a college class to see any of these video clips of the demonstrations. Don't know if I can get the access purchase price back. But the issue is more I wanted to see the arts-based literacy in action. Very very disappointed...

There was more highlighting than the seller described but it's OK. I'm sure I'll be highlighting too!

This book offered many great ideas for integrating art into the classroom. The lessons and ideas in this book can be easily transferred to areas outside of the classroom. The ideas focus on the aspects of art and how integrating different forms of it can help engage children. The book is easily readable and easy to understand.

I would recommend this product to all education majors. This book helps to open your eyes and mind to integrating the arts into everyday subjects. Since the arts are the first thing to get cut when there are budget cuts, it is important for us to still implement into our classrooms.

Pretty good book for learning Arts Integration if you are studying to be an Elementary school teacher as myself. The reading of the chapters are long and at times are redundant. Overall though, good resource. Thanks!

This book is a really good book for ideas on how to incorporate the arts into curriculum. I had no issues with the provider. They got it to me on time and it was in the condition they said it would be

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