

The Center For Learning Odyssey Answers

It has quickly become apparent in the past year that online learning is not only an asset, but critical to the continued education of youth during times of crisis. However, districts and schools across the nation are in need of guidance and practical, research-backed approaches to distance and hybrid learning. The current COVID-19 crisis has demonstrated that effective learning in K-12 is possible, but many districts struggled and continue to struggle in achieving that reality. There is also the growing consensus that even if things “return to normal,” distance and blended learning strategies should continue to be employed in many ways across the K-12 environment. *Designing Effective Distance and Blended Learning Environments in K-12* provides key insights into the ways that school districts and educators from across the world have effectively designed and implemented distance and blended learning approaches to enable and enhance student learning. The diverse collection of authors from various demographics and roles in school systems will benefit readers across a wide spectrum of school community stakeholders. There will also be an emphasis on how research and theory is put into practice, along with an honest discussion of what strategies and actions were successful as well as those that were less so. This book is intended for professionals and researchers working in the field of K-12 education, particularly superintendents, curriculum developers, professional learning designers, school principals, instructional technology specialists, and teachers, as well as administrators, researchers, academicians, and students interested in the effective practices being used in blended learning approaches.

Brought to you by a team of experienced practitioners in the field, this book examines the various

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topic of library support for distributed learning, providing both historical and contemporary viewpoints. • Ten librarians with current, in-the-field experience bring their knowledge to each chapter • Provides a complete chronological time line of distributed learning • Illustrations clarify key topics such as copyright

The Odyssey of Burt High School By: Dr. Joe Ann Burgess Burt High School takes center stage on an inspiring journey to literacy as blacks in small town Clarksville, TN struggle for the privilege to attain an education and to have equal access to facilities and equipment provided by the State. Interviews with teachers and students will remind readers or let them see for the first time the difficulties African Americans faced across the South as they fought to gain their right to public education and as they strove toward an integrated, unified system of education. The Odyssey of Burt High School is a celebration of the many teachers and others who took great interest in the educational welfare of students and their lives. Many BHS graduates led successful careers in medicine, business, athletics, the military, and more.

A teacher's ability to manage the classroom strongly influences the quality of teaching and learning that can be accomplished. Among the most pressing concerns for inexperienced teachers is classroom management, a concern of equal importance to the general public in light of behavior problems and breakdowns in discipline that grab newspaper headlines. But classroom management is not just about problems and what to do when things go wrong and chaos erupts. It's about how to run a classroom so as to elicit the best from even the most courteous group of students. An array of skills is needed to produce such a learning environment. The SAGE Encyclopedia of Classroom Management raises issues and introduces evidence-based, real-world strategies for creating and maintaining well-managed classrooms where learning thrives. Stud

studying to become teachers will need to develop their own classroom management strategies consistent with their own philosophies of teaching and learning. It is hoped that this work will open their eyes to the range of issues and the array of skills they might integrate into their own teaching styles. Key Features: 325 signed entries organized in A-to-Z fashion across two volumes Reader's Guide grouping related entries thematically References/Further Readings and Cross-References sections Chronology in the back matter Resource Guide in the appendix This encyclopedia is an excellent scholarly source for students who are pursuing a degree or position in the field of education. The SAGE Encyclopedia of Classroom Management is an ideal source for all academic and public libraries.

Curriculum Unit

Book 1 of The Odyssey Expedition

Digital Solidarity in Education

Cumulative List of Organizations Described in Section 170 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954

Instead of Education

What's So Great About Art, Anyway?

Foster Care Odyssey: A Black Girl's Story

Lead students through powerful learning experiences with Reinventing Project-Based Learning, a guide for educators, administrators and professional development specialists who want to make the shift to a more student-driven learning model. Explore proven strategies for overcoming

the limitations of the traditional classroom, including a wealth of technology tools for inquiry, collaboration and global connection to support this new vision of instructional design.

An Odyssey in Learning and Perception documents a fifty-year intellectual expedition in the areas of learning and perception - always with an eye to combining them in a theory of perceptual learning and development, a theory that may be broadly applicable to humans and nonhumans, young and old.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER • At last, a book that shows you how to build—design—a life you can thrive in, at any age or stage Designers create worlds and solve problems using design thinking. Look around your office or home—at the tablet or smartphone you may be holding or the chair you are sitting in. Everything in our lives was designed by someone. And every design starts with a problem that a designer or team of designers seeks to solve. In this book, Bill Burnett and Dave Evans show us how design thinking can help us create a life that is both meaningful and fulfilling, regardless of who or where we are, what we do or have done for a living, or how young or old we are. The same design thinking responsible for amazing technology, products, and spaces can be used to design and

build your career and your life, a life of fulfillment and joy, constantly creative and productive, one that always holds the possibility of surprise. WHEN YOU'RE IN THE DEATH BUSINESS, EACH DAWN COULD BE YOUR LAST. Raw, straightforward, and powerful, Ed Kugler's account of his two years as a Marine scout-sniper in Vietnam vividly captures his experiences there--the good, the bad, and the ugly. After enlisting in the Marines at seventeen, then being wounded in Santo Domingo during the Dominican crisis, Kugler arrived in Vietnam in early 1966. As a new sniper with the 4th Marines, Kugler picked up bush skills while attached to 3d Force Recon Company, and then joined the grunts. To take advantage of that experience, he formed the Rogues, a five-sniper team that hunted in the Co Bi-Tham Tan Valley for VC and NVA. His descriptions of long, tense waits, sudden deadly action, and NVA countersniper ambushes are fascinating. In DEAD CENTER, Kugler demonstrates the importance to a sniper of patience, marksmanship, bush skills, and guts--while underscoring exactly what a country demands of its youth when it sends them to war.

The Odyssey of One Autistic Adult

The Evolution of Education of a Small Black High School in a Small Southern Town

The Odyssey of Burt High School

Designing Your Life

Freedom in My Heart

90 Devotions for Kids

The Eight-year Odyssey of a Waldorf Teacher and His Class

An encyclopedia designed especially to meet the needs of elementary, junior high, and senior high school students.

AN ADVANCED LIFESPAN ODYSSEY FOR COUNSELING PROFESSIONALS, 1st Edition,

aligns precisely with CACREP standards for counselor training programs at the Master's level.

Rigorous yet accessible to students with a variety of educational backgrounds, this practical

new text provides comprehensive descriptions of more than 30 major developmental theories

and perspectives -- with a focus on developmental issues encountered by counseling

professionals along with strategies and techniques to deal with them. Cross-cultural variations

and implications are discussed throughout the book, and each chapter presents case studies

and current issues that further anchor the material in the real world. Reflections from parents

and current practitioners enhance the emphasis on application, giving students ideas for how

to integrate theories and other information into real-life practice. Important Notice: Media

content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in

the ebook version.

Holt's most direct and radical challenge to the educational status quo and a clarion call to parents to save their children from schools of all kinds.

Digital Solidarity in Education is a book for educators, scholars, and students interested in better understanding both the role technology can play in schools and its potential for strengthening communities, optimizing the effects of globalization, and increasing educational access. The digital solidarity movement prioritizes the engagement and mobilization of students from diverse racial, ethnic, linguistic, and economic backgrounds, and with giftedness and/or disabilities, to utilize and apply technologies. This powerful book introduces innovative technological programs including virtual schools, e-tutoring, and interactive online communities for K-12 students that can: • increase students' knowledge and understanding of advanced concepts while reinforcing their basic skills; • reinforce students' communication in their first language while introducing second and third language possibilities; • nurture students' capabilities to think analytically, while using creative and innovative ideas to think simultaneously "outside of the box." The experienced author team shows how collaborative partners from the private sector can assist public school systems and educators in creating access for all students to technological innovations, with a goal of increasing individual opportunities for future college and career success. Combining theoretical scholarship and research with the personal perspectives of practitioners in the field, this volume shares with readers both the nuts and bolts of using technology in education, and the importance of doing so.

Focus Math

Educating Deaf Learners

Creating a Global Evidence Base

The SAGE Encyclopedia of Classroom Management

Ronde chantée par le Régiment de Poitou, en garnison à S. Brieuç et Lamballe, à la halte qui a été donnée aux deux bataillons par les officiers du régiment, à la réunion de leur promenade militaire du 6 septembre 1790

Learning the Hidden Curriculum

A Marine Sniper's Two-Year Odyssey in the Vietnam War

Ultimately, the book is an invitation—and a challenge—for faculty, administrators, and student life staff to move relationships from the periphery to the center of undergraduate education.

As research continues on the earliest migration of modern humans into North and South America, the current state of knowledge about these first Americans is continually evolving. Especially with recent advances in human genomic studies, both of living populations and ancient skeletal remains, new light is being shed in the ongoing quest toward understanding the full complexity and timing of prehistoric migration patterns.

Paleoamerican Odyssey collects thirty-one studies presented at the 2013 conference by the same name, hosted in Santa Fe, New Mexico, by the Center for the Study of the First Americans at Texas A&M University. Providing an up-to-date view of the

current state of knowledge in paleoamerican studies, the research gathered in this volume, presented by leaders in the field, focuses especially on late Pleistocene Northeast Asia, Beringia, and North and South America, as well as dispersal routes, molecular genetics, and Clovis and pre-Clovis archaeology.

Fixed-term technology based intervention program designed to to provide a full year of specialized instruction for students who are not prepared for Algebra 1 by the 8th grade.

This book provides consultants with a career framework to build, grow, and transform their consulting businesses by becoming brilliant at the basics. The Odyssey process challenges current thinking and offers a methodology to help readers rise to the top of the profession by applying leading-edge techniques and methodologies. An ideal companion to the Odyssey Consulting Institute's suite of learning materials, this book details a proven system designed for consultants who want to work at the highest levels and achieve greater rewards. The consultant's growth path outlined in the book demonstrates how a successful consultant builds a sustainable career by working through the

Odyssey process. Explaining what consultants must do to join the top 10 percent of the profession and be rewarded accordingly, this book delivers both the tools and the confidence to develop powerful relationships with the right people and drive greater value-based revenue.

How to Build a Well-Lived, Joyful Life

Promoting Equity, Diversity, and Academic Excellence through Innovative Instructional Programs

Designing Effective Distance and Blended Learning Environments in K-12

Handbook of Field Experiments

Unstuck

Deaf People and Society

Abandoned by her teenage mother in 1954 to a overwhelmingly white charity organization so begins Theresa's life as a 'ward of the state' of New York. She shares the heartbreaking struggle to survive in a foster care system where children's welfare often seemed the lowest priority.

Good ideas, the best intentions, and a stirring vision aren't enough to effect change in schools. Unstuck offers a road map to help schools change from the

inside out instead of the top down. Inside-out approaches are designed to encourage schools to become more innovative and entrepreneurial, finding better ways to help students learn and pursue their own intellectual passions and talents—while also maintaining a healthy skepticism and reliance on data to make sure new approaches and ideas are working. This process involves seven steps: starting with moral purpose, unleashing curiosity, building on bright spots, peer coaching toward precision, leading from the inside out, and moving the goal posts. This book's tips, real-life examples, and next steps will help leaders get from where they are now to where they want to be.

Captures the complete experience of American slavery, as well as the contributions of slaves and their descendants, in a beautifully illustrated volume that brings together artifacts, images, and documents from the United States National Slavery Museum, accompanied by commentary and reminiscences of slaves and their descendants. 15,000 first printing.

Designed as a guide for practitioners, this book draws on over 600 sources to discuss school restructuring definitions, trends, and issues; achievements of a few select schools; and implementation techniques and strategies. Two overarching, indirectly stated issues pervading the reconceptualization of schooling are multiculturalism and a caring school staff. The book is organized

into four parts. Part 1, Rationale and Context, presents a historical context for restructuring and a summary of the current motivations for, and implications of, educational restructuring. Part 2, Changing Roles and Responsibilities, examines the evolution of new roles for essentially all the groups that participate in public education. Part 3, Dimensions of Restructuring, explores the concepts of incremental and discontinuous change and extensively discusses current school restructuring activities along 12 dimensions: learner outcomes, curriculum, instruction, assessment, learning environment, technology, school-community relations, time schedules, governance, teacher leadership, personnel definitions and roles, and working relationships. Part 4, Process of Restructuring, captures the lessons being learned about the restructuring process and presents examples of strategies and techniques. (Contains over 600 references.) (MLH)

Teaching the Classics

Reinventing Project-Based Learning

Proceedings of the 2014 3rd International Conference on Innovation,
Communication and Engineering (ICICE 2014), Guiyang, Guizhou, P.R. China,
October 17-22, 2014

An Odyssey in Learning and Perception

Distributed Learning and Virtual Librarianship

The Power of a Plant

Paleoamerican Odyssey

Deaf People and Society incorporates multiple perspectives related to the topics of psychology, education, and sociology, including the viewpoints of deaf adults themselves. In doing so, it considers the implications of what it means to be deaf or hard of hearing and how deaf adults' lives are impacted by decisions that professionals make, whether in the clinic, the school, or when working with family. This second edition has been thoroughly revised and offers current perspectives on the following topics: Etiologies of deafness and the identification process The role of auditory access Cognition, language, communication, and literacy Bilingual, bilingual/bimodal, and monolingual approaches to language learning Educational, legal, and placement aspects Childhood psychological issues Psychological and sociological viewpoints of deaf adults The criminal justice system and deaf people Psychodynamics of interaction between deaf and hearing people Each chapter begins with a set of objectives and concludes with suggested readings for further research. This edition contains 10 new and original case studies, including ones on hearing children of deaf adults, sudden hearing loss, a young deaf adult with mental illness, and more. Written by a seasoned deaf/hearing bilingual team, this unique text continues to be the go-to

resource for students and future professionals interested in working with deaf and hard-of-hearing persons.

This volume represents the proceedings of the 2014 3rd International Conference on Innovation, Communication and Engineering (ICICE 2014). This conference was held in Guiyang, Guizhou, P.R. China, October 17-22, 2014. The conference provided a unified communication platform for researchers in a wide range of fields from information technology,

"The hidden curriculum refers to the set of rules or guidelines that are often not directly taught but are assumed to be known. The hidden curriculum contains items that impact social interactions, school performance, and sometimes safety. The hidden curriculum also includes idioms, metaphors, and slang -- things most people just pick up or learn through observation or subtle cues, including body language."--Page [xvi].

School as a Journey is a lively, colorful, absorbing account of one Waldorf's teacher's journey with his class through the curriculum from first through eighth grades. A moving story, told in a straightforward, anecdotal, humorous style, it is an excellent introduction to what goes on inside the classroom of a Waldorf school. School as a journey was written with both parents and educators in mind. Filled with pedagogical gems, it will be an invaluable resource for understanding

the practical implications of Rudolf Steiner's in sight into child development. Extensively documented, it can serve as a study text for anyone wishing to go deeper into the works of Rudolf Steiner and others experienced in Waldorf education.

A Multisite Cluster Randomized Trial of the Effects of Compass Learning Odyssey[R] Math on the Math Achievement of Selected Grade 4 Students in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Final Report. NCEE 2009-4068

How Curiosity, Peer Coaching, and Teaming Can Change Your School
Odyssey

The Way of the Linguist

The Odyssey

Policies, Practices, and the Emerging Visions of Schooling

Relationship-Rich Education

The World Book Encyclopedia

The Way of The Linguist, A language learning odyssey. It is now a cliché that the world is a smaller place. We think nothing of jumping on a plane to travel to another country or continent. The most exotic locations are now destinations for mass tourism. Small business people are dealing across frontiers and language barriers like never

*before. The Internet brings different languages and cultures to our finger-tips. English, the hybrid language of an island at the western extremity of Europe seems to have an unrivalled position as an international medium of communication. But historically periods of cultural and economic domination have never lasted forever. Do we not lose something by relying on the wide spread use of English rather than discovering other languages and cultures? As citizens of this shrunken world, would we not be better off if we were able to speak a few languages other than our own? The answer is obviously yes. Certainly Steve Kaufmann thinks so, and in his busy life as a diplomat and businessman he managed to learn to speak nine languages fluently and observe first hand some of the dominant cultures of Europe and Asia. Why do not more people do the same? In his book *The Way of The Linguist, A language learning odyssey*, Steve offers some answers. Steve feels anyone can learn a language if they want to. He points out some of the obstacles that hold people back. Drawing on his adventures in Europe and Asia, as a student and businessman, he describes the rewards that come from knowing languages. He relates his evolution as a language learner, abroad and*

back in his native Canada and explains the kind of attitude that will enable others to achieve second language fluency. Many people have taken on the challenge of language learning but have been frustrated by their lack of success. This book offers detailed advice on the kind of study practices that will achieve language breakthroughs. Steve has developed a language learning system available online at: www.thelinguist.com.

Offers to impart such biblical truths as salvation, prayer, and forgiveness and teach young readers to grow in their relationship with God.

Handbook of Field Experiments explains how to conduct experimental research, presents a catalog on what research has uncovered thus far, and describes which areas remain to be explored. The section on methodology will be of particular interest to scholars working with experimental methods. Among substantive findings, contributors report on a body of results in areas from politics, to education, and firm productivity, demonstrating the power of these methods, while shedding light on issues such as robustness and external validity. Separating itself from circumscribed debates of specialists, this

volume surpasses in usefulness the many journal articles and narrowly-defined books written by practitioners. Balances methodological insights with analyses of principal findings and suggestions for further research Appeals broadly to social scientists seeking to develop an expertise in field experiments Strives to be analytically rigorous Written in language that is accessible to graduate students and non-specialist economists

Dead Center

How to Build, Grow, and Transform Your Consulting Business

Reinventing Project-Based Learning, 2nd Edition

Voices from the United States National Slavery Museum

Man of the World

School as a Journey

Roadmap to Restructuring

In an effort to identify instructional methods that might improve mathematics learning at the grade 4 level when used in a variety of educational settings under typical conditions, the REL Mid-Atlantic research team looked for promising, replicable practices that were being used broadly by teachers in U.S. schools, for which research showed promising results but had not been conducted using

methodologies that can establish causal relationships. CompassLearning's Odyssey[R] Math product met all of these criteria. Odyssey Math is a computer-based math curriculum developed by CompassLearning, Inc., to improve math learning for K-12 students. The software consists of a web-accessed series of learning activities, assessments, and math tools. These components constitute the basic framework of the software. CompassLearning professional development trainers presented the learning activities, math tools, and assessments as available options to intervention teachers during the summer professional development session. This study was the first randomized controlled trial to assess the impact of Odyssey Math on student achievement. The study had the statistical power needed to detect a 0.20 effect size and was well designed in that comparable groups were created at baseline and maintained through posttesting. Implementation during the school year was documented and shown to be consistent with typical implementation of the Odyssey Math software. The results from the multilevel model with pretest covariates also indicate that Odyssey Math did not yield a statistically significant impact on end-of-year student achievement. This study generated a statistically unbiased estimate of the effect of Odyssey Math on student achievement when implemented in typical school settings with typical teacher and student use. However, the findings apply only to participating schools, teachers, and students because the study used a volunteer sample. Twelve appendices include: (1) Detailed Professional Development Agenda Sessions; (2) Statistical Power Analysis; (3) Probability of Assignment to

Study Conditions; (4) Sample Size from Random Assignment to Data Analysis; (5) Teacher Survey, Fall 2007; (6) Observation Protocols; (7) Odyssey Math Sample Screens; (8) Fidelity Observation Comparisons; (9) Model Variance and Intraclass Correlations; (10) Complete Multilevel Model Results for Research Question 1; (11) Comparison of Assumed Population Parameters for Statistical Power (During Planning Phase) with Corresponding Sample Statistics (During Analysis Phase); and (12) Equations for Multilevel Model Analyses. (Contains 3 figures, 22 tables, 10 exhibits, and 23 footnotes.) [This report was prepared for the National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance, Institute of Education Sciences under contract with Regional Educational Laboratory Mid-Atlantic administered by Pennsylvania State University.]

This updated edition of the bestselling Reinventing Project-Based Learning offers examples of the latest tools, assessment strategies and promising practices poised to shape education in the future. This popular ISTE title follows the arc of a project, providing guided opportunities to direct and reflect educators' own learning and professional development. This book shows how to design authentic projects that make the most of available and emerging technologies. This new edition:

- Provides examples of how to merge personalized learning, flipped classrooms, and PBL for effective teaching and learning.**
- Includes coverage of computational thinking and coding, demonstrating ways to develop new approaches to solving problems as well as new forms of expression.**
- Discusses PBL as an equity consideration, with opportunities for personalization and**

empowerment, addressing issues of social justice and closing the achievement gap. Includes coverage on new trends like augmented and virtual reality; and new and updated Spotlights from educators featured in the first edition and others. • Features deeper focus on Gold Standard and High Quality PBL, the P21 Framework, and ISTE Standards for Students and Educators. With this book, teachers will come to appreciate the importance of problem-finding and problem-posing — thoughtful activity that needs to precede problem solving in any context. The companion jump start guide based on this book is Project-Based Learning: Strategies and Tools for Creating Authentic Experiences.

MAN OF THE WORLD is the gripping account of the first year of British adventurer Graham Hughes's daring Guinness World Record™ attempt to visit every country on Earth using only surface-based transportation, told with refreshing candour in his own words. Buckle up for a rib-tickling multinational caper of courage, tenacity, love, friendship, danger, panic, passport stamps and geo-politics, washed down with copious amounts of alcohol.

Inviting readers to examine schools and teaching with a critical lens, this visually and conceptually captivating graphic novel advocates for arts education in schools. At the center of this work is the author's memoir as a young high school art teacher in the public school system. Through engaging (and frequently funny) anecdotes centered on classroom life, mixed with discussions of education policy and reform, readers explore teacher/student relationships, testing and accountability, 21st-century learning, and the history and purpose of art

education. Branham’s personal narrative of challenges and triumphs demonstrate why art education should be preserved as a core subject if students are to understand the connection between creativity, critical thinking, and other higher-order skills. “What’s So Great About Art, Anyway?” is a refreshing book for everyone—particularly for in-service teachers—and is a smart foundational text in arts education and introduction to teaching courses. “This delightful graphic novel will challenge all teachers and prospective educators to think more deeply about their practice—the craft, the science, and, yes, the art of teaching.” —From the Foreword by William Ayers, author of To Teach: The Journey, in Comics (with Ryan Alexander-Tanner) “With a contagious passion, a dynamic pen, and a generous wit, Rachel Braham returns art to its rightful place in our schools—the beating heart of the education our children deserve. ‘What’s So Great About Art, Anyway?’ isn’t just for art educators; it’s for all of us.” —Adam Bessie, Diablo Valley College, co-author of graphic report The Disaster Capitalism Curriculum (with Dan Archer) “This visually and conceptually captivating book blazes new territory in the tradition of teacher memoirs, while reminding us of the vital importance of art education in our schools.” —Gregory Michie, Chicago teacher, author of Holler If You Hear Me “This book is refreshing! Branham’s ideas are purposefully provocative, and she expresses them through a popular medium.” —Laurel Campbell, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne

Your Field Guide to Real-World Projects in the Digital Age
The World Book Encyclopedia

An Advanced Lifespan Odyssey for Counseling Professionals
How Human Connections Drive Success in College
A Language Learning Odyssey
Innovation in Design, Communication and Engineering
Cumulative List of Organizations Described in Section 170 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

Education in general, and education for deaf learners in particular, has gone through significant changes over the past three decades. And change certainly will be the buzzword in the foreseeable future. The rapid growth of information and communication technology as well as progress in educational, psychological, and allied research fields have many scholars questioning aspects of traditional school concepts. For example, should the classroom be "flipped" so that students receive instruction online at home and do "homework" in school? At the same time, inclusive education has changed the traditional landscape of special education and thus of deaf education in many if not all countries, and yet deaf children continued to lag significantly behind hearing peers in academic achievement. As a consequence of technological innovations (e.g., digital hearing aids and early bilateral cochlear implants), the needs of many deaf learners have changed considerably. Parents and professionals, however, are just now coming to recognize that there are cognitive, experiential, and social-emotional differences between deaf and hearing students likely to

affect academic outcomes. Understanding such differences and determining ways in which to accommodate them through global cooperation must become a top priority in educating deaf learners. Through the participation of an international, interdisciplinary set of scholars, *Educating Deaf Learners* takes a broader view of learning and academic achievement than any previous work, considering the whole child. In adopting this broad perspective, the authors capture the complexities and commonalities in the social, emotional, cognitive, and linguistic mosaic of which the deaf child is a part. It is only through such a holistic consideration that we can understand their academic potential.

In *The Power of a Plant*, globally acclaimed teacher and self-proclaimed CEO (Chief Eternal Optimist) Stephen Ritz shows you how, in one of the nation's poorest communities, his students thrive in school and in life by growing, cooking, eating, and sharing the bounty of their green classroom. What if we taught students that they have as much potential as a seed? That in the right conditions, they can grow into something great? These are the questions that Stephen Ritz—who became a teacher more than 30 years ago—sought to answer in 2004 in a South Bronx high school plagued by rampant crime and a dismal graduation rate. After what can only be defined as a cosmic experience when a flower broke up a fight in his classroom, he saw a way to start tackling his school's problems: plants. He flipped his curriculum to integrate gardening as

an entry point for all learning and inadvertently created an international phenomenon. As Ritz likes to say, "Fifty thousand pounds of vegetables later, my favorite crop is organically grown citizens who are growing and eating themselves into good health and amazing opportunities." The Power of a Plant tells the story of a green teacher from the Bronx who let one idea germinate into a movement and changed his students' lives by learning alongside them. Since greening his curriculum, Ritz has seen near-perfect attendance and graduation rates, dramatically increased passing rates on state exams, and behavioral incidents slashed in half. In the poorest congressional district in America, he has helped create 2,200 local jobs and built farms and gardens while changing landscapes and mindsets for residents, students, and colleagues. Along the way, Ritz lost more than 100 pounds by eating the food that he and his students grow in school. The Power of a Plant is his story of hope, resilience, regeneration, and optimism.

Psychological, Sociological and Educational Perspectives

Odyssey --The Business of Consulting

COMPUTERS IN HUMANBEHAVIOR

Ways to Help People Do Things Better

A Teacher's Odyssey to Grow Healthy Minds and Schools