

## Bloom's & Beyond

Higher Level Questions & Activities for the Creative Classroom

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Bloom's & Beyond revisits Bloom's Taxonomy by defining each level and providing the highest and lowest activities within that level. I especially appreciated the twenty questions/prompts and sample activities within each level.

As a teacher, it is sometimes difficult to come up with interesting activities. This book gives teachers primary and intermediate activities for Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science for small, large, and whole group settings.

Chapter 3 of this book addresses creativity by providing classroom scenarios with higher level thinking activities teachers can use instead of traditional worksheets that bore students.

Finally, this book provides meaningful assessments. I really liked the *Apollo 13 Test* that allows students to choose a combination of questions (totaling 100 points) within each level of Bloom's Taxonomy. Tic-Tac-Toe activities and Individual Lesson Plans (ILP<sup>TM</sup>s) allow for student choice. Rubrics make assessment easier because students and parents know what is required for successful completion of assignments.

Overall, this is a fantastic book that new and experienced teachers can use for elementary and middle school students in grades K-6.

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