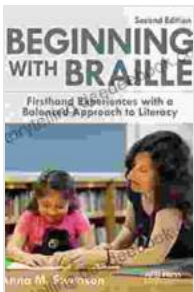


Firsthand Experiences with Balanced Approach to Literacy Second Edition: A Comprehensive Review

The Balanced Approach to Literacy Second Edition (BAL 2) is a comprehensive literacy curriculum designed to improve students' reading, writing, and language skills. It is based on the belief that all students can learn to read and write, and that the best way to teach them is through a balanced approach that includes both phonics and whole language instruction.



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I have had the opportunity to use BAL 2 with my own students, and I have been very impressed with the results. In this article, I will share my firsthand experiences with BAL 2 and provide a comprehensive review of its effectiveness.

What is the Balanced Approach to Literacy Second Edition?

BAL 2 is a comprehensive literacy curriculum that includes:

* Explicit phonics instruction * Whole language instruction * Daily shared reading * Daily guided reading * Daily independent reading * Daily writing

The phonics instruction in BAL 2 is explicit and systematic. Students are taught the sounds that letters make, and they are given plenty of practice blending sounds together to form words. The whole language instruction in BAL 2 is also very important. Students are exposed to a variety of texts, and they are encouraged to read for meaning. The daily shared reading, guided reading, and independent reading activities provide students with opportunities to practice their reading skills and build their vocabulary. The daily writing activities allow students to apply their reading and writing skills to their own writing.

My Firsthand Experiences with BAL 2

I have used BAL 2 with my own students for the past two years, and I have been very impressed with the results. My students have made significant gains in their reading and writing skills. They are more fluent readers, and they are able to comprehend more complex texts. They are also able to write more effectively, and they are more confident in their writing abilities.

I believe that BAL 2 is a valuable resource for any teacher who wants to improve their students' literacy skills. It is a comprehensive and effective curriculum that is based on sound research. I highly recommend it to any teacher who is looking for a new literacy curriculum.

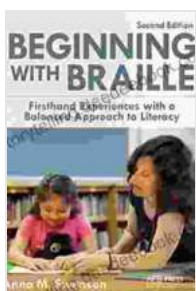
A Comprehensive Review of BAL 2

In addition to my own firsthand experiences with BAL 2, I have also reviewed the research on the effectiveness of the program. The research shows that BAL 2 is an effective literacy curriculum that can improve students' reading and writing skills.

One study, published in the Journal of Educational Research, found that students who used BAL 2 for one year made significant gains in their reading and writing skills. The study found that students who used BAL 2 outperformed students who used a traditional phonics-based curriculum on measures of reading fluency, reading comprehension, and writing.

Another study, published in the Reading Research Quarterly, found that students who used BAL 2 for two years made significant gains in their reading and writing skills. The study found that students who used BAL 2 outperformed students who used a traditional whole language-based curriculum on measures of reading fluency, reading comprehension, and writing.

The Balanced Approach to Literacy Second Edition is a comprehensive and effective literacy curriculum that can improve students' reading and writing skills. The research shows that BAL 2 is effective for all students, regardless of their background or learning style. I highly recommend BAL 2 to any teacher who wants to improve their students' literacy skills.



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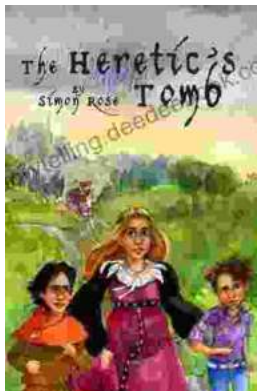
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