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Engaging, interesting, and digestible. In *Literacy in the Early Grades*, Gail Tompkins connects research with praxis and attends to the task of providing effective literacy instruction for diverse learners. It is focused on how teachers work in everyday classrooms with a grand variety of learners to provide effective, meaningful, and important literacy learning opportunities. Tompkins writes in a personable, yet professional voice that treats undergraduate teacher candidate as thoughtful members of the teaching community. -- **Brian E. Maguire, Clarion University of Pennsylvania**

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- **NEW! Common Core State Standards** boxes help readers gain an understanding of the relationship between chapter topics and the Standards they will be required to cover in their literacy classrooms. The Standards are introduced in the first chapter and discussed as they relate to decoding, vocabulary, comprehension, writing and other topics in the chapters that follow.
- **NEW! The Instruction-Assessment Cycle** explains how teachers use assessment to plan instruction, monitor and evaluate student progress, and reflect on the effectiveness of their instruction.
- **NEW! Guided Reading** is now fully developed as a part of organizing for literacy instruction. Requested by reviewers, shared is the what, why, when, and how to use guided reading.
- **NEW! Checklists** help readers recognize instruction that is critical to successful literacy teaching, such as differentiating instruction, and increasing future teachers' understanding of how they will be held accountable for the various elements of literacy instruction. (These Checklists have appeared as Guidelines in previous editions of the text but are recast in this edition to invite readers to reflect on their personal knowledge about literacy instruction and the responsibilities they will undertake in classroom practice.)
- **NEW! More to Explore clickable margin notes in the etext** ask teachers to engage in an activity that will develop skills to enhance their knowledge about teaching reading and writing. eText users will find

hyperlinks to videos of classroom footage and instructional procedures.

- **Go Digital! features**, identified by a special icon, draw readers' attention to information about websites and tech tools that can benefit literacy teaching and learning, such as learning how to create rubrics.
- **Teaching Kids to Be Strategic!** features identify specific skills and strategies teachers will use to guide children toward becoming fluent readers and writers.

About the Author

Gail E. Tompkins is Professor Emerita at California State University, Fresno. Currently, she works with teachers in their kindergarten through eighth-grade classrooms and leads staff-development programs on reading and writing. Dr. Tompkins was inducted into the California Reading Association's Reading Hall of Fame in recognition of her accomplishments in the field of reading, and she's received the prestigious Provost's award for Excellence in Teaching at California State University, Fresno. Dr. Tompkins is the author of six other books published by Pearson Education: *Language Arts: Patterns of Practice*, *Language Arts Essentials*, *Teaching Writing: Balancing Process and Product*, *50 Literacy Strategies*, and two grade-specific versions of this text: *Literacy for the 21st Century: A Balanced Approach (K-8)* and *Literacy in the Middle Grades: Teaching Reading and Writing to Fourth Through Eighth Graders*. During the past three decades, Dr. Tompkins has also worked with kindergarten through college-level writing teachers at National Writing Project sites in California and Oklahoma.

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