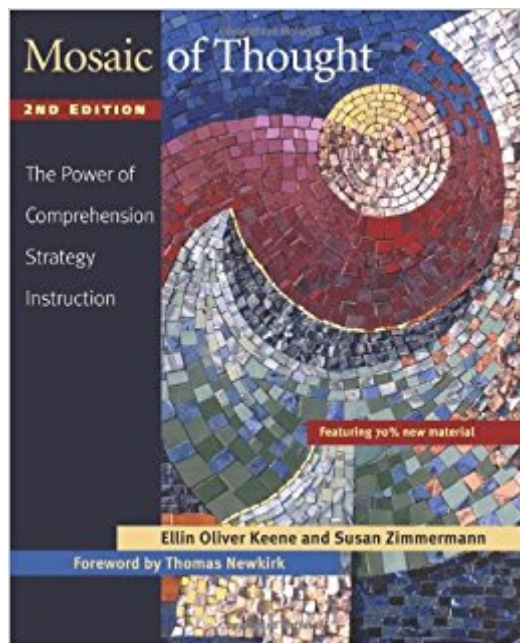


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# Mosaic Of Thought: The Power Of Comprehension Strategy Instruction, 2nd Edition



## Synopsis

Mosaic of Thought Online Course available to all adopters of 25 copies or more of Mosaic of Thought, Second Edition. Ellin Oliver Keene and Susan Zimmermann have returned with a new edition of Mosaic of Thought that features 70 percent new material. When the first edition published ten years ago, Mosaic of Thought became a runaway best seller as the first book to explicitly describe the use and benefits of strategy-based comprehension instruction. Since then comprehension strategy instruction has exploded, leading to numerous inspiring variations on Mosaic's instructional principles, as well as a widening of the comprehension research base. Now the second edition offers up-to-the-minute insight for classroom teachers, literacy coaches, and school leaders everywhere, and reminds everyone of precisely what effective, long-lasting comprehension teaching looks like. Mosaic of Thought, Second Edition, has been carefully revised and reflects Keene and Zimmermann's latest thinking. It's designed to help teachers implement practical, thoughtful ideas for teaching comprehension in contemporary classrooms through the seven core strategies that successful readers use to engage with texts. Packed with new classroom examples, grounded in the latest research, and written in the same accessible tone as the first edition, reaffirms the essential elements of powerful comprehension teaching introduced in the first edition while adding and updating features, including: Key Ideas sections for each strategy that describe crucial comprehension concepts new classroom examples that show comprehension strategies put into action in dynamic, literature-rich, current classrooms new opening vignettes that illustrate the concepts students will learn through explorations of the thinking used by proficient adult readers new tools to help teachers create effective reader's workshops innovations from teachers around the country for fine tuning think-alouds and conferring practices new advice on long-term instructional planning. Keene and Zimmermann have also created an invaluable Q-and-A section with smart, informed responses to the questions that today's teachers most frequently ask about strategy-based teaching. Whether you are just now joining the hundreds of thousands of teachers who have made Keene and Zimmermann their central resource for comprehension teaching, or whether you've relied on their advice for years, Mosaic of Thought, Second Edition, will change your literacy instruction-and possibly your own reading-forever. It's filled with vital, new information, new research, and proven practices. Read it today and give your students strategies for connecting with texts that will last a lifetime.

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## Customer Reviews

Ellin is author of *Talk About Understanding: Rethinking Classroom Talk to Enhance Understanding*, *To Understand: New Horizons in Reading Comprehension*, co-author of *Comprehension Going Forward* and of *Mosaic of Thought: The Power of Comprehension Strategy Instruction*, 2nd edition as well as numerous chapters for professional books and journals on the teaching of reading as well as education policy journals. Ellin Oliver Keene has been a classroom teacher, staff developer, non-profit director and adjunct professor of reading and writing. For sixteen years she directed staff development initiatives at the Denver-based Public Education & Business Coalition. She served as Deputy Director and Director of Literacy and Staff Development for the Cornerstone Project at the University of Pennsylvania for 4 years. Ellin currently serves as Director of Research and Development for the PEBC, as senior advisor to Heinemann Professional Development and works with schools and districts throughout the country and abroad. Ellin Oliver Keene is a Heinemann Professional Development provider. She presents Heinemann One-Day Workshops, Webinars Series, and all forms of On-Site PD. She is most sought after for her long-term professional development residencies in partnership with Heinemann Professional Development. For an overview of the Keene Residency [»](#) An internationally-known speaker, workshop leader, and consultant, Susan Zimmermann is coauthor of educational bestsellers *Mosaic of Thought* (1997 and 2007 2nd edition), *7 Keys to Comprehension*, and *Comprehension Going Forward* (2011), books that are changing the way reading is taught in classrooms throughout America. She cofounded and

served as the Executive Director of the Denver-based Public Education and Business Coalition, an organization that has spearheaded ground-breaking comprehension work. During her time there, she initiated numerous programs to improve the quality of public schools, including the Reading Project, which provides many of the examples in *Mosaic of Thought* and *7 Keys*. Susan is also the author of *Keeping Katherine*; *Writing to Heal the Soul*, winner of the Colorado Book Award; and *Grief Dancers*, finalist for the Colorado Book Award and winner of the Exceptional Parent symbol of excellence for its "profound contribution to human understanding and dignity." These wise and inspiring books grew out of Susan's personal experience raising her profoundly handicapped daughter Katherine who had Rett syndrome. Currently a full-time speaker, writer, and education consultant, Susan has given hundreds of workshops, keynotes, and summer institutes in nearly every state and throughout Canada. She has worked with international schools in Mexico, the Philippines, Romania, Japan, Vietnam, and Indonesia. Visit her Heinemann Speakers page for more information. A lover of the wilderness and believer in the transformative power of the outdoors, she has been a trustee of the Colorado Outward Bound School and served as the board chair of The Women's Wilderness Institute, an organization that provides wilderness learning experiences for adolescent girls and women. Susan is a graduate of Yale Law School and mother of four. She lives in the foothills west of Denver. For more information on Susan Zimmermann visit her Web site at [www.susanzimmermann.com](http://www.susanzimmermann.com).

This book is mesmerizing. I read it once, highlighting as I went. Then I reread it again a few months later, skimming my highlights and got more info and really totally different insight. It is a must read for teachers and will provide a great foundation as we head into the CCSS. I think this would be a great book to use in PLCs or book talks; it really isn't mean to be read alone. I had a lot of questions as I went and because I read it in the summer, my colleagues weren't around! It's deep, but what a thought-provoking and critical analysis of what we want in today's classroom.

As a literacy teacher, the ideas and strategies in this book work well with all ages of readers. I originally purchased the first edition 25 years ago and I was grateful to see a new edition. I highly recommend this book for educators who want thoughtful, practical strategies to present.

I read *Mosaic of Thought* and loved the overall concept of it, and the way it explained what students needed in terms of comprehension. The book also explained various strategies to use with the students. The only part I wasn't so crazy over was that there were very few actual activities which I

thought the book provided as well. It's a terrific book for learning comprehension strategies

perfect

I've been teaching for 9 years and a fellow teacher mentioned this book, so I bought it. I had been feeling confident about my teaching skills and style, but like I was still missing some of the students. This book single-handedly propelled me to the next level. I was so inspired! Real teachers in real classrooms sharing their real teaching downfalls and triumphs. This book is so easy to relate to that I recommend it to all teachers (except new teachers- might be too much for the first 2-3 years). Looking for a way to truly know what each individual student in your class is doing in reading and writing? Buy this book.

Amazing book, a must-read for anyone dealing with literacy. It's engaging and readerly too, so it's a pleasant read.

Although the 2nd edition of Mosaic of Thought was launched in 2007, it is contemporary in all aspects providing essential classroom reading comprehension strategies to be implemented at any grade level, from K -12. It is a marvelous book!

One of my classroom musts!

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