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This innovative resource describes how teachers can help students employ “literacy tools” across the curriculum to foster learning. The authors demonstrate how literacy tools such as narratives, question-asking, spoken-word poetry, drama, writing, digital communication, images, and video encourage critical inquiry in the 5–12 classroom. This dynamic text will inspire teachers to:

- Work together to create richer and more equitable literacy curricula.
- Develop purpose-driven activities and projects.
- Identify and showcase students’ strengths through their use of literacy tools.
- Foster learning and critical inquiry across the content areas.
- Use “change-based assessment” to encourage student reflection and growth.

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“This book is a well-thought-out answer to the question I am constantly asked by teachers, ‘What does critical literacy mean in terms of what I might consider doing differently in my classroom?’”

—From the Foreword by **Jerome C. Harste**, Professor Emeritus, Indiana University, Bloomington.

“A unique blend of digital literacy tools with traditional forms. *Literacy Tools in the Classroom* ushers us into a 21st-century vision of literacy education—a fine and flexible view—through compelling narratives of educational possibility.”

—**Shelby A. Wolf**, University of Colorado at Boulder, author of *Interpreting Literature with Children*

“The promise of this book reflects the dedication of youth and adults to collaborate for change and imagine the expansive possibilities of multimodal communicative forms in their ongoing search for increased understandings of self across multiple spaces.”

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