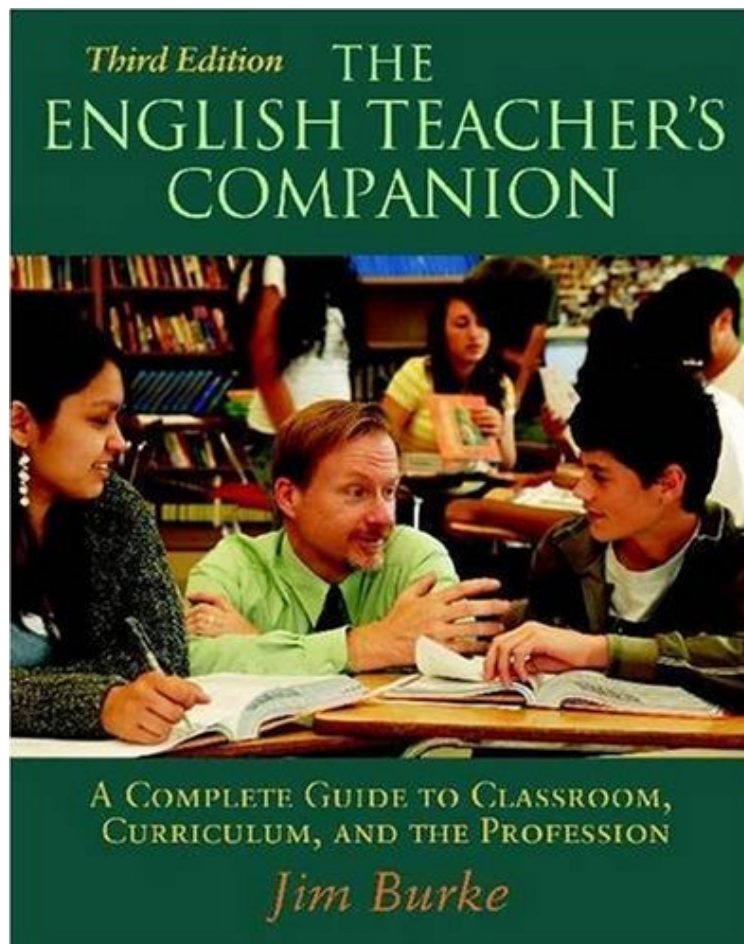


(Read ebook) The English Teacher's Companion, Third Edition: A Complete Guide to Classroom, Curriculum, and the Profession

## The English Teacher's Companion, Third Edition: A Complete Guide to Classroom, Curriculum, and the Profession

*Jim Burke*

DOC | \*audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF | ePub



DOWNLOAD



READ ONLINE

#502044 in Books 2007-11-02 2007-11-02Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 9.20 x 1.18 x 7.30l, 2.06 #File Name: 0325011397568 pages | File size: 66.Mb

**Jim Burke : The English Teacher's Companion, Third Edition: A Complete Guide to Classroom, Curriculum, and the Profession** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The English Teacher's Companion, Third Edition: A Complete Guide to Classroom, Curriculum, and the Profession:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Everything you need to teach English - all in once place!By Sara KernsA practical handbook for every English teacher, Jim Burke's book The English Teacher's Companion: A Complete Guide to the Classroom, Curriculum, and the Profession Third Edition is just that - a companion and a complete guide. As an adult changing careers later in life to teaching, I was worried about the essential ingredients of creating a fun and educational environment for my students. Burke's book takes out all the guesswork and lays out a thoughtful and insightful step-by-step guide to teaching secondary English, without condescension or judgment. Each

chapter contains examples of teaching methods, which have been tested and successfully implemented in his own classroom over the past several years. Some chapters even include sample units and easy to understand charts, diagrams and sample student work. But Burke does not only address topics like grammar, vocabulary, reading and writing. While those topics are addressed in great detail, he also includes chapters on "Composing a Curriculum" and "Measuring Student Progress" which are tailored specifically to English teachers. This will be a book you will keep returning to as a resource time and time again. The book is very well organized, has a fantastic index and resource list and is very easy to skim. However, if you are a new teacher like me you will want to read this book cover to cover. Not only does Burke provide effective teaching strategies, but he has also included a section on "From Becoming To Being an English Teacher" which will address an array of topics from how to keep organized, to how to get a job, to developing positive relationships with parents and school boards while still maintaining a balance for your personal life. This book is a must have for every English teacher, but specifically for new English teachers. While most of the content is directed toward teaching high school English, I still found it very helpful for ideas for my middle school students. This book will truly be my companion and a constant reference, as I'm sure it will be for you!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A helpful resource  
By Ringydwm  
Have not finished this book yet, but so far I have a number of post-its and notes written throughout. I teach 6th grade and am going to be teaching language arts exclusively next year, so this book seemed like it would be a helpful edition to my summer prep. It is geared more for high school age students, but it is still giving me a lot of ideas. I ended up buying this edition instead of the 4th because I found it a lot cheaper used. I still may buy the 4th edition because it is supposedly a whole new book (unlike some editions of texts that have very few changes or updated info). We will see. I also am enjoying the "Text and Lessons" fiction and non fiction books of Heinemann publishing and getting into their "Notice and Note" as well. Looking forward to Common Core!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Perfect for New Teachers  
By Laurenica  
As a new English teacher, I have been struggling with how to structure units and particularly how to approach novels. In my particular case, the Methods course i took as part of my master's degree was of very little help, so I wandered into student teaching quite lost. This book is a perfect primer on diving into teaching English, how to do it, where to start. It offers numerous activities and approaches you can use for the 4 ELA core standards (teaching writing, reading, speaking, and listening), as well as suggestions for keeping yourself organized, managing the paperload, and incorporating technology. There seems to be chapter for almost every possible ELA topic. Some chapters are lighter than others, and serve more as part of a survey of all of the different aspects of teaching ELA. For example, while the section on teaching Shakespeare is a wonderful introduction, you will need other resources to prepare yourself. However, Burke wholeheartedly acknowledges this, and makes suggestions for those resources, both within the text and in endnotes at the end of each chapter. Truly a worthwhile buy, especially if you are a new English teacher just getting started!

"Sometimes, English asks us to juggle so much so fast that teachers wonder how they can possibly do it all, let alone do it well." Jim Burke shows us how with this revolutionary new guide to teaching the entire English curriculum--covering everything from basic reading and writing to digital literacy, media literacy, and integrated instruction. Written for the way most teachers read--on the run, in search of a particular solution--The English Teacher's Companion is highly structured for ease of use. Chapters are clearly subdivided; lessons are presented step-by-step; and assessment is integrated throughout. Outstanding features include: \* thorough grounding in the current national English Language Arts standards \* virtual companion website to provide additional resources and ongoing support for classroom teachers \* examples of how to integrate technology into the curriculum \* up-to-the-minute coverage of current and anticipated reforms, including media literacy, digital literacy, service learning, AP classes, and more \* an extensive appendix, featuring sample letters, rubrics, guides, checklists, planners, and much more. As creator of CATENet and a teacher in a socially diverse high school, Burke knows how to build communities where essential conversations flourish. He writes, "Just like poets charge our senses by taking different words and rubbing them to see what fires they can make, so do I like to watch what happens in my classes where one student writes about his friends in prison and the girl next to him writes about her daddy the judge who puts them there." The English Teacher's Companion welcomes you to the conversation.

About the Author  
Jim Burke is the author of numerous bestselling Heinemann titles, including the English Teacher's Companion, Fourth Edition and What's the Big Idea? The question he's always tried to answer is "How can we teach our students better?" He seeks these answers daily through his work in his own classroom at Burlingame High School in California where he still teaches after twenty years. Facing the same constraints and challenges as every other teacher, Jim shares his creative solutions in bestselling professional titles with Heinemann such as Reading Reminders and Writing Reminders as well as through Heinemann Professional Development Services. As part of his commitment to helping teachers and learning how to use the latest technologies, he founded the English Companion Ning, described by Education Week as "the world's largest English department" and winner of several Edublog Awards for Best Social Network for Education. In addition to the EC Ning, Jim offers a steady stream of recommended resources

through his website ([www.englishcompanion.com](http://www.englishcompanion.com)) and Twitter (@englishcomp) where he is ranked in the top 100 educators to follow at the top within the online English teacher community. Jim serves on several national commissions related to adolescent literacy and standards, including the Advanced Placement English Literature and Language Course and Exam Commission with the College Board and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) where he serves on the Content Technical Working Group, which advises PARCC on the national assessments being developed for the Common Core State Standards. In addition, he is a senior author on the Holt McDougal Harcourt Literature series. Jim has received numerous awards, including the NCTE Intellectual Freedom Award, the NCTE Conference on English Leadership Award, and the California Reading Association Hall of Fame Award. He served on the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Committee on Adolescence and Young Adulthood English Language Arts Standards. Through his work in the class and on such commissions, Jim Burke seeks not only to clarify but reimagine what English should be, honoring the past even as he works with others to create the future of the discipline he loves so much. Visit his website ([www.englishcompanion.com](http://www.englishcompanion.com)) for more information.