

Review of *Collaborative Library Research Projects: Inquiry that Stimulates the Senses*

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Whether you are a fledgling or experienced teacher-librarian (school library media specialist) with or without teaching experience, this book might be helpful for you. John D. Volkman has included everything you want to know and use to jump-start your school library program through the art of Collaborative Library Research Projects: Inquiry that Stimulates the Senses.

Although the inquiry method mentioned in the title is discovered to be somewhat staged through the use of stations, units, worksheets, lists, and other “old-school” planning methods, Volkman’s lessons and recommendations will give the reader lots of ideas and alternatives to some of the typical middle and high school classroom assignments. With the use of the free CD Mr. Volkman will furnish the rights to copy his material for educational purposes, teacherlibrarians in collaboration with classroom teachers can revise the material as needed to “fit individual libraries and classes” for a truly student driven plan for inquiry based learning.

The almost 200 page paperback (also available for the Kindle) will be a nice addition to a consortium or district level professional collection.