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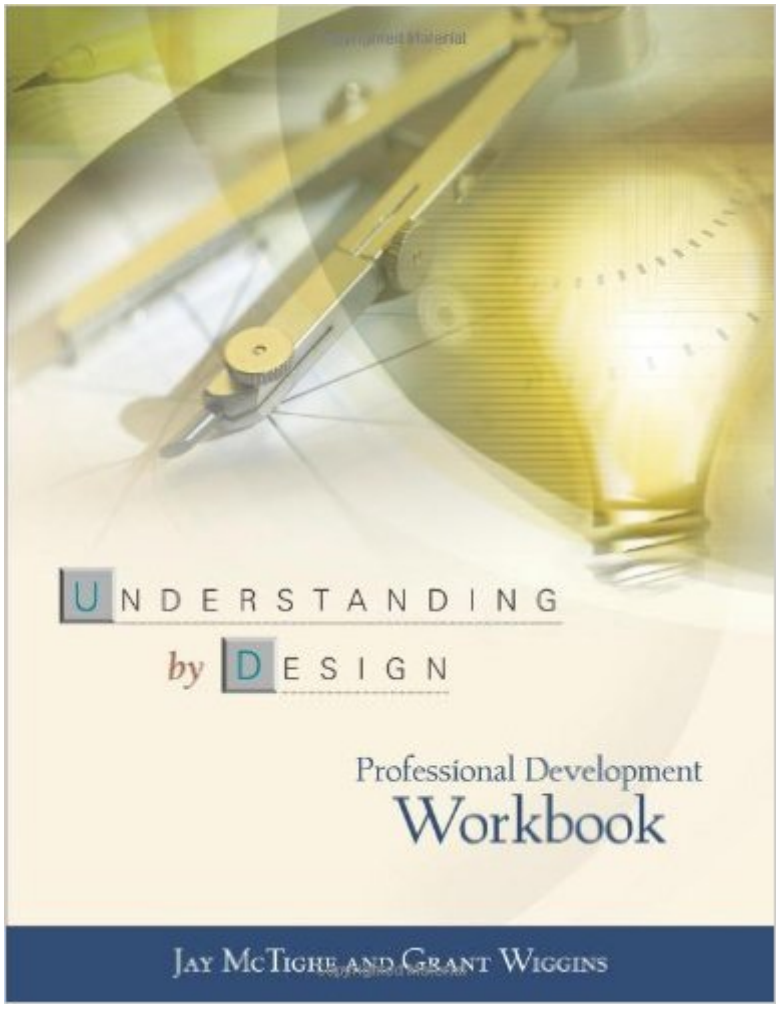

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Synopsis

This collection of templates, design tools, examples, and exercises is an in-depth resource for Understanding by Design workshops, curriculum teams, teacher training, undergraduate and graduate courses, as well as further independent exploration. It provides a valuable resource to educators in developing curriculum and assessments with a focus on developing and deepening students' understanding of important ideas.

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I have used this resource again and again when working with teachers who are either just starting out with unit design in a UbD framework, as well as with those who are quite familiar with the model. The templates and other tools are user-friendly and make the application of UbD much more straightforward than using the original text alone.

This book is priceless when designing lessons "backwards"! I found it to be more useful and comprehensible that the actual text "Understanding by Design". This workbook is worth the money to ensure your teaching focuses on what is significant! It has many examples in different content areas and BIG IDEA explanations that will help you understand how to apply backward design to your area of specialty.

This book not only provides clear examples of the work that it supplements, it is effective for

planning beyond lessons alone. It enables one to plan for school wide or system level comprehensive approaches. An excellent application of the "Begin With the End in Mind" as advocated by Stephen Covey’s work.

This book complements in practical form the ideas presented in Understanding by Design (UbD). I am using this book as a guide for the design of courses online in higher education. Both have been a wonderful aid to rationalize the amount of resources that I must include in the courses online that I am developing. They are effective tools to determine in concise form and practices the synchronous or asynchronous activities that must make the learners as it demonstrates the intentions reached from the "big idea". I recommend them widely to obtain the deep learning.

Clear user friendly guide for effective use of UbD for planning.Understanding by Design: Professional Development Workbook

Understanding by design was recommended to me by one of my teachers. This book helped me understand how to approach lesson planning. Backwards design is an excellent way to design curriculum. The templates are very helpful, and almost mindless even. You just have to know what your goals are, and the templates help you do the rest.I think they should come up with a computer program to make it even easier, but hey, writing is good practice. I rated it four stars, because I haven’t found some of the information int he back too helpful- of course I haven’t thoroughly read it. I guess it’s there for something, but I’m a stickler for not including unnecessary information.

Anyone who has been teaching is already doing this yet some ideas can be a review worth seeing again. The mayor problem I have, however, is not with the book but with the claim to fame. According to authors, who are marketing geniuses, this UbD will meet all Common Core State Standard problems.

Purchased this for one of my Wife’s Instructional Design courses, and she LOVED it!!!It’s a college book, but this is by far the BEST price for it anywhere, and to be delivered in just two days with "Prime" is awesome!

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