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For teachers who are grammar nerds—or who are searching for engaging ways to study grammar with their children—Patty McGee and Timothy Donohue's *Not Your Granny's Grammar* supports grammar instruction in a fresh, inquiry-based way that will help students become fascinated by a subject that has traditionally been dry and yawn-producing. I think even my granny would have enjoyed their approach!

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# Not Your Granny's Grammar

## An Innovative Approach to Meaningful and Engaging Grammar Instruction

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In today's fast-paced world, students need a more engaging and meaningful way to learn grammar that connects to their real-world experiences. That's where *Not Your Granny's Grammar* comes in—offering an innovative approach to teaching grammar that is both efficient and effective.

In this book, authors Patty McGee and Tim Donohue introduce Grammar Study, their classroom-tested approach that blends explicit instruction and inquiry to address the challenges and gaps in traditional grammar lessons. The book includes 40+ engaging and innovative, research-based lessons that are organized in flexible lesson progressions to provide teachers with easy-to-implement, fun, and learning-rich experiences for students in Grades 2-8.

Guiding educators step-by-step in nurturing grammar knowledge and usage for both themselves and their students, this book

- Offers lessons and strategies that allow students to study grammar in the context of everyday reading and writing
- Emphasizes that grammar is not a static set of rules but an ever-evolving system that differs from community to community
- Provides time management principles for teachers to creatively integrate meaningful grammar instruction into their literacy or ELA block
- Highlights the importance of grammar in writing and clarifies the difference between spoken and written grammar
- Includes a robust grammar refresher to help teachers feel more confident in their grammar knowledge as well as an appendix showing alignment with Common Core Standards

Drawing from the science of writing, *Not Your Granny's Grammar* revolutionizes grammar instruction so teachers can help students build actionable and detailed grammar knowledge and skills that enrich their academic writing for years to come.