

Some resources for inquiring into inquiry

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(Note: this list is only the beginning - there's a WORLD of inquiry out there!)

A small sample of BLOGS with a focus on inquiry

- <http://inquiryblog.wordpress.com/> (INQUIREWITHIN – excellent global site with quality posts)
- <http://whatedsaid.wordpress.com/> (Melbourne based blogger – high quality content)
- <http://www.justwonderingblog.com> (yours truly – go to my website www.kathmurdoch.com.au and subscribe)
- <http://timespaceeducation.wordpress.com/> (popular blog that explores both practical classroom ideas as well as reflecting on bigger picture learning issues)
- <https://lindybuckley1.wordpress.com/> (Lindy is a teacher at Nanjing International School – many of her entries are wonderfully practical reflections on using inquiry across the curriculum)
- <http://bie.org/blog> (project based learning) <http://www.inquiry-based.com/blog.html> (teacher based in Canada – some good practical examples)
- <http://atelierista-anna.blogspot.com.au> (early childhood, art and inquiry)
- <http://www.heidisiwak.com/> (Canadian based, award winning inquiry teacher with good classroom examples)
- <http://authenticinquirymaths.blogspot.com.au> (inquiry based maths – by Bruce Ferrington...fantastic blog)
- <http://intriguinginvestigations.edublogs.org/> (another maths inquiry blog – wonderful provocations)
- <http://primaryschoolmusings.wordpress.com> (Mary Collins at Bandung International School – a thoughtful and comprehensive blogger on inquiry- though not updated for a while, the posts are well worth a read)
- <https://sites.google.com/site/inquirymaths/> (secondary maths teacher who uses an inquiry approach) <http://www.pyppewithandy.com/index.html> (PE teacher/consultant who blogs about inquiry)
- <http://wordsinbogor.blogspot.com.au> (inquiring into language – spelling and word study – structured inquiry approach to spelling)
- <http://stevemouldvey.wordpress.com> (secondary school teacher and blogger – inquiry educator)
- <http://www.traintheteacher.me> (Singapore based PYP teacher)
- <http://inquiry-based.blogspot.co.id/> (Canadian based inquiry educator)
- <https://inquirylearningblog.wordpress.com/> Australian academic with a keen interest in inquiry based learning – great for analysis and updates on latest research
- <http://morecuriousminds.blogspot.com.au/> Archived posts from American Inquiry Educator John Barrell
- <http://blogs.yis.ac.jp/cowdyl/> : this is an archived blog but has many lovely posts from Tasha about her experience of running an inquiry based classroom in the early years.
- <http://www.maggiehosmcgrane.com/> (excellent inquiry teacher (in a PYP setting) who writes broadly on learner centred education often with a tech focus. Most recent posts are about coaching teachers)

And a handful of blogs that focus more generally on student-centred learning

- <http://www.thelandscapeoflearning.com>
- <http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org> (incredibly prolific blogger with a focus on resources that teachers can use – so often find something useful here!)
- <http://blogs.kqed.org/mindshift/>
- <http://stumpteacher.blogspot.com.au/>
- <http://willrichardson.com/> <http://helloliteracy.blogspot.com.au/> (Jennifer Jones – American reading specialist with some very useful, practical ideas)
- <http://www.kleinspiration.com>: prolific blogger with some lovely stuff on classroom organisation and set ups for inquiry and tech tools
- <http://biancahewes.wordpress.com> This blogger works with year 7/8 students and is passionate and generous about her work – she is a problem/project based learning expert
- <http://misspinkontech.global2.vic.edu.au> Melbourne based blogger with great tech know how and practical examples from work with her 5/6 students
- <http://langwitches.org/blog/> (strong tech focus, great for documentation ideas and some great materials)

A tiny morsel of the many websites with a focus on inquiry

- <http://www.inquirypartners.com>
- <http://www.inquiringmind.co.nz/> (Jan Kallow is a NZ based inquiry based educator with lots of great, practical resources on her site)
- <http://www.bie.org/> (problem based learning institute – excellent resources)
- <http://www.inquirypartners.com/blog/> (excellent resources and posts on inquiry learning)
- <http://www.schoollibrarymonthly.com/index.html> (Barbara Stripling's site - she has developed quite a well known model of inquiry)
- www.thirteen.org/edonline/concept2class/inquiry (general info on inquiry)
- <http://www.inquiryhub.org/> (general info on inquiry)
- www.nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz (NZ website – lots of great stuff on inquiry here)
- <http://big6.com/> (an information literacy framework compatible with inquiry – some useful templates)
- <http://www.inquiry-based.com> (teacher-curated website from Canada)
- <http://www.inquiryschools.net/> (not updated since 2009 but some great video footage of inquiry in action)
- www.kathmurdoch.com.au (my own website – general information)
- <http://rightquestion.org/> (focuses on questioning)
- www.inquiryschools.net (includes clips of different schools in action)
- <http://www.galileo.org/tips/inquiry.html> (general inquiry information and support)
- <http://earlylife.com.au/info/> (Kathy Walker – play based learning)
- <http://www.playbasedlearning.com.au/> (excellent early years resource)
- <http://www.reggioaustralia.org.au/> (Australian site for Reggio Emilia – (student centred early childhood approach) similar sites around the world)
- <http://www.challengebasedlearning.org/pages/welcome> (Apple promoted idea that offers some useful scope for inquiry-strong digital focus)

A drop of the ocean of websites about student-centred learning

- <http://www.studentsatthecenter.org/home> (as the title suggests!)
- <http://www.teachthought.com> (fabulous resource with some excellent podcasts included)
- www.edutopia.com (great for project based learning and many other resources)
- www.mindsetonline.com (all about Carol Dweck's mindset work)
- www.yoramharpaz.com (essential questions, thinking, inquiry)
- <http://learningcurveplanner.com.au/home.html> (very comprehensive, user friendly list of thinking tools)
- <http://biepbl.blogspot.com/> (problem based learning)
- <http://www.authenticeducation.org/index.lasso> (Understanding by design)
- <http://www.p21.org> (21 C skills)
- www.newhorizons.org (for articles and links - contemporary practice)
- <http://www.personalizelearning.com/> (great for voice and choice info.)
- <http://www.clerestorylearning.com/> (great contemporary learning stuff!)
- <http://www.tonyryan.com.au/home/> (thinkers keys)
- <http://blogs.kqed.org/mindshift/>
- <http://www.greatlearning.com/lfl/>

A taste of the many sites that will help you nurture curiosity

- www.wonderopolis.com (great resource for generating wonder AND for researching interesting questions)
- www.literacyshed.com (excellent collection of videos and teaching ideas)
- <http://thekidshouldseethis.com> (fantastic collection of videos to ignite curiosity)
- www.exploratorium.edu
- www.teded.com (videos created to explore a range of issues/topics)

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- <http://taggalaxy.de/>
- <http://education.skype.com/projects/2751>
- <http://www.nationalgeographic.com>
- <http://www.101qs.com/> (for generating questions)
- <https://sites.google.com/a/gapps.uwcsea.edu.sg/researchhub/> (a site to help kids with research)
- <http://www.mos.org> (Museum of science – loads of amazing resources)
- <http://sylviahow.com> (young girl's own blog with a design and make focus – great videos!) <http://www.meetmeatthecorner.org> (lots of great short videos on a range of topics)
- <https://www.smores.com/Oruh-taking-student-genius-global> (global action projects)
- <http://www.did-you-knows.com> (a great compilation of intriguing facts that could spark further inquiry)
- <http://learnit5.com/TaggedPages?tag=Lesson%20Starters> Lots of videos that can be used as provocations and lesson starters
- <http://kidworldcitizen.org/> (great resources for global ed)
- www.enchantedlearning.com
- <http://agoogleaday.com/> (to help practice search skills AND generate curiosity)
- <http://www.stumbleupon.com/> (great way to locate resources/sites but not recommend for kids to access on their own – good for teachers)
- <http://www.trycuriosity.com/> (focus on books that can support your program)
- <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/kids-news> (new site - news items with accessible text for kids)

A fraction of the vast resource based for play and inquiry-based early years education

- [An Everyday Story: Child-Led Homeschooling/Reggio Emilia Inspired Living & Learning \(Kate\)](#)
- [Atelierista: Stories from the Studio \(Anna Golden\)](#)
- [Crayons, Wand & Building Blocks: A Journey Through Inquiry-Based Play](#)
- [Designing Early Childhood Australia: Planning, PD & Provocation \(Paulette\)](#)
- [Early Learning @ ISZL \(International School Zug & Luzern\)](#)
- [Extraordinary Classroom \(Tiziana Ciccone\)](#)
- [Fairy Dust Teaching \(Sally Haughey\)](#)
- [Interaction Imagination \(Suzanne Axelsson\)](#)
- [Investigating Choice Time: Inquiry, Exploration & Play \(Renee Dinerstein\)](#)
- [Irresistible Ideas for Play-based Learning \(Sherry Hutton & Donna Ridley\)](#)
- [Journey into Early Childhood \(Debra\)](#)
- [Journey Together in Full Day Kindergarten \(Caroline Thorton & Shirley Silva\)](#)
- [Let the Children Play](#)
- [Marla McLean, Atelierista – School Within School](#)
- [Play Based Inquiry](#)
- [Playful Learning \(Mariah Bruehl\)](#)
- [Technology Rich Inquiry-Based Research \(Louise Jupp & Diane Kashin\)](#)
- [The Compass School \(Cincinnati, USA\)](#)
- [This Kindergarten Life \(Laurel Fynes\)](#)
- [Tinkerlab \(Rachelle Doorley\)](#)
- [TransformEd: Transforming our Learning into a Space of Possibilities \(Joanne Babilis\)](#)
- [Under 3 Roofs \(Peabody Terrace Children's Center\)](#)
- [Wonders in Kindergarten \(Anamaria Ralph\)](#)
- [Yokohama International School – Early Learning Centre](#)
- [Zella Said Purple \(Jeanne Zuech\)](#)
- <http://www.reggioaustralia.org.au/> (Australian site for Reggio Emilia – (student centred early childhood approach) similar sites around the world)
- <http://www.discoverytime.co.nz>
- <http://www.playbasedlearning.com.au> (GORGEOUS examples...)
- <http://pinterest.com/camtown/play-based-learning-ideas/> (a pinterest board)
- <http://www.qalileonetwork.ca/earlylearning/>
- <http://pinterest.com/kidsplayspace/kids-loose-parts-play-inspiration/>
- <http://acultureofthinking.weebly.com>

A scattering of TWITTER HANDLES TO FOLLOW...there are many more!

@whatedsaid
 @kjinquiry (that's me! Check out those I follow – most connected to inquiry in some way)
 @curiosityTV
 @wonderstaples
 @ibpyp
 @Saigon_Craig
 @bruceferrington
 @DwyerTeacher
 @jennysfen
 @inquirypartners
 @edutopia
 @ronritchhart
 @LindyBuckley1
 @mumbaimaggie
 @sherattsam
 @hurleyinchina
 @graemeAnshaw
 @tombarrett
 @heidiSiwak
 @sugatam
 @fullonlearning
 @smokeylit
 @namastececi
 @naturlcuriosity
 @gallit_z
 @craigkemp
 @geomouldey
 @jjuliani

A whiff of the world of relevant TED Talks about student-centred learning

http://www.ted.com/talks/sugata_mitra_shows_how_kids_teach_themselves
http://www.ted.com/talks/ramsey_musallam_3_rules_to_spark_learning
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFt15lq64Yg> (The Power of Ummm)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BlvKWEvKSis8> (Dan Meyer)

And a sliver of facebook pages to 'like'

- Kath Murdoch consulting
- Lisa Burman
- Inquiry Partners
- Visible thinking
- Walker Learning
- Edutopia
- Natural Curiosity

Finally.... a sample of a huge array of useful books about inquiry

- Barell, J.(2003) Developing more curious minds. ASCD
- Barrell, J.(2007) Why are school buses always yellow? Teaching for inquiry K-5. ASCD
- Barrell, J. (2008) *Problem based learning: an inquiry approach*, Hawker Brownlow
- Bennet, B. and Rolhesier, C. (2001) *Beyond Monet* Bookation Inc Toronto
- Blythe, T. and associates (1998) *The Teaching for Understanding Guide* Jossey Bass San Francisco
- Bransford, John, Ann Brown, and Rodney Cocking, eds. [How people learn. national research council](#), Washington, DC: National Academy Press, 1999.
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- Claxton, G. (2011) *The Learning Powered School: Pioneering 21st Century Education TLO LTD*
- Claxton, G. *Educating Ruby: What Our Children Really Need to Learn*. Crown House Publishing, Carmathen
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- D' Acquisto, (2006) *L. Learning on Display: student-created museums that build understanding*, ASCD
- Daniels and Harvey (2009) : *Comprehension and collaboration – Inquiry circles in Action*, Heineman
- Daniels, H. (2017) *The Curious Classroom*, 2017 Heineman, New York
- Dweck,C. (2007) *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success* Random House Publishing Group
- Elder, Z. (2012) *Full on Learning : Involve Me and I'll Understand*. Crown House Publishing, UK.
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- Gardner, H. (1993), *Multiple Intelligences: the theory in practice* , Basic Books, New York.
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- Gillon, K. and Pope, J. (2012) *INquiry! Inquiry learning for any classroom*. Hatbox publications NZ
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- Harvey and Goudvis (2000) *Strategies that work (comprehension) – Stenhouse*.
- Johnston, P. (2004) *Choice words: how our language affects children's learning*. Stenhouse.
- Johnston, P. (2012) *Opening Minds: using language to change lives* Stenhouse
- Juliani, Aj. (2014) *Inquiry and Innovation in the Classroom:using 20% Time, Genius Hour and PBL to Drive Student Success*. Routledge, London.
- Katz, L. *Engaging Children's Minds: the project approach*.Ablex Publishing Association.
- Kuhlthau, C., et al. (2007) *Guided Inquiry: Learning in the 21C*. Libraries Unlimited, Santa Barbara, CA.
- Kruse, D. (2009) *Thinking Strategies for the Inquiry Classroom*, Curriculum Corporation
- Kruse, D. (2009) *Thinking Tools for the Inquiry Classroom*, Curriculum Corporation
- Kuhlthau, Carol. (2007) *Et al Guided Inquiry: learning in the 21C*. Libraries Unlimited
- Littkey, D. and Grabelle (2004) *The Big Picture : education is everyone's business* ASCD
- Marzano, R, et al. (2001) *Classroom Instruction that Works* ASCD
- Miller, D. (2002) *Reading with Meaning*, teaching comprehension in the primary grades Stenhouse
- Miller, D.(2008) *Teaching with Intention : defining beliefs, aligning practice, Taking Action* Stenhouse
- Murdoch (2015) *The Power of Inquiry: teaching and learning with curiosity, creativity and purpose in the contemporary classroom*. Seastar Education (available OCTOBER 2015)
- Murdoch, K. (2006) *Take a moment: forty frameworks for reflection*, Seastar Education, Melbourne (available through seastar@netspace.net.au)
- Murdoch, K. (1988) *Classroom Connections: strategies for integrated learning*, Eleanor Curtain.
- Murdoch, K. and Hamston, J (1999) *Knowing Me, Knowing You: Units of work about identity and difference* , Dellasta/Eleanor Curtain
- Murdoch and Wilson (2004) *Learning Links,: strategic teaching in the learner centred classroom*, Curriculum Corporation, Melb.
- Mraz, K. and Hertz, C. (2015) *A Mindset for Learning: Teaching the Traits of Joyful, Independent Growth*, Henneman.
- Perkins, D. (2014) *Future Wise: Educating our Children for a Changing World*. Jossey-Bass San Francisco, CA.
- Ricchart, R. (2011) *Making Thinking Visible: How to Promote Engagement, Understanding, and Independence for All Learners* Jossey Bass
- Ricchart, Ron.(2015) *Cultures of Thinking: The 8 Forces We Must Master to Truly Transform Our Schools*. Jossey-Bass, San Francisco, CA.
- Rothstein, D. and Santana, L. (2011) *Make Just One Change:Teach Students to Ask Their Own Questions*. Harvard Education Publishing Group, Cambridge, MA.
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- Short, K. (1997) *Literature as a Way of Knowing* , The Galef Institute
- Swan, C. (2009) *Teaching strategies for literacy in the Early Years*. ALEA, melb
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- Vietri, Debbie (2008) *The Essentials: Units of work for the integrated Curriculum*, Pearson
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- Wilson,J. and Wing Jan, L. (1998) *Integrated Assessment*, Oxford
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- Wolfe, P (2001) *Brain Matters: Translating Research into Classroom Practice*, ASCD

Little Books of Big Ideas (most of these are now out of print but may be in your school library)

- How to Succeed with Thinking (Jeni Wilson and Kath Murdoch)
- How to Succeed with learner-centred assessment (Wilson and Murdoch)
- How to Succeed with Questioning – Robyn English and Jeni Wilson
- How to Succeed with Cooperative Learning – Kath Murdoch and Jeni Wilson
- How to Succeed with Creating a Learning Community - Kath Murdoch and Jeni Wilson

Great Resources for Prep-2 play based Inquiry;

- Cadwell, L. *Bringing Learning to Life*. Teachers College Press
- Reggio Children: Everything has a shadow expect Ants (Reggio Emilia Publishing)
- Jabion, J. *The Power of Observation, Teaching Strategies*
- Katz, Lillian. *Engaging Children's Minds: the project Approach*, Ablex Publishing Association
- Walker, K. (2008) *Play Matters: a play and project based philosophy* ACER press

Just Imagine
Just Investigate
Just Improvise

Just Discover (All published by Tertiary press) EXCELLENT ideas for discovery centres
Curtis, Deb. *Designs for Living and Learning*, Redleaf Press
(All these resources are available through the Lady Gowrie Centre's online book shop):
www.gowrie-melbourne.com.au/bookshop

Some useful resources to support leading for inquiry teaching and learning

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- Robinson, K. (2015) *Creative Schools: Revolutionizing Education from the ground up*, Allen lane
- Schein, E. (2013) *Humble Inquiry: the gentle art of asking instead of telling*, BK Sanfrancisco
- Wolfe, P (2001) *Brain Matters: Translating Research into Classroom Practice*, ASCD