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#### Review

"If you're the least bit intrigued about what visual note-taking is, or you're interested in how to apply this strategy in class, Wendi Pillars has your answers. . . . You'll enjoy the push to your thinking, and walk away with ideas to implement in your very next class. I've seen this strategy work for language learners in the classroom who need to develop the ability to build connections as well as students learning in their native language." (The North Carolina Science Teachers Association Newsletter)

"[A] useful resource to help students think in new ways and synthesize thoughts." (PsychCentral)

"Visual literacy is an absolute game changer for learning. Educators and students who edu-sketch will find that their thinking becomes broader and deeper. A whole new mind emerges. Pillars' book belongs on every teacher's desk, right next to that proverbial apple." (Sunni Brown, best-selling author and leader of The Doodle Revolution)

"Wendi Pillars has done a masterful job of showing how and why we teachers and our students can benefit from applying a learning and note-taking strategy many of us don't know much about. And, happily, it's a strategy that involves drawing, which our students are happy to do!" (Larry Ferlazzo, teacher advice columnist, author of *Helping Students Motivate Themselves*)

"Every educator should read this book! *Visual Note-Taking for Educators* is a fantastic resource?packed with solid rationale, backed up by research, and made actionable with loads of fun, real-world ideas and activities. Wendi Pillars' insights on visual thinking will improve your teaching and positively impact the lives of your students." (Mike Rohde, author of *The Sketchnote Handbook* and *The Sketchnote Workbook*)

#### About the Author

Wendi Pillars is a National Board Certified teacher who has been teaching students with English as a second/foreign language needs in grades K-12, both stateside and overseas, for 19 years. She has also taught Algebra, History, vocational classes, and Health and PE. She has published several articles, most related to best practices for ELLs, educational neuroscience, and teacher leadership. A lifelong learner, she loves using creativity to empower her learners.

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