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## Inquiry and Problem Solving

Researchers who study the human brain have found that significant learning requires an active process, the kind of thinking that occurs when students are involved in inquiry and problem solving in the classroom. Get ideas and read stories from teachers who have encouraged their students to become inquirers and problem solvers.

### Welcome to the electronic version of the *ENC Focus* issue on the topic Inquiry and Problem Solving.

This page provides access to the full text of all articles in the print version of the magazine. Some articles have been enhanced for this electronic version, and the list of theme articles has been organized by content rather than reflecting the layout of the print version.

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*These articles show how classroom teachers all over the country encourage their students to become inquirers and problem solvers.*

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