

# **BEGINNING TEACHER CONFERENCE**

## ***Racing to the Top***

***for Beginning Teacher Support***

***Evaluation Summary***



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## *General Conference Ratings -- Summary*

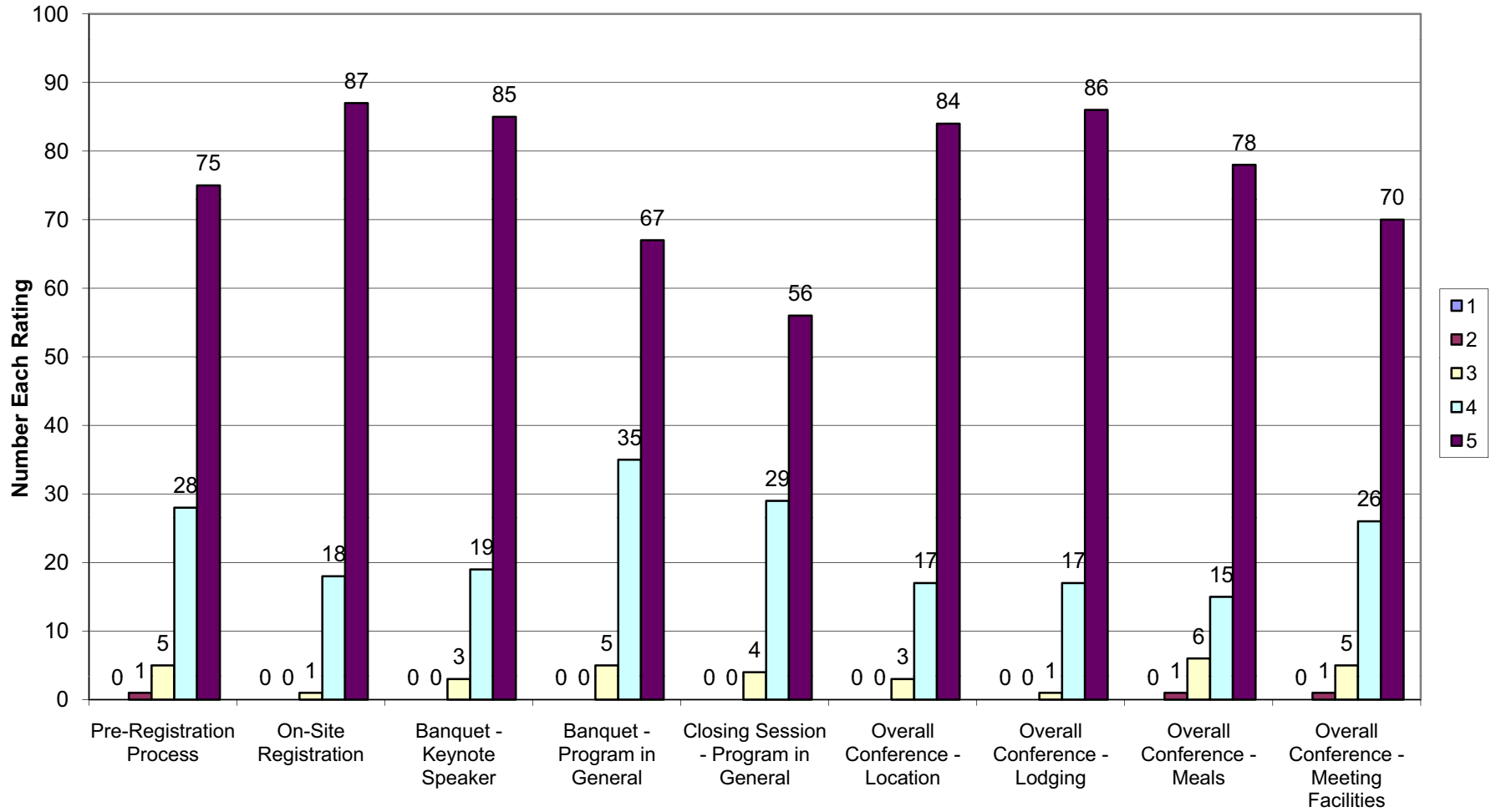
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<u>Average</u>	<i>( 5.0 Maximum )</i>
4.62	<i>CGR01: Pre-Registration Process</i>
4.81	<i>CGR02: On-Site Registration</i>
4.77	<i>CGR03: Banquet -- Keynote Speaker</i>
4.58	<i>CGR04: Banquet -- Program in General</i>
4.58	<i>CGR06: Closing Session -- Program in General</i>
4.78	<i>CGR07: Overall Conference -- Location</i>
4.82	<i>CGR08: Overall Conference -- Lodging</i>
4.70	<i>CGR09: Overall Conference -- Meals</i>
4.62	<i>CGR10: Overall Conference -- Meeting Facilities</i>

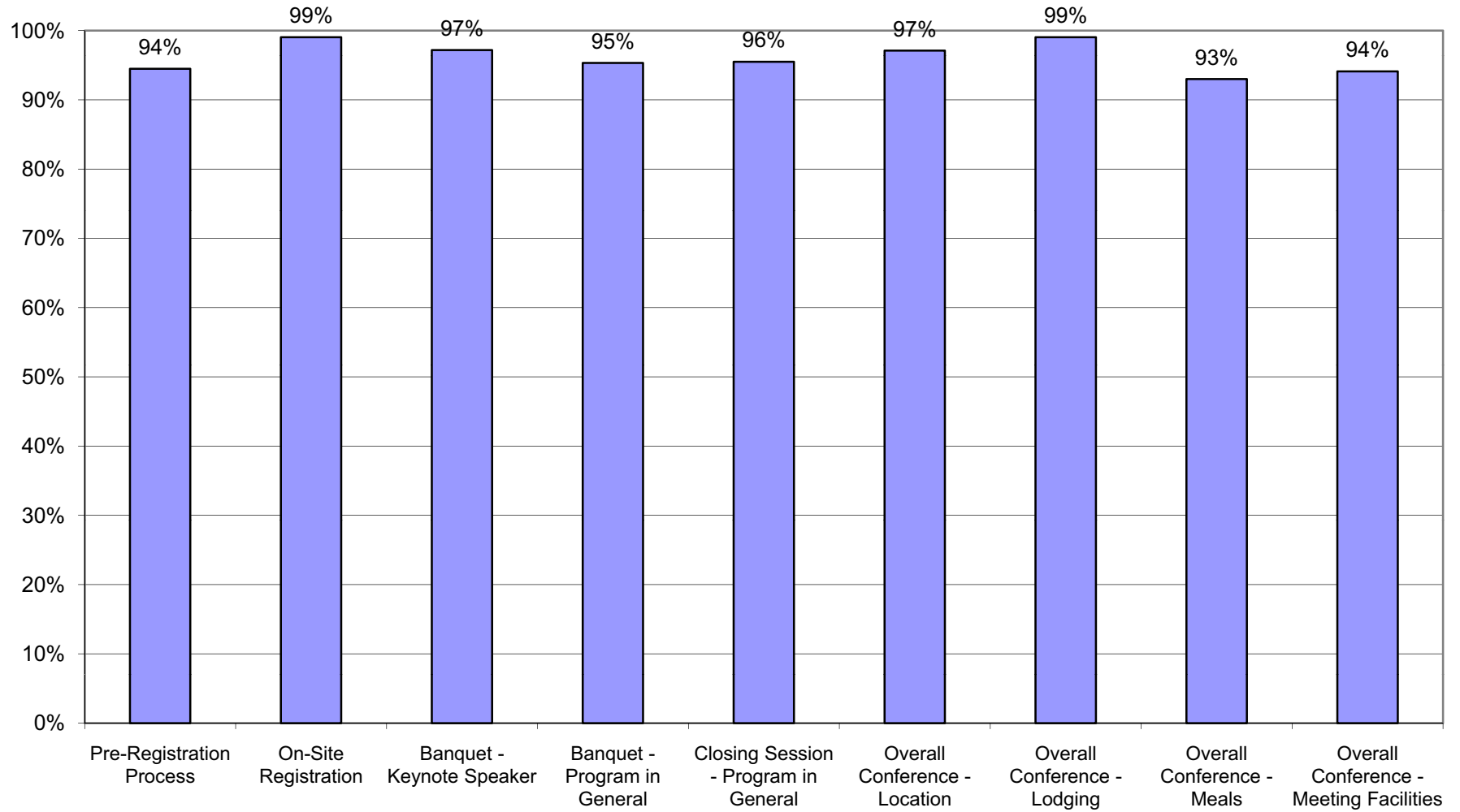
## New Teacher Conference - General Evaluation Tally

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		1	2	3	4	5
2	Pre-Registration Process	0	1	5	28	75
3	On-Site Registration	0	0	1	18	87
4	Banquet - Keynote Speaker	0	0	3	19	85
5	Banquet - Program in General	0	0	5	35	67
6	Closing Session - Program in General	0	0	4	29	56
7	Overall Conference - Location	0	0	3	17	84
8	Overall Conference - Lodging	0	0	1	17	86
9	Overall Conference - Meals	0	1	6	15	78
10	Overall Conference - Meeting Facilities	0	1	5	26	70
11	<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>688</b>
12	<b>Average Number of Responses</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>76.4</b>

### Conference General Evaluation -- 2011



### General Conference Evaluation Summary - Percent Responses of 4 or 5 (max 5)



# Conference Comments

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## Pre-Registration Process

- 1 Organized, welcoming.
- 2 Hard to contact facilitator for our region.
- 3 I couldn't find a description of the classes so I knew what I was signing up for.
- 4 Wonderful, much transition :)
- 5 Easy
- 6 Very organized
- 7 Very easy and user friendly.
- 8 Not a lot of information about specifics given.
- 9 Very quiet and easy.
- 10 Very organized.
- 11 More details about schedule, a time session.
- 12 Would have been nice to have our whole county group with rooms in close proximity.
- 13 Well planned and organized.
- 14 It went very smooth.
- 15 N/A.
- 16 Very simple
- 17 Very organized.
- 18 Could be more user friendly.
- 19 Quick and easy.
- 20 Went smoothly; was easy.
- 21 We needed more detail on the workshops - some of them weren't very well described, or the target audience wasn't mentioned.
- 22 Easy to understand.

# *Conference Comments*

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## **On-Site Registration**

- 1 Well planned and organized.
- 2 Great, lots of happy faces :)
- 3 Easy
- 4 Nice, quick, and easy
- 5 A+
- 6 Not a lot of signage, but it was fast and easy.
- 7 Very organized and prepared.
- 8 Quick and smooth
- 9 Organized, friendly.
- 10 Wish we'd started later - it was hard to get here and get dressed by 7 P.M.
- 11 No problems, very organized.
- 12 N/A.
- 13 Very quick, organized
- 14 No problems!
- 15 Very easy.
- 16 Friendly and easy.
- 17 Very welcoming!

# Conference Comments

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## Banquet -- Keynote Speaker

- 1 Loved Mr. Hawkins' presentation! Loved the fact that he didn't "preach" he "shared" his experiences + made his life relative to where we are today.
- 2 Excellent speaker.
- 3 Enjoyed humor + real-world situations.
- 4 Amazing speaker!
- 5 Great :)
- 6 Would love to work under his leadership.
- 7 It was excellent.
- 8 Great way to kick off the conference. Super speaker!
- 9 Enjoyed the laughs
- 10 Very funny!
- 11 Great speaker, very influential. A seating chart may be helpful to expedite seating.
- 12 Very funny!
- 13 Very funny and lively.
- 14 Hilarious! Full of energy - great after a long week.
- 15 Wish more parents would look on as heroes. Thanks Mr. Hawkins.
- 16 Excellent, will use some of his quotes.
- 17 Wonderful, engaging, exciting
- 18 Very funny
- 19 :)
- 20 Very energetic.
- 21 Inspirational, funny, light-hearted - perfect ending to a long day!
- 22 Good humor and encouragement towards beginning teachers.
- 23 Very humorous, encouraged us as 1st year teachers.
- 24 What an entertaining speaker! I hope to see him again next year.



- 25 Melvin Hawkins is great!
- 26 Wonderful speaker - this was a great way to start off the convention. He really set the mood.
- 27 Enjoyed the speaker - he entertains
- 28 Awesome speaker :)
- 29 Funny/ good.
- 30 Encouraging and motivating.
- 31 The speaker was awesome. It was amazing how he kept us fully engaged the entire time with humor and reality.
- 32 He was hilarious, and I appreciate his honesty.
- 33 Entertaining and interesting.
- 34 Mr. Hawkins was very upbeat and a great person to welcome teachers to the conference!
- 35 He was awesome! :)
- 36 Great :) Very funny!
- 37 N/A.
- 38 Excellent
- 39 Very positive.
- 40 Awesome!
- 41 Great!!
- 42 Speaker didn't have any real message, but was very entertaining.
- 43 Very enjoyable.
- 44 Loved Mr. Hawkins! Funny + had a great message.

# Conference Comments

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## Banquet -- Program in General

- 1 A little put off by the extremely religious motivation. Excellent food.
- 2 Ran a little long after driving for four hours.
- 3 ew-seafood!
- 4 Great program/ bonding time :)
- 5 Went good. Thanks for the memory.
- 6 Food good (especially for hotel.)
- 7 Sound system could've been louder or better. Perhaps seat personnel by their group number.
- 8 Very organized and good use of time.
- 9 Would have been nice to know which LEA donated which door prize.
- 10 A little long, but it was good.
- 11 Great, good food and service. Made me feel very special.
- 12 Delicious :)
- 13 Wasn't aware dinner was going to be served.
- 14 SODAS!
- 15 Well structured program.
- 16 I had a great time.
- 17 The speaker was very motivating, offered a lot of advice, it's nice to hear some words of encouragement.
- 18 N/A.
- 19 Good use of time.
- 20 Very nice meal.
- 21 The menu was very nice. It had something for everyone.
- 22 Like the new start time but the opening event ended too late.
- 23 Great food - good program, just right - not too long after a full day of teaching and travel.
- 24 The food was great - thanks for having a good veggie selection for the vegetarians among us!

25 Food was EXCELLENT! Great introduction to the weekend.

# *Conference Comments*

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## **Closing Session -- Program in General**

- 1 Loved the skits and videos.
- 2 Moved pretty swiftly, but it seemed unnecessary to hold us until 10:45.
- 3 Another shot in arm to stay motivated.
- 4 Had a really great time!
- 5 Love Jasmine Bunch!
- 6 Fine.
- 7 Great energy and collaboration with other educators
- 8 Loved the teacher presentations
- 9 Not a fan of the required group presentations. The groups did fine, but I didn't like that it was required.
- 10 Jazzy was amazing! Her teachers and family should be very proud!
- 11 Enjoyed watching the groups perform.
- 12 It was a little lengthy.
- 13 The program was awesome. It showed that we have some gifted first year teachers.
- 14 Excellent, young speaker was awesome!
- 15 Very nice; nice slideshow.
- 16 I think it was fun.
- 17 The video "stand by me" gets used at very conference I've been to of the past year, as does the "Engage me" video.
- 18 Skits were entertaining but Jazmine was the star of the show.

# *Conference Comments*

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## **Overall Conference**

- 1 Wish we had net access. Having that would have been really helpful but teachers on budgets can't always pay resort fees. Rap seminar needs to be in a larger room!!!
- 2 I had a great time, thanks!
- 3 I am refreshed and ready to take my spot.
- 4 I enjoyed it!
- 5 My first conference and it was very informative. Lodging/ meals - great choices.
- 6 Everything was wonderful.
- 7 Choose a place not so far out.
- 8 Wow!
- 9 Had a great time. Would love to do it again for 2 more years.
- 10 No complaints
- 11 Loved it.
- 12 Wonderful!!
- 13 I'd like a loc location near a mall or other activities.

## *Conference -- Liked Most*

### *What did you liked most about the conference?*

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- 1 I like the interaction with all the other teachers. It allows you to network and find out new techniques for your class.
- 2 Everything. I learned so much!!! I am so satisfied!
- 3 I liked the sessions that were offered. Each presenter gave information that could be used at any grade level. The presenters were engaging and knowledgeable about their subject area.
- 4 Great topics were covered and the dance party was fun :) (but it would have been good to have water or some other beverage to drink.)
- 5 The dance, the skits.
- 6 Quality PD for new teachers
- 7 I enjoyed the networking opportunities.
- 8 Ready-set-engage presentation was SUPER helpful for creating a variety of activities for students.
- 9 I learned some strategies to take back to school.
- 10 Many of the classes were helpful and the opening speaker was hilarious!
- 11 Venn and Grants' teaching sessions.
- 12 The variety of materials presented.
- 13 N/A
- 14 Bridge the gap through rap, ready, set, engage.
- 15 I was well organized.
- 16 Sessions - location.
- 17 Being able to meet other teachers and share stories I can relate to.
- 18 Meeting and collaborating with new teachers.
- 19 This time I was able to gain knowledge and bond with teachers in my county :)
- 20 Everything - excellent presenters with helpful tips - 7 P.M. Hawkins was very entertaining + shared good stories.
- 21 Enjoyed the conference and site.
- 22 Networking, professional development - motivation engage strategies

***What did you liked most about the conference?***

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- 23 Gained information which will be very useful in my class. I got to use an actual clicker and see how it works.
- 24 Meeting other teachers who are also in the same boat. Meeting new people and getting wonderful, new, and exciting resources that will make me a better teacher.
- 25 Comes at a good time for teachers, the motivation to get through the year.
- 26 Chance to talk with adults...I spend way too much time in my classroom.
- 27 Van Lassiter + Cindy Rigsbee speaking
- 28 Learning about the different classroom management techniques and strategies.
- 29 The availability of different topics. Abbey Askew is the best presenter - websites are very helpful.
- 30 Everything was great - perhaps allow for coffee drinkers to have access to coffee during instruction.
- 31 The knowledge I gained.
- 32 The thing I like most about the conference is being able to interact with other 1st year teachers.
- 33 Good sessions.
- 34 I liked the presenters. They all had really practical presentations. I felt like I learned a lot from each of the session I went to and I will used what I learned w/ my class.
- 35 Technology presentations.
- 36 The ability and opportunity to be able to network with other and share experiences.
- 37 The conferences were very good and informational, the setting was nice and comfortable and the presenters were smart, funny and approachable individuals.
- 38 Activities and useful websites to engage students inside and outside the classroom.
- 39 I enjoyed the Bit/Bytes workshop the most. I also enjoyed the speaker and many of the teachers. Great personality!
- 40 Networking, relevance of topics
- 41 The summary activity because it allows the participants to network, brainstorm, discuss, decide and apply skills and strategies acquired during the conference.
- 42 The sessions that were offered.
- 43 During the conference, we met exciting individuals, we shared ideas and network.
- 44 The variety of topics that I could choose to assist w/ teaching the remainder of the year.
- 45 The variety of sessions available. I really liked the freedom of choice!

***What did you liked most about the conference?***

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- 46 I liked all of the conferences. They were great! I also appreciate that it ended in the afternoon on Saturday so it did allow us to have a little "down time" which was greatly needed! Thanks!
- 47 Organization was great.
- 48 I liked the convenience of the location. My favorite parts were the sessions, but I would like to see some sessions more for my area - elementary special ed.
- 49 The multiple intelligence session. We practice a different strategy for each intelligence.
- 50 The way that it was designed to help new teachers with new ideas or how to make what we have work for our classroom.
- 51 Casual and nurturing feeling from members of the collaborative.
- 52 The presenters and info they provided.
- 53 Using data to guide instruction.
- 54 Networking! - Ready, Set, Engage was awesome.
- 55 Networking, learning new strategies for the future.
- 56 The hotel/location varied selection of seminars.
- 57 Being at the beach, away from the school environment and learning new strategies.
- 58 Being able to meet new beginning teachers.
- 59 The power of rap.
- 60 Most of the sessions I attended were interactive and hands-on. They discussed many strategies and activities that are easy to use and require very little "extra" work.
- 61 Networking, and more information an activities to incorporate in planning.
- 62 I loved having it at the beach. I was able to go to 4 really great presentations.
- 63 Overall presentations and network opportunities.
- 64 I really enjoyed the presenters Vann and Abbey. They really gave some informative information that each teacher can use in their lesson. Everyone was very good with their presentations. The location was awesome and the food was great. I really enjoyed myself.
- 65 Vann Lassiter's presentation! So inspiring!
- 66 Sessions, everything!! Vann!
- 67 Location, workshops.
- 68 I like the Read, Set, Engage session. The presenter was very interesting + provided us with great information. He introduced effective teaching strategies to engage students.
- 69 Everything was great!



***What did you liked most about the conference?***

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- 70 I really enjoyed my sessions with Vann Lassiter and Paul Grant. These guys made my day, renewed my spirit and projected new hope and inspiration into my teaching career.
- 71 I attended a few sessions that were very hands-on and helpful.
- 72 The people (everyone's) attitude's were sweet.
- 73 The workshops.
- 74 The inviting atmosphere.
- 75 The speakers were fantastic and they offered lots of strategies I can use starting Monday!
- 76 21st century technology different ways introduced to help our children achieve their goals.
- 77 I got a lot of good ideas.
- 78 Meeting different people at the session.
- 79 Time limits for each workshop, food/ accommodations, location.
- 80 The session - Get Ready, Set, Engage.
- 81 The conference was very interesting & fun as a new teacher. I really enjoyed having time to spend with other teachers & leaning new techniques for my classroom.
- 82 Advances in the use technology in the classroom.
- 83 I loved the sessions. The food, service, stay, + folks were all wonderful.
- 84 Mr. Lassiter's session, "Ready, Set, Engage" was spectacular.
- 85 The ability to network with so many new teachers. The presenters are willing to go out of their way to help new teachers. What a wonderful opportunity!
- 86 Ready...Set...Engage! Amazing!
- 87 Ready...Set...Teach was perhaps the most interesting, engaging, and informative of all the session I attended. More of these types of session would be great.
- 88 Meeting all the other teachers and sharing stories, concerns and resources.
- 89 The presenters
- 90 Variety of topics available
- 91 Sessions, location.
- 92 Keynote speaker.
- 93 The sessions on Saturday.
- 94 Great sessions - relevant topics, engaging speakers.
- 95 The presenters, environment and food.

***What did you liked most about the conference?***

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- 96 Networking w/ others, mini-break with most needed, some really good speakers.
- 97 Being able to exchange ideas for classroom management and classroom disciplines.
- 98 The presenters were wonderful.
- 99 Speaker!
- 100 Melvin Hawkins and Cindi Rigsbee were awesome! The others were great too, but these two were entertaining along with lots of great information.
- 101 The group skits on Sunday were funny and a great way to get to know everyone! There is so much creativity in this group of teachers!
- 102 Technology learned
- 103 Being able to meet new people
- 104 I loved the sessions and the ability to interact with other BTs. It felt great knowing that others shared in my BT experience.
- 105 The dance!!
- 106 The dance! Though I wish it were karaoke!
- 107 The dance!
- 108 The presenters were very knowledgeable about ways and ideas to help new teachers.

## *Conference -- Liked Least*

### *What did you liked least about the conference?*

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- 1 I wish there had been more variety of sessions. I felt like there were some lessons that the conference didn't have that could have helped.
- 2 Nothing.
- 3 I thought the conference was great. There wasn't any part that I like least.
- 4 The timing of some sessions could have been short while others could have been longer.
- 5 Sound system is poor (microphone)
- 6 The 4 consecutive sessions on Saturday.
- 7 I am NOT pleased about having to participate in a skit. The extra 2 hours required to put together a presentation takes time away from my students.
- 8 I wish it wasn't on a weekend. I would've been better to end on Saturday so we had Sunday to catch up.
- 9 The group "networking" was too much at the end of the days. I met more people in classes and at meals, so I don't think this part was necessary or enjoyable.
- 10 It was on this weekend.
- 11 The closeness of the tables during meals.
- 12 More networking with our grade level, breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Perhaps skits/groups be divided into grade levels/ grade span
- 13 N/A
- 14 Not keeping food at meals supplied - people didn't get some things. Sessions w/o participant activities (make + take)
- 15 One of the sessions I attended was extremely unprofessional.
- 16 The conference was great. The workshops I attended were knowledgeable, although one of them could have been longer for the presenter to do more discussions.
- 17 Nothing
- 18 The session titled "Things a teacher needs to know" was horrible and unprofessional.
- 19 Skits
- 20 Some of the sessions were only offered once and they conflicted with other sessions.
- 21 Some classes were only offered once and ran at the same time so I was not able to attend all the classes that I would of like to.

*What did you liked least about the conference?*

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- 22 Not a thing.
- 23 Can we have some time to get together in content areas? There are so few music teachers in the NE, let alone new music teachers.
- 24 From literacy to new literacy - nice people though
- 25 Conflict of time with sessions
- 26 At one session - the music from the neighboring session over powered the session I was in.
- 27 Being divided into groups other than the sessions we chose.
- 28 I'm located on a beach and it's COLD.
- 29 N/A.
- 30 I think the sessions were a little too long. I think they should be an hour and that everyone should have some type of activity.
- 31 Everything was great in my opinion.
- 32 No interaction or engagement in "Differentiated Instruction."
- 33 I know it can't be helped but the PANC conference, NCASA conference + this conference was a lot for one week.
- 34 Acoustics -
- 35 It was on the weekend.
- 36 The conferences were planned on the weekend.
- 37 The required group presentation.
- 38 the dance wasn't very engaging. This maybe needs a change. Atmosphere was great for a dance but no one was participating.
- 39 N/A.
- 40 The dance was a flop. I don't like the "skits" and the process of putting them together.
- 41 The differentiation session...too much information thrown at me with no time to synthesize it!
- 42 Nothing, I can't find or think of anything that I dislike about the conference.
- 43 Need formal opportunity for meeting other participants in similar teaching (i.e. elem., EC, Middle math, etc..)
- 44 Not enough time for presenters; needs to be longer.
- 45 How could some of the rooms were.
- 46 Length, I feel like it could've been longer.

***What did you liked least about the conference?***

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- 47 Limited seating for sessions.
- 48 Having to break into small groups to do presentations; would rather just do discussions.
- 49 Some of the sessions were not active. Lectured the whole time.
- 50 That information was not as specific to my content area as I would have liked it to be.
- 51 Little break time in between sessions.
- 52 Formulating a skit or presentation at the end of the conference.
- 53 A more structured time to network with other teachers.
- 54 N/A
- 55 I really wasn't feeling the group closing thing.
- 56 Preparing the final skit/presentation.
- 57 Early morning start time. Wish Vann Lassiter had more than two sessions.
- 58 I really didn't like the 21st Century Food for Thought session. It seemed that we talked about agriculture. It wasn't what I expected. The session description didn't relate to session.
- 59 I didn't like the fact that they only offered port for breakfast meats.
- 60 I wish I had more time, so the presenters could have had a longer period of time to present and share more idea.
- 61 I was a little disappointed in the sessions I went Sat. morning.
- 62 Little to no hand outs. The time of years it's held.
- 63 N/A.
- 64 I was hoping for more networking but some teachers didn't branch out and stayed with their groups.
- 65 I wish Sunday morning would've ended earlier, so we could get on the road.
- 66 I would like to get info from sessions that I couldn't make it to.
- 67 Too short! How about a week long conference?
- 68 No activities planned for after workshops...everything in the city closes @ 9 P.M.! Nicer bags...
- 69 Everything was great.
- 70 Everything was great!
- 71 Some of the presenters only did PowerPoint without engaging activities.
- 72 The skits!

***What did you liked least about the conference?***

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- 73 Differentiated instruction session.
- 74 Differentiation workshop
- 75 Although the banquet was nice, it was really tiring after being up since 4 A.M. Perhaps the conference could start earlier followed by a meet-and-greet, then some time for everyone to rest before Saturday's activities.
- 76 The last group thing.
- 77 None
- 78 Skit with group.
- 79 No complaints.
- 80 N/A
- 81 Although it is nice to be able to attend 4 sessions, it makes it a tiring day. By the 4th session, minds aren't as engaged and attentive.
- 82 All was perfect!
- 83 Rap session was over booked - I missed it b/c my previous session got out late and the room was already packed to the room. I heard it was excellent though and would have to attend next year if he's willing to present in 2 sessions. We needed better description of the target audiences for some of the sessions. Differentiated instruction for elementary and high school will look very different and it would be nice to know which audience the session is genre for in advance.
- 84 I liked the dance concept; however, some other social activity may work better. A young farmer's conference I went to had a casino night that seemed to be more relaxed. It would be good for the first night after registration, so everyone would have a chance to relax and get to know each other over small competition.
- 85 There was not enough room for the participants in the meeting rooms. There were many people sitting on the floor.
- 86 I wish there were more option for schedule!
- 87 There needs to be more extra time Saturday afternoon - maybe shorten the breaks and we can get out 30 mins. early.
- 88 More forced interaction with peers (networking).
- 89 Some of my required classes were schedules @ the same time.
- 90 For the most part everything was great.
- 91 More "take home" workshops.
- 92 I think the networking can be done without have the group present.
- 93 That the dance was not karaoke!

*What did you liked least about the conference?*

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94 Nothing.

## *Conference -- Other Topics*

*Are there other topics you think would be beneficial to future conference participants? Specify.*

- 1 Teacher-Sports Management, Managing Teaching and Relationships
- 2 No.
- 3 I think Classroom Management and Strategies for elementary school classrooms would be beneficial.
- 4 Special needs students.
- 5 Topic are good, but the presenters might want to think through their execution more carefully/purposefully.
- 6 I'd like to be in networking groups with my subject area or grade level. I hated the skit and would've rather had time to talk about the EOCs or strategies that they use.
- 7 It would be beneficial to have more networking time with teachers of the same content area and grade level.
- 8 Laptops available for tech workshops.
- 9 Networking class/session, stop class/session.
- 10 Teachers being culturally competent to ensure that we all become aware of our own world views, and bias.
- 11 I don't know how you could have scheduled differently, but I wasn't able to get to all the sessions I signed up for. I left some early and slipped in for others.
- 12 Anything to use differently in classroom works great!
- 13 More ways for regular ed teachers to receive information about EC students.
- 14 Nothing at this time.
- 15 NCWISE, grading, is our grades matching test/ assessments.
- 16 Lesson planning
- 17 Some content specific classes would be nice but probably not practical (science).
- 18 Effectively working with administrators.
- 19 Creating lesson plans - thought process of...and time for collaboration w/ others in same content area.
- 20 NCWISE training (more than just grades).
- 21 Everything was good.
- 22 Perhaps a session on ways to differentiate instruction. Maybe a session on lesson planning.



*Are there other topics you think would be beneficial to future conference participants? Specify.*

- 23 DPI licensees info session.
- 24 I think that an assessment one should be needed to cover both state exams and general assessment information.
- 25 Sample lessons being demonstrated.
- 26 More 21st century workshop.
- 27 I enjoyed the conference.
- 28 N/A.
- 29 How to lower drop-out rates. Discuss how high the levels are and what are some strategies to work with the at-risk kids.
- 30 Special Education related sessions with more specific + detailed strategies.
- 31 LITERACY! "New literacy" was not beneficial in the way I needed. My EC students need to decode/boost phonics skills! Cognitive reading skills would be good too!
- 32 How to create interactive lesson plans.
- 33 Technology tools (not websites) mobiles, smart boards, etc..
- 34 Different types of technology.
- 35 Classroom management, lesson plans on how to implement technology, licensure requirements.
- 36 How to effectively handle student with behavioral disorders. Cooperative groups/collaborative learning.
- 37 Break into subject areas to network. Ex: elementary, middle, etc..
- 38 Music based learning.
- 39 More sessions that are specific to grade or subject areas.
- 40 Lesson planning for the 21st Century Teacher.
- 41 More topics based on the different subjects (math, science, etc..)
- 42 N/A
- 43 Benefits of Lesson Plans (something that could help ease the pressure and anxiety of developing lesson plans).
- 44 Engaging parents + community in students' learning. How do we as new professional maintain + increase public opinion of the teaching profession?
- 45 Longer workshop on technology!!
- 46 Centers (ideas + resources for math + literacy centers.)

**Are there other topics you think would be beneficial to future conference participants? Specify.**

- 47 Session on how to implement technology into the classroom for teachers who don't have computers in their classroom. Classroom Management/ Licensure Requirement.
- 48 All important topics were covered.
- 49 No.
- 50 21st Century lessons in the classrooms and understand how to chart your data for the classroom.
- 51 Pre-K teachers, classroom management. Advice for Pre-K Teachers.
- 52 There needs to have more information for 21st century skills and elementary sessions.
- 53 More time for the literacy session.
- 54 Need more door prizes and snacks!
- 55 Games, games, games.
- 56 N/A.
- 57 Peer-evaluation, poverty, and parent involvement.
- 58 How to politely + professionally change the wrongs that are in our public school systems. All of us could tell you what's wrong + how to fix it (suggestions) but no one would/will listen to us.
- 59 Making your classroom appeal to your students.
- 60 Specific topics/grade levels - (i.e. 4th grade writing)
- 61 Center ideas.
- 62 Perhaps a short session of "SHOW-AND-TELL" where teachers could share tips and strategies that are working in their classrooms.
- 63 Laws governing educators.
- 64 More differentiation sessions.
- 65 N/A
- 66 I would like to hear or assist topics for sample teachers strategies on how to call the attention of students to this language or something similar.
- 67 Subject specific session would be great. Possibly a forum for vertical alignment for curriculum in subject areas since many new teachers may not know what kids are being taught in early grades.
- 68 Collaborative lesson ideas between subject. Ag in the classroom development for high school level courses.
- 69 No.
- 70 More elementary specific sessions.

***Are there other topics you think would be beneficial to future conference participants? Specify.***

- 71 More sessions geared to elementary teachers!
- 72 Classroom/behavior management techniques.
- 73 More planned fun activities too! The dance was fun!
- 74 Limited budget, grants.
- 75 locating and writing grants.
- 76 There were several topics that I was not able to attend therefore I am not able to answer.



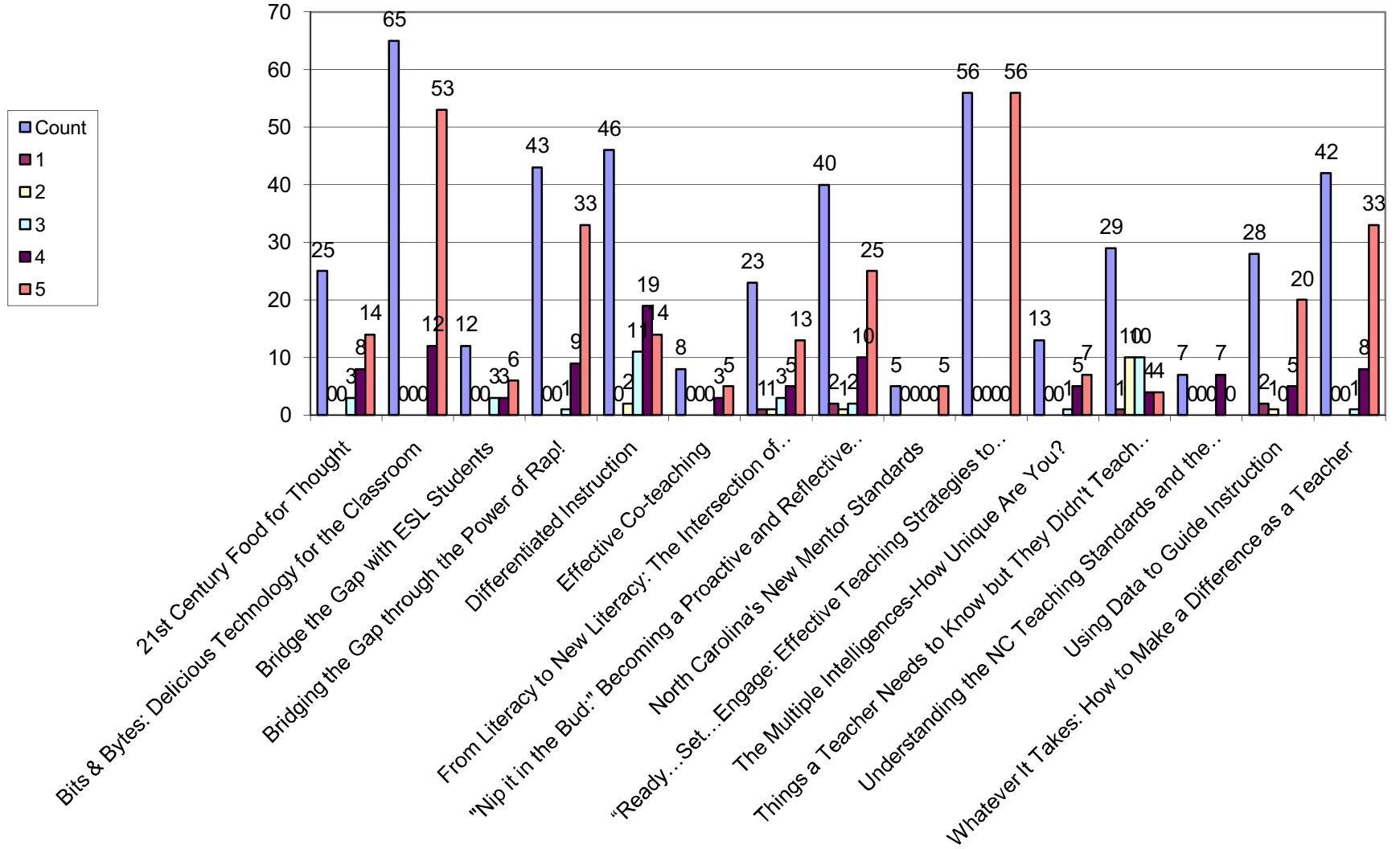
# Concurrent Sessions

## Concurrent Sessions Evaluation Tally

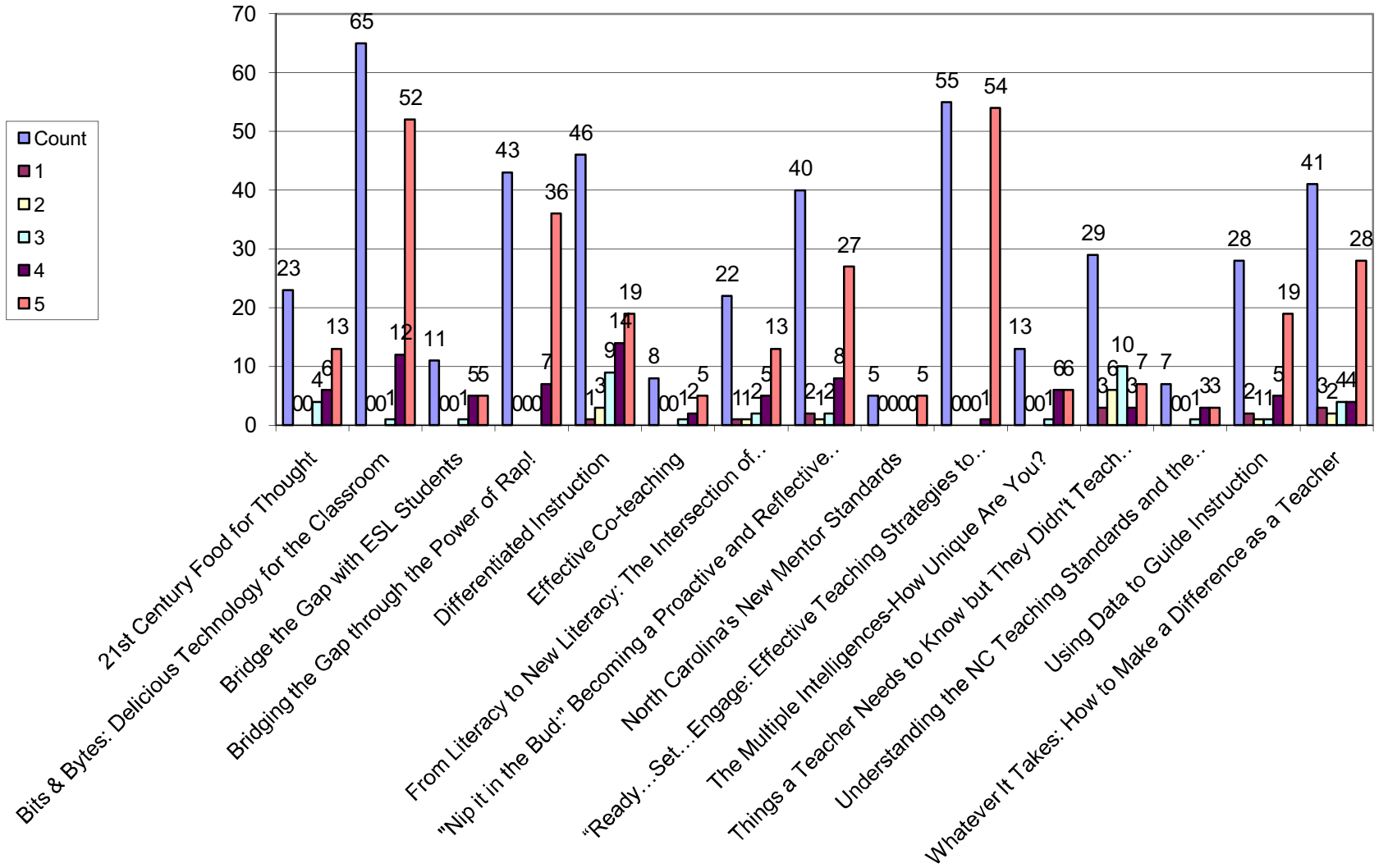
Please circle the number that best represents your opinion of the topic, presenter, and handouts for each session you attend.

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<b>21st Century Food for Thought</b> Presenter Comments:	Topic			3	8	14	7
	Handouts	1		4	5	14	
<b>Bits &amp; Bytes: Delicious Technolog</b> Presenter Comments:	Topic				12	53	28
	Handouts	1	1		11	49	
<b>Bridge the Gap with ESL Student</b> Presenter Comments:	Topic			3	3	6	3
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<b>Bridging the Gap through the Pov</b> Presenter Comments:	Topic			1	9	33	20
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<b>Differentiated Instruction</b> Presenter Comments:	Topic		2	11	19	14	10
	Handouts	1	3	9	14	19	
		1	4	10	17	12	
<b>Effective Co-teaching</b> Presenter Comments:	Topic				3	5	3
	Handouts		1		2	5	
<b>From Literacy to New Literacy: T</b> Presenter Comments:	Topic	1	1	3	5	13	12
	Handouts	1	1	2	5	13	
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<b>"Nip it in the Bud:" Becoming a P</b> Presenter Comments:	Topic	2	1	2	10	25	17
	Handouts	2	1	2	8	27	
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<b>North Carolina's New Mentor Sta</b> Presenter Comments:	Topic					5	
	Handouts					5	
						4	
<b>"Ready...Set...Engage: Effective</b> Presenter Comments:	Topic					56	33
	Handouts				1	54	
					4	50	
<b>The Multiple Intelligences-How U</b> Presenter Comments:	Topic			1	5	7	4
	Handouts			1	6	6	
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<b>Things a Teacher Needs to Know</b> Presenter Comments:	Topic	1	10	10	4	4	3
	Handouts	3	6	10	3	7	
		4	5	10	8	2	
<b>Understanding the NC Teaching S</b> Presenter Topic Handouts					7		1
				1	3	3	
				1	3	2	
<b>Using Data to Guide Instruction</b> Presenter Comments:	Topic	2	1		5	20	10
	Handouts	2	1	1	5	19	
		1	1	2	5	19	
<b>Whatever It Takes: How to Make</b> Presenter Comments:	Topic			1	8	33	14
	Handouts	3	2	4	4	28	
		5	2	2	4	21	

### Concurrent Sessions Evaluation Summary - Presenters - 2011

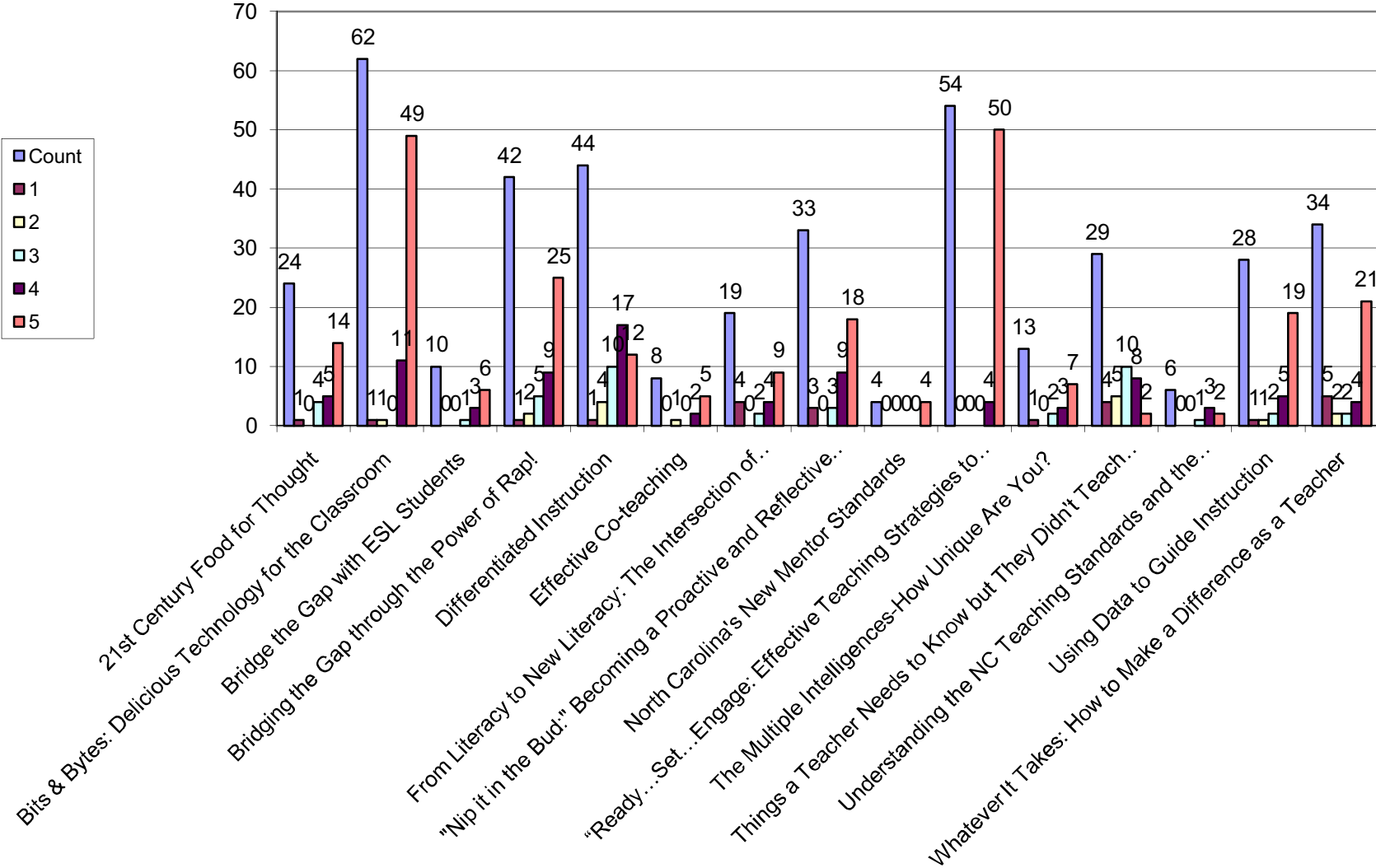


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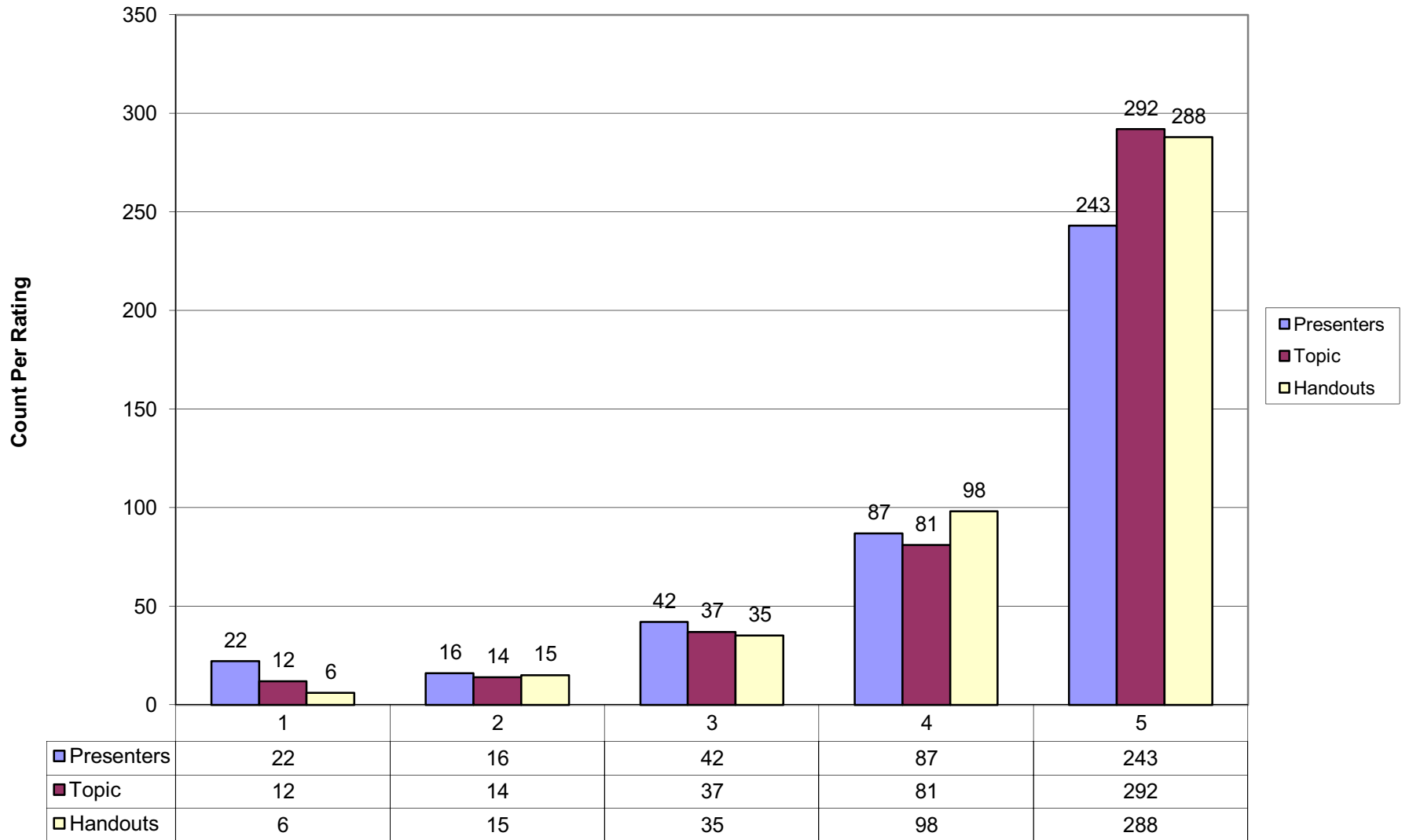




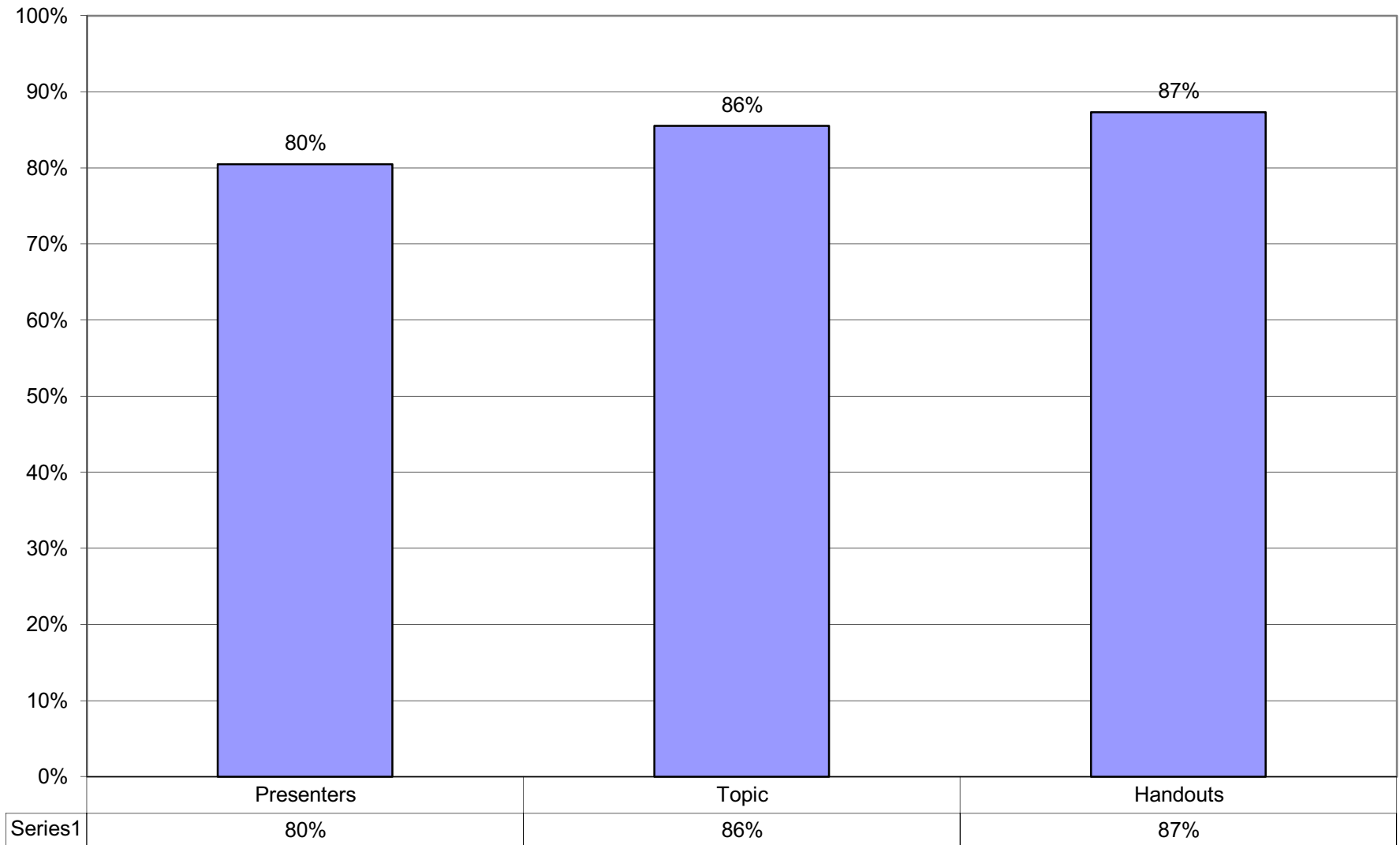
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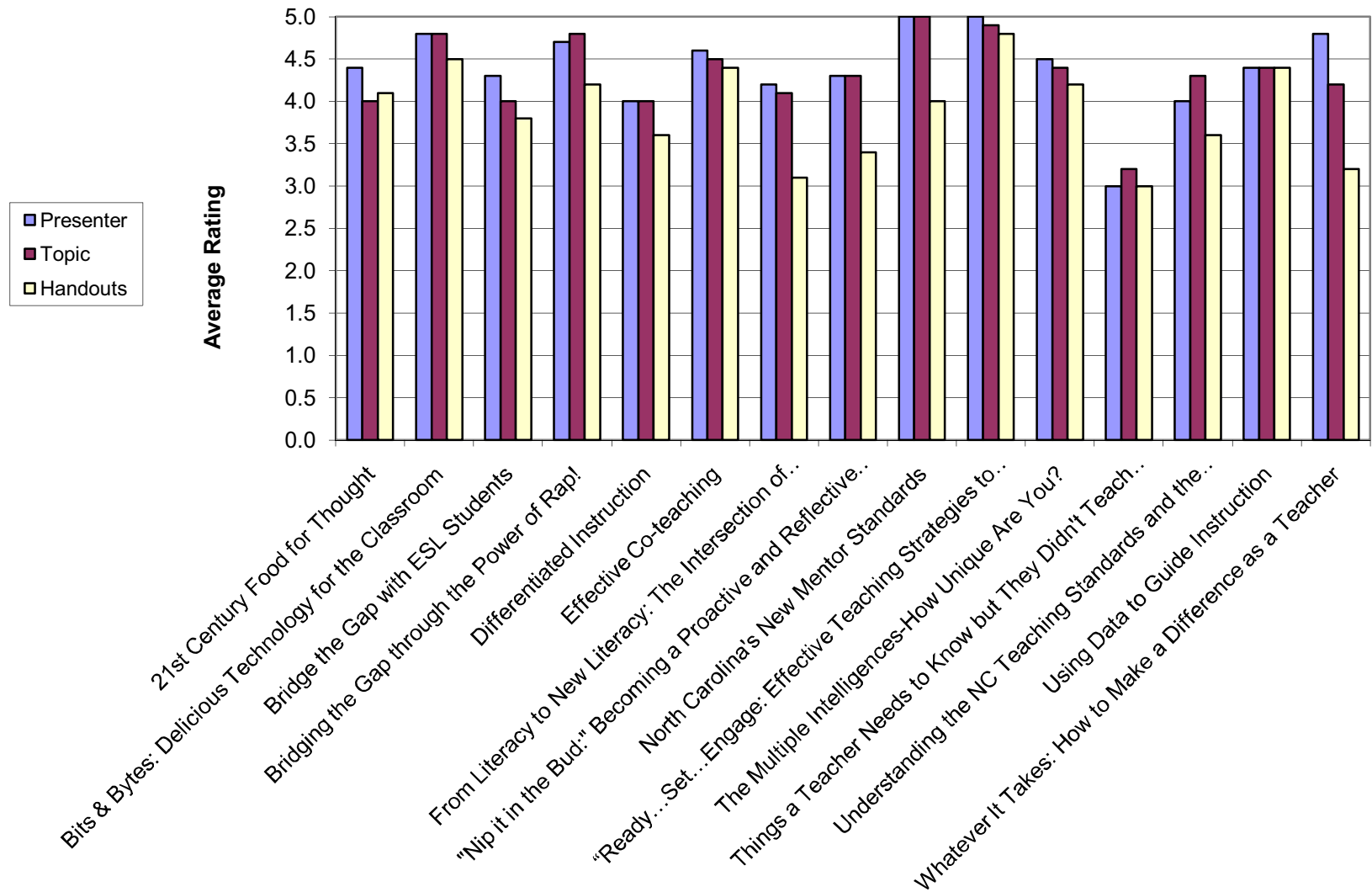
### Concurrent Sessions Evaluation Summary - Overall - 2011



### Concurrent Session Evaluation Summary - Percent Responses of 4 or 5 (max 5)



### Concurrent Session Evaluation Summary - Average Rating (5 Max)



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## *Session Comments 01*

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### *21st Century Food for Thought*

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- 1 Loved the movement and cooperative learning.
- 2 This session was confusing to me at first. I was thinking about 21st century technology. I was good!
- 3 Rename: Strategies for Collaboration - Elem. style or focus on 4th, 7th NC History Teachers.
- 4 Great! Very hands-on and kept my attention well.
- 5 Excellent instruction.
- 6 Loved the interactive activity.
- 7 Great ideas for teaching strategies!
- 8 Useful sites given that any teacher can use.

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## *Session Comments 02*

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### *Bits & Bytes: Delicious Technology for the Classroom*

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- 1 More on technology, not so much websites.
- 2 Lots of tools to use in a variety of classrooms.
- 3 Awesome a lot of technology info! Poll everywhere, picnik, lino it, wall wisher, book a min, video 2 mp3, live binder prezi, mooing away from sage on stage, pemz u - can use for flint journals. Storyboard, Google spaces, netvibe, Google voice.
- 4 Too much info - would like to spend more time on each.
- 5 Very engaging and got many promising websites.
- 6 Great ideas, need to expand time to how to work on prezi.
- 7 Great instruction. Please update 2008 stats on slide presentation.
- 8 Informative and on point.
- 9 Great!
- 10 Useful information given that I can immediately use in the classroom.
- 11 Great sites to use with students and just as teachers.
- 12 Provided user friendly websites that can be used immediately.
- 13 very helpful! Full of tons of information!
- 14 Specific ways to implement the technology in the classroom/ curriculum.
- 15 Fantastic! Great theme and lots of resources to use in the classroom!
- 16 Love this session! Great information provided!
- 17 Mrs. Abby's presentation with the different types of websites to engage my students in 21st century learning.
- 18 She went through step-by-step showing us what to do + where to go to get information.
- 19 Great resources, need more engagement.
- 20 Awesome materials.

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21 tons of useful information; excellent!

22 This was my favorite session!

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## *Session Comments 03*

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### *Bridge the Gap with ESL Students*

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- 1 Very informative.
- 2 Fantastic websites to enhance student participation and independence.



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## *Session Comments 04*

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### *Bridging the Gap Through the Power of Rap!*

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- 1 I enjoyed this very much, but am still struggling w/ how to actually do it.
- 2 Very good!
- 3 Very innovative.
- 4 I enjoy the workshop, wished it was longer!!!
- 5 Man this was awesome. I couldn't get enough of it. This was powerful!
- 6 Great session! I left w/ so many ideas!
- 7 Great access to take back to students who loves music, especially rap music/ hip-hop music.
- 8 funny, informative, and a pleasure to participate it!
- 9 Very entertaining with the raps! Good focus presented during the sessions.
- 10 I learned that I can rap!!
- 11 Very informative.

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## *Session Comments 05*

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### *Differentiated Instruction*

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- 1 Just lectured! Need hands-on.
- 2 It was info we already knew.
- 3 I liked the information + content provided by the instructor.
- 4 A lot of information.
- 5 Not engaging; lectured the whole time.
- 6 Boring; presenter did not use 21st century skills in her presentation. She talked the whole time - no engagement for learners.
- 7 More examples of activities to use.
- 8 More strategies/hands-on activities would have been great.
- 9 Digitize reflections. Handout/discussion was great.
- 10 Would have enjoyed more movement, humor, or interesting story.

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## *Session Comments 06*

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### *Effective Co-teaching*

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- 1 This session gave me some great ideas, and the presenter was honest and realistic.
- 2 Very informative, clear definition of what it entails.

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## *Session Comments 07*

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### *From Literacy to New Literacy: The Intersection of Literacies for Global Learners*

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- 1 Lot of good information! Can't wait to go and try some of these out!!! Not handouts/ URL provided.
- 2 The session needs to be longer than 75 mins.
- 3 21st century technology.
- 4 No handouts given.
- 5 Great information; wish we had been able to have our laptops to practice using the different medias.
- 6 Great! Everyone needs a laptop for this. Needs to be @ least 1/2 day session so that we can interact w/ the websites.
- 7 Did give URL to livebinder w/ a lot of info.
- 8 Excellent!
- 9 No handouts, which is ok! Website provided. This should be a full group session - every teacher needs this information! Perfect example of 21st century learning, collaboration, + KT literacy. The session title didn't do this session justice.
- 10 Didn't have handouts.
- 11 Innovative way to look at literacy.

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## *Session Comments 08*

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### *"Nip it in the Bud:" Becoming a Proactive and Reflective Classroom Manager*

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- 1 Boring presentation with boring PowerPoint.
- 2 Great presenter - interactive, entertaining and informative.
- 3 Very good examples.
- 4 This is really needed at the beginning of school.
- 5 This would be great for new teachers, substitutes, TAs, etc.
- 6 Very interesting.
- 7 Not long enough.
- 8 It was good, but compared to the others I went to I was not as engaged and it was the same info as in a college class.
- 9 I wanted real strategies to use. I already do those things and just wanted creative reward/motivation strategies.
- 10 Did not give handouts.
- 11 Totally made me look at ways I handle students in my class :)

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## *Session Comments 09*

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### *North Carolina's New Mentor Standards*

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- 1 Small group conversation was very helpful!

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## *Session Comments 10*

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### *"Ready...Set...Engage: Effective Teaching Strategies to Engage Any Student"*

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- 1 Wonderful, engaging, useful information.
- 2 Gave new strategies to keep your students involved + engaged in their learning.
- 3 Superior!
- 4 Excellent!!!
- 5 Very, very, very high energy. Lots of valuable ideas to engage my students.
- 6 Wow - so engaging!
- 7 Very interesting, energetic. I love Mr. Lassiter.
- 8 Great!
- 9 Very engaging session. Information given can be easily applied to any classroom.
- 10 Great, wonderful, and exciting!!!
- 11 Loved this!!! Wonderful!!!
- 12 Session was very engaging. Left session with a ton of engaging activities.
- 13 Oh my God! Powerful presentation! Powerful presenter! Unforgettable strategies for success. Numbers are not high enough to represent this workshop!
- 14 I enjoyed this workshop.
- 15 Gave strategies I can use.
- 16 He raps great! He needs to come back next year!
- 17 Outstanding! So much energy!
- 18 Exciting, engaging + fun.
- 19 Amazing!
- 20 Awesome!

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## *Session Comments 11*

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### *The Multiple Intelligences-How Unique Are You?*

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- 1 Didn't finish material.



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## *Session Comments 12*

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### *Things a Teacher Needs to Know but They Didn't Teach You in College*

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- 1 Title was misleading. Felt as though I wasted my time. Did not learn anything new. Presenter did almost all the talking.
- 2 Not what I thought it was going to be like.
- 3 Amy McHam
- 4 The presenter mad some important remarks, but a more structured presentation was needed.
- 5 Too much rambling, but good person, very caring and sensitive.
- 6 Good ideas passed.
- 7 Waste of time.
- 8 Not at all helpful - listened to the presenter's/audiences personal problems for 75 minutes.
- 9 The conversation was dominated by 2 audience members for long periods of time.

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## *Session Comments 13*

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### *Understanding the NC Teaching Standards and the Evaluation Process*

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- 1 Very necessary especially since this system is still new.

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## *Session Comments 14*

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### *Using Data to Guide Instruction*

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- 1 Condensing what she presented didn't match session title.
- 2 Not helpful, not clear, or engaging.
- 3 Very informative session.
- 4 Very informative.
- 5 Hands on activities! She rocked!! Charlene Nicholson.
- 6 Excellent! Very enthusiastic!
- 7 Good info, a little confusing at times.
- 8 Interesting information/ data that can be used to track students. Documentation can serve as artifacts.
- 9 Dynamic presenters!
- 10 Very informative, and energetic.
- 11 I was hoping for practical applications.
- 12 Wonderful.

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## *Session Comments 15*

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### *Whatever It Takes: How to Make a Difference as a Teacher*

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- 1 Great variety of information. Great presentation that wasn't repetitive in content as speaker was key note presenter during the banquet.
- 2 Great motivation.
- 3 Inspired me to do more activities outside my classroom.
- 4 Loved the stories! These expressions for Excellence in Education are exactly what I need! Thanks.
- 5 Great speaker!
- 6 Very informative and interesting. Thank you.
- 7 Got a lot of it! Amazing!
- 8 Very energetic presenter. Learned a lot.
- 9 Great stories from the presenter.
- 10 I liked the personable feel of the presenter and found the presentation extremely practical which was nice.
- 11 Great words of wisdom to use!
- 12 Awesome, she is uplifting, positive, and encouraging. A great support for new teachers. Also very funny and well spoken.
- 13 Very inspiring!
- 14 Very easy to listen to!
- 15 Enjoyed listening to her, but 90 minutes got a little long for her anecdotes.
- 16 Very good speaker, she gives several world examples. I really liked the five steps.
- 17 Re-engineered me for the end of the year + gave me things to think about in preparing for next year.
- 18 Wonderful, motivating.
- 19 Really enjoyed the speaker, I love that she was a teacher and shared her experiences w/ us. It made me feel like I am on the right track.

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- 20 AWESOME! Great speaker! I learned how to inspire and make a difference with my students! I am very motivated to go back to inspire and work with my students!
  - 21 More informative, but not as good as I expected.
  - 22 The stories are wonderful. She inspires me to be a better teacher, and work harder to make a difference in my students' lives.
  - 23 This was a good recharging session. I felt more focused on my profession afterwards. A definite pick me up.
  - 24 Pretty generic.
  - 25 Great advice -- she's an amazing presenter! I could listen to her all day!
  - 26 Good advice for 1st year teachers in the article.
  - 27 Encouraging, article appears concise; anecdotes were funny.
  - 28 Loved it! Great experiences to hear about.