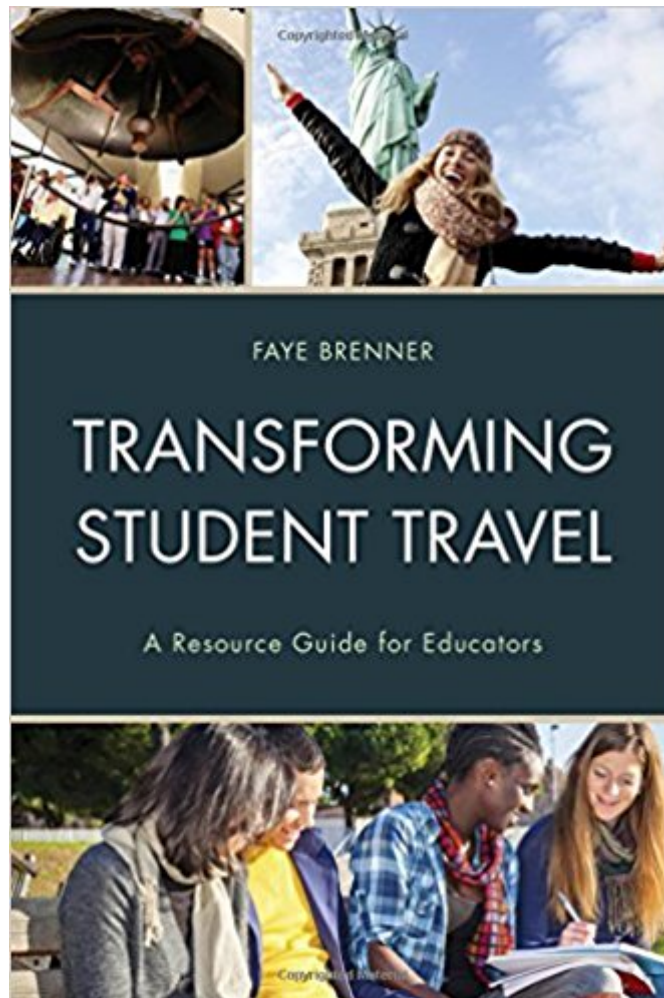




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# Transforming Student Travel: A Resource Guide For Educators



## Synopsis

Transforming Student Travel calls for a paradigm shift in the student tour industry: educators collaborating to create a student-centered, inquiry-based tour. Marcel Proust said, "The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes." This resource guide explores ways educators can encourage students not only to see with "new eyes" but also to understand how they know. The International Baccalaureate informs the first part of the book which includes educational research as well as practical suggestions for improving the tour experience, including an integration of academic subjects. Although much has been written about the impact of international travel, this book explores ways educators can transform domestic tours for public and parochial school students. The second part of the book offers resource guides for four cities: Washington, D.C.; New York; Philadelphia; and Boston. Teachers, tour directors, and tour operators, will find discussion questions activities as well as detailed background information for four of the most visited cities by students. Many of the questions and strategies can be adapted for other landscapes.

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"In 'Transforming Student Travel,' Brenner proposes thought provoking ideas to help educators and leaders plan life-changing educational experiences for students through the wonderful world of travel." (Elly DeVries, publisher, Student Group Tour magazine and studentgrouptour.com) The techniques expressed in the book parallel many of the concepts in the International Tour Management Institute training but in a different language. The more diverse ways

we learn to communicate and share knowledge through critical thinking and dialog with others, the better we are able to understand other's perspective and viewpoints of the world. A teacher or tour guide that gets people to question and think about what they see, hear, smell or touch, is truly a master of their art. Helping people see the world through different eyes, is part of the journey to a more peaceful planet. (Ted Bravos, president, CEO, and co-founder, International Tour Management Institute) Transforming Student Travel thoughtfully brings together educational theory and practical tips in an easily readable format. Brenner's approach is sure to deepen student learning on any trip. Extremely useful for any tour guide or teacher. If you care about students getting the most out of their travel experience, this book is for you! (Tracy S. Michaud Stutzman, PhD, Tourism and Hospitality Degree Program, University of Southern Maine) Faye Brenner's book on transforming the art of guiding students from merely giving them facts about history, people and monuments will allow them to "see with new eyes" the rich heritage that is ours. Whether you are exploring close to home or venturing far away to another country, Ms Brenner's ideas for the adventure of learning by immersing your experience to truly understand, is a thrilling way to awaken young minds. Her practical advice is easy to incorporate into any curriculum or itinerary. (Heidi Watson, Certified Master Guide and Chairperson of training, Guild of Professional Tour guides of Washington, D.C.) Travel will teach students to think critically about the world around them when Brenner's techniques are modeled by the teacher and the tour director. Students will return home with far more than photos and souvenirs when the trip includes critical thinking exercises and inquiry based discussions about the sites they visit. Brenner weaves the two worlds of the classroom and student travel experiences together into an exceptional model for meaningful student travel. (Carol Kendrick, former State President of Arizona Middle Level Association and member of the Board of Trustees for the Association for Middle Level Education (formerly the National Middle School Association), administrator, teacher, and ITMI certified tour director) --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Faye Brenner fulfilled her dream of becoming a tour director after two previous careers in formal and informal education, as a teacher and a summer camp director. She credits the International Baccalaureate program for teaching her how to think and how to teach.

A must read for every tour guide and educator interested in student travel. Faye's approach to enhancing the student travel experience is original and thought provoking. I look forward to putting these new tools into practice in the future.

I am a retired teacher and professional tour guide, with 30 years of teaching and student travel experience who has worked with Faye Brenner and large groups of middle and high school students. Student travel is TOUGH. Keeping them engaged and learning is a challenge. Faye Brenner's book will help you with this challenge, whether you are new to teaching and guiding or experienced. Get ready with your highlighters and post-it flags because there is plenty you will want to mark and use when you are out in the field with students. For me, Faye Brenner's book is a great new source of good ideas and new ways of reaching and engaging students who are traveling with me as their guide. I love the ways she seeks student engagement through questioning; why do you think that, why did you like it, what else did you see, why do you think they put it here, how did it make you feel. In her book Faye also shows how to approach a site, she shows how to get students to look at the whole, even (stare), but then she directs them to go deeper, look from different perspectives, look at the parts; pick a quote that moves them, think about why a memorial was created. "It is written in stone" look for it. Another technique she gives, is getting students to take a moment and sit, look, reflect and think. These are not necessarily activities that students do on their own as they are busy running back and forth, taking selfies, talking to their friends without really looking or thinking. Faye Brenner's book gives the experienced travel leaders new ideas but she also gives those people new to this challenge a great resource for successful group travel experiences. I highly recommend this book to Tourist Guides, Teachers and anyone who is leading students on the great adventure of learning about new places and people. Enjoy!

Faye Brenner has written an invaluable guide for anyone who travels with students: tour leaders, teachers, tour guides, even parents who want to make family travel to the major East Coast cities (Washington, DC, New York, Philadelphia, Boston) a truly educational experience for their children. She challenges students to form a deeper understanding of the historical sites they visit and to think critically about their experiences at every turn. Best of all were the concrete examples of questions to ask and consider at major sightseeing venues. An excellent jumping-off point for your next student trip!

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