

ELA and Research Resources

Argumentative Writing from Utah Education Network

<http://www.uen.org/core/languagearts/writing/argumentative.shtml>

Arizona Dept of Educ Common Core ELA Standards

<http://www.azed.gov/k12-literacy/ela-standards/>

Common Core Standards: Teaching Argument Writing

Caitlin Tucker's blog re: Blended Learning & Technology in the Classroom

<http://catlintucker.com/2012/10/common-core-standards-teaching-argument-writing/>

Common Core State Standards: Connecticut's Vision

This link contains pacing guides for both math and ELA common core and the math units include assessment examples.

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=322592>

Common Core State Standards: Resources from Booklist Publications

links to Common Core–related material from *Booklist* and *Book Links* magazines

[http://www.booklistonline.com/\(X\(1\)A\(Uj1YhtzFzQEkAAAANGI1YWMzZDYtNDQ2ZS00MmQ0LTk1YjUtODcyNGMzNDNkZmY4m1hTFu938wSbjUGieXFNxSpLm6M1\)\)/GeneralInfo.aspx?id=68&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1](http://www.booklistonline.com/(X(1)A(Uj1YhtzFzQEkAAAANGI1YWMzZDYtNDQ2ZS00MmQ0LTk1YjUtODcyNGMzNDNkZmY4m1hTFu938wSbjUGieXFNxSpLm6M1))/GeneralInfo.aspx?id=68&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1)

Connecticut State Dept of Education

pacing guides, unit correlations, skeleton unit plans, and resources

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=322592>

Curriculum Modules for Grades K-12 ELA

Look on the left of this web page to access Engage NY's curriculum modules for grades K-12.

Items you will find very useful: for grades K-2 lesson plans, read alouds, anthologies, flip books and image cards for topics such as: fables and stories, fairy tales, the human body, early world civilizations, Greek myths, etc...

Grades 3-5 include curriculum maps, lesson plans and topics such as: Becoming a Close Reader and Writing to Learn: My Librarian Is a Camel: Bringing Books to Children around the World, Considering Perspectives and Supporting Opinions: Animals in Folktales, Myths, and the Real World, Gathering Evidence and Speaking to Others: The Role of Freshwater around the World, etc... For grades 6-12, curriculum exemplars include: making evidence based claims, finding supporting evidence, close reading lessons, non-fiction passages, bridging homework assignments, etc...

<http://engageny.org/resource/curriculum-exemplars-for-english-language-arts>

Delaware Department of Education's Resources for ELA Common Core

Includes resources, links, model lessons, graphic organizers, vertical articulation, etc.

http://www.doe.k12.de.us/infosuites/staff/ci/content_areas/ela.shtml

Digital Textbook: A Digital Anthology

Jim Burke created *The Digital Textbook* as an alternative to paper texts which are static, generally only black-and-white, and often dated. In a world of so many types of text, some of which focus on words while others incorporate a range of media, it seems negligent to offer only the dry pages of an old textbook or novel. The *Digital Textbook* serves another important role: providing a context for weekly reading and writing instruction. It gives teachers a context in which to teach a variety of both, showing them how to read an image or how to write about one; how to analyze a website or how to craft a particular type of sentence or organize a paragraph a certain way.

<http://englishcompanion.com/classroom/digitalTextbook/index.htm#readspeeches>

EduCore: Tools for Teaching the Common Core

ASCD's newest resource for implementing the CCSS - access lessons, sample units and related resources for math and literacy. Register to create a free account - this site is a **MUST SEE!**

<http://educore.ascd.org/>

ELA Curriculum Mapping Project

The Common Core Curriculum Mapping Project provides educators with high-quality, low-cost curriculum tools based on the Common Core State Standards. Our second edition Curriculum Maps in English Language Arts have been viewed more than **7 million times** since they went online in August 2010. These 76 detailed curriculum Maps and sample lesson plans are designed to help K-12 educators create the kind of "well-developed, content-rich curriculum" called for in the Common Core State Standards.

<http://commoncore.org/maps/>

Georgia Common Core Resources

Contains unit plans, curriculum maps, lesson plans for math and ELA aligned to common core state standards, and more...

<https://www.georgiastandards.org/Common-Core/Pages/default.aspx>

Grade 4 ELA Modules from Engage NY

Becoming a Close Reader and Writing to Learn: Native Americans in New York, WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO THE HAUDENOSAUNEE (IROQUOIS PEOPLE)?, CULMINATING PROJECT: A CONSTITUTION FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY, BUILDING BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE: LIFE IN COLONIAL AMERICA, CASE STUDY: CONDUCTING RESEARCH ON COLONIAL AMERICANS, CULMINATING PROJECT: RESEARCH-BASED NARRATIVE ABOUT AN EVENT IN COLONIAL AMERICA, Researching to Build Knowledge and Teaching Others: Interdependent Roles in Colonial Times

<http://engageny.org/resource/grade-4-ela-module-1>

Granite School District ELA CC Resources

ELA Common Core Maps for grades 7-12 and a host of other literacy resources

<http://www.graniteschools.org/depart/teachinglearning/curriculuminstruction/literacyenglishlanguagearts/Pages/ELACCommonCore.aspx>

Hawaii Standards Database for Common Core

Includes multiples resources like writing units, performance task examples, videos, reading assessments for K-2, professional development tools, etc...

http://wetserver.net/hcpsv3_staging/cc/common-core.jsp

Kelly Gallagher - Building Deeper Readers & Writers

<http://kellygallagher.org/>

Kentucky Department of Education link to deconstructed CCSS

The COMPLETE set of deconstructed standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics is now available on Kentucky's web page.

<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Curriculum+Documents+and+Resources/ATTENTION++Leadership+Networks.htm>

Learn Zillion Common Core Lessons for math & ELA gr.3-12

Learn Zillion's New Common Core Navigator will take you to lessons for grades 3 and up in math and ELA. It is a very user friendly site and will have grades 5k-2nd soon. Learn Zillion has also launched new lesson pages that contain the following:

Lesson Set View—See how each individual lesson fits within a set of lessons that collectively cover a standard. Larger video player—Teachers and parents can now watch the Core Lesson video in a larger player. Additional resources—Watch a coach's commentary video to help with teacher development, assign a Guided Practice video to students, download texts for read-alouds and more! Usage ideas—Get ideas for ways you can use LearnZillion to support your students and save you time.

http://learnzillion.com/common_core/math/k-8

Live Binder for ELA Common Core Resources

created by the NC Department of Public Instruction

<http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=297779>

Mike Schmoker's Write More, Grade Less

<http://mikeschmoker.com/write-more.html>

More Grade 5 ELA Modules from Engage NY

Becoming a Close Reader and Writing to Learn: Stories of Human Rights, BUILDING BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, CASE STUDY: ESPERANZA'S STORY, CULMINATING PROJECT: READERS THEATER: *ESPERANZA RISING*, FROM NOVEL TO SCRIPT

<http://engageny.org/resource/grade-5-ela-module-1>

NYC Dept of Education: Tasks, Units & Student Work aligned to CCSS

Search a growing assortment of Common Core-aligned tasks, units and student work by keyword, grade level, subject area and Common Core Learning Standard.

<http://schools.nyc.gov/Academics/CommonCoreLibrary/TasksUnitsStudentWork/default.htm>

North Carolina Common Core Instructional Support Tools

Public Schools of North Carolina features the following: unpacking the standards for common core math and ELA, ELA text exemplars, graphic organizers, instructional support tools, math & ELA glossary of terms, etc.

<http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/acre/standards/common-core-tools/>

North Dakota Curriculum Initiative for Common Core

This site contains dozens of resources and documents for both ELA and math CCSS including sample unit plans.

http://ndcurriculuminitiative.org/common_core/

Ohio Dept of Educ Common Core ELA Model Curriculum

During the summer and fall of 2010, teachers across Ohio worked collaboratively in teams to suggest instructional strategies and resources that align with the revised standards. The State Board of Education adopted the Model Curriculum on March 15, 2011. The adopted model curricula are posted on this link.

<http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=1699&ContentID=86942&Content=125681>

Oregon City School District

K-12 literacy resources such as reading samples for informational and literary text, curriculum maps, strategies, etc...

http://www.orecity.k12.or.us/staff/curriculum_resources/literacy

Pacing Guide Templates for Common Core math and ELA

The Allen County Educational Service Center has devised templates for educators to use to map out the English Language Arts and Mathematics Common Core State Standards (CCSS). These templates list all of the strands, standard/content statements, topics, themes, domains, and clusters based on the 2010 CCSS. Teachers have found these templates to be useful for creating pacing guides and/or curriculum maps.

<http://www.allencountyesc.org/DepartmentsPrograms/Curriculum/CommonCoreOhioRevisedStandardsTemplates>

Pros & Cons of Controversial Issues

Their purpose is to provide resources for critical thinking and to educate without bias.

Their **mission statement** is: *Promoting critical thinking, education, and informed citizenship by presenting controversial issues in a straightforward, nonpartisan, primarily pro-con format.* They accomplish their mission by researching issues that they feel are controversial and important, and they work to present them in a balanced, comprehensive, straightforward, and primarily pro-con format at no charge on their websites.

<http://www.procon.org/>

Read Tennessee -ELA and math common core toolkits for grades PreK-3

The home of Read Tennessee, a joint project designed to allow teachers, families and community members to work together for the benefit of young children throughout the state of Tennessee. Explore their Reading and Math toolkits to take advantage of the information provided to help accelerate student learning. Click on either the Reading or Math logo visit the

toolkits that include vocabulary, integration ideas, questions to focus instruction, and learning progressions.

<http://www.readtennessee.org/>

READING AND WRITING LIKE A SCIENTIST: ELA Grade 5 Module

In this grade 5 ELA module, students will focus on the literacy skills that scientists need to use in order to take field notes, deepen their knowledge through research, and communicate information in writing. First, students will learn how to write field notes like a scientist, by observing carefully and writing precisely about their local natural environment. Then they will work within expert groups to conduct research on the insects found in the rainforest, taking notes from print and digital sources. The mid-unit assessment will gauge students' mastery of note-taking skills: They will read and take notes on passages of unfamiliar informational text on a different rainforest species—the howler monkey. Students will then return to their focus on insects and will write narratives in the form of rainforest explorer's field journal entries that incorporate their research notes on insects. This will be the unit's final performance task. For the on-demand end of unit assessment, students will use the notes they took during the mid-unit assessment to create an additional field journal page on the howler monkey.

<http://engageny.org/resource/grade-5-ela-module-2a-unit-3>

ReadWorks.org - the solution to reading comprehension

Sign up for a free account to access 100s of non-fiction reading passages for grades K-6 (most come with follow-up questions) and lesson plans. Go here

<http://www.readworks.org/user/alignment> to align to CCSS (select CCSS on the drop down tab then select your grade level. <http://www.readworks.org/>

Rogers Public Schools & Common Core Aligned Resources

This page links to this Arkansas public school system's curriculum page-scroll down to choose elementary, middle, or secondary curriculum to find links to unit plans and common core resources. There are resources for most subject areas including ESOL & Related Arts.

http://curriculum.rogersschools.net/modules/groups/integrated_home.phtml?gid=1351594&&sessionid=e71ee18dc144bac9bafdcc599d228dd0&sessionid=e71ee18dc144bac9bafdcc599d228dd0

Sample Items and Tasks for ELA/Literacy – Higher Education Webinar on You Tube

Director of English Language Arts/Literacy Barbara Kapinus provided higher education faculty and administrators information on the assessment system and the types of English language arts/literacy items and tasks being developed

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkqySdIM33I&feature=youtu.be>

Southern Nevada Regional Professional Development Program

This site currently has lesson plans, units, and resources aligned to the CCSS for ELA grades K-12. Math is coming soon.

<http://rpd.net/ccss.html>

The Teachers College Reading & Writing Project

The Teachers College Reading and Writing Project is a research and staff development organization housed at Teachers College, Columbia University. The Project's ideas are

foundational to literacy instruction across the globe. The Teachers College Reading and Writing Project was founded and is directed by Lucy Calkins. [Be sure to check out the Resources tab at the top, then select the Common Core Resources tab.](#)

<http://readingandwritingproject.com/>

Thinking and Writing Lesson Plans (by Inspiration) aligned to Common Core

<http://www.inspiration.com/lessonplans/inspiration#thinking-and-writing-lesson-plans>

Utah Core Standards for Math & ELA

A wealth of information compiled for you...scroll down and persue all of the tabs

<http://www.uen.org/commoncore/>

Visuwords:On-line Graphical Dictionary

Look up words to find their meanings and associations with other words and concepts. Produce diagrams reminiscent of a neural net. Learn how words associate.

<http://www.visuwords.com/>

Vocabulary Resources for Tiers 1-3

The Reading Sage blog-includes list of Tier 2 academic vocabulary words.

<http://reading-sage.blogspot.com/2011/08/common-core-state-standards-for-english.html>

Writing Samples from Students from the Reading & Writing Project

View actual student examples of writing for grades K-5 (middle school coming shortly) for various writing genres ([editorial](#), [how to](#), [informational](#), [fiction & non-fiction](#), [narrative](#), [poetry](#), [persuasive](#), [argument essay](#), [memoirs](#), [research](#), etc...).

<http://readingandwritingproject.com/resources/student-writing/kindergarten>

Writing Teacher Resources from Steven Michael Harris

<http://stevenmichaelharris.com/studentwriting.html>

Cybrary Man's Educational Web Sites for ELA

**The internet catalogue for students, teachers, administrators & parents.
Over 20,000 relevant links personally selected by an educator/author with
over 30 years of experience.**

<http://cybraryman.com/languageartslinks.html> Lesson Plans for ELA (by Inspiration) aligned to the Common Core <http://www.inspiration.com/lessonplans/inspiration#english-language-arts-lesson-plans>

Literacy/English Language Arts in Connecticut at the early grades focus on providing high-quality instruction to ensure the prevention of potential reading difficulties. This link contains lesson plans in phonics, fluency, comprehension, and writing.

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=320866>

The Lexile Framework for Reading <http://www.lexile.com/>

[Guide to Creating Text Dependent Questions for Close Analytic Reading](#)

Spelling/Vocabulary Resource recommended by Kevin Baird, a lead consultant on CCSS. This web site's mission is to have an efficient, game-based study of literacy skills using any word list. <http://www.spellingcity.com/>

Well known teacher and author, *Write Like This*, Kelly Gallagher hosts this site for creating better readers and writers. Be sure to visit the link under Resources - Article of the Week. There are dozens of informational text articles in his archives which include follow up questions. <http://kellygallagher.org/>

Reading Primary Source Documents: Hints for Students

http://www.osv.org/explore_learn/document_viewer.php?DocID=1106

This web page also contains over 400 primary source documents, research papers, and periodicals as well as a collection of period graphics images.

Common Core Unit for High School English - Colonial Era of American Literature 1500s-1770s e.g. *The Crucible*

http://mrslivaudais.com/?page_id=74

Animal Farm Common Core Unit

<http://web001.greece.k12.ny.us/webpages/smikulski/news.cfm?subpage=37054>

Resources for Kindergarten <http://mrsriccaskindergarten.blogspot.com/>

Special Education Resources from Cybrary Man <http://cybraryman.com/specialed2.html>

Framework for English Language Proficiency Development Standards

by *Developed by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the English Language Proficiency* corresponding to the CCSS and the Next Generation Science Standards


The Framework outlines the underlying English language practices found in the CCSS and the NGSS, communicates to ELL stakeholders the language that all ELLs must acquire in order to successfully engage the CCSS and NGSS, and specifies a procedure by which to evaluate the degree of alignment present.

 ELPD Framework Booklet for ELLs.pdf, **1.50 MB** (Last Modified on October 27, 2012)

Reading & Writing in the K-2 Literacy Classroom

by *Jennifer Thomas, Tammie Shore*

Presented to all 4K-2 teachers August 16, 2012

 CCSS K.2.LiteracyAugust16.pptx, **1,019.51 KB** (Last Modified on August 17, 2012)

K-2 Shared Reading Lesson Plan Template

by *Jennifer Thomas, Tammie Shore*

 K-2 Shared Reading Lesson Plan Template.docx, **21.17 KB** (Last Modified on August 17, 2012)

Research

Big 6

Big6 is a six-stage model to help anyone solve problems or make decisions by using information. Using the Big6 information literacy process, you will identify information, research goals, seek, use, and assemble relevant, credible information, then to reflect— is the final product effective and was my process efficient? The Big6 information literacy process is completely transferable to any grade level, subject area, or workplace.

<http://big6.com/>

Library of Congress Resources for CCSS

On the left in the "Search this site" box, type research to find wonderful examples of unit plans involving research!

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/>

Noodle Tools


Sign up for a free account to access MLA Lite.

http://www.noodletools.com/simplesaml/module.php/core/loginuserpass.php?loginerror=A+previous+session+was+still+active+and+needed+to+be+cleared.+Please+log+in+again.&AuthState=_1866e56cdb15a25cd4a51cdf8f8def3bc2a6fcff18%3Ahttp%3A%2F%2Fwww.noodletools.com%2

The Power and Potential of Primary Sources

by *Denise N. Morgan* ■ *Timothy V. Rasinski*

This article describes how infusing primary sources into instruction helps students develop critical literacy skills as well as more complex understandings of the world.

 power and potential of primary sources.pdf, **359.59 KB** (Last Modified on May 13, 2013)

Research Project: The American Dream

[What is the American Dream?](#) Is it the same for all Americans? Is it a myth? Is it simply a quest for a better life? How has the American Dream changed over time? Some see their dreams wither and die while others see their dreams fulfilled. Why? Everyone has dreams about a personally fulfilled life ...what is your dream? Your job is to research the dreams of others. You will then create and publish your interpretation of the "American Dream."

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/american-dream/students/>

Research Project for 2nd grade: A Season for Chapters

Focusing on the beauty of language in poetry and fiction, students learn poetry terms and the beginnings and endings of stories. In preparation for writing informational text, students complete a research project on a seasonal activity from a region of the United States unlike their own. Enjoying the beauty of the language of music through Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, students use their own beautiful language when writing "seasonal" poetry. Students review the

roles of authors and illustrators, and read about specific authors and poets. This unit could become a weather unit or a solar system unit by adding topic-specific titles to the informational texts.

http://commoncore.org/maps/sample/grade_2_unit_1

Research Project Idea: Invasive Species

Designed for a 6th grade class: We have heard stories about aliens or little green men from outer space, but what about aliens that are coming from other countries and destroying our ecosystems? Who are they? What is being done to stop this invasion? Your job is to research an invasive species problem in the United States. You will work in groups to create a wiki, a collaborative web page, that will inform the public of the problem we are having, explain how it happened, and provide suggestions on how the public can help save our environment.

http://www.lowvilleacademy.org/webpages/MBlow/invasive_species.cfm

Research Project-Immigration: Our Changing Voices

For grades 6-12: Through dialogue, documentation, research, and interviews, students understand their role in society. This unit provides a background to students' family histories, and gives them an opportunity to listen to the voices of immigrants of the past. The students identify the issues involved with the migration of a community or family. By examining the traditional picture of immigration, students then consider their own families to have a better idea of their own history and their own voices.

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/voice/index.html>

Super 3

Getting students to think of completing tasks as a process is important. It helps them get organized, complete the job, and maintain high standards of quality. The Big6 Information Problem-Solving Process is great but the Super 3 simplifies it for younger children.

<http://www.slideshare.net/bogeybear/super-3-for-kids>

Web links for citing sources:

Bibme

<http://www.bibme.org/>

Son of Citation Machine

<http://citationmachine.net/index2.php>

Easy Bib

<http://www.easybib.com/>

The Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL)

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>

Color-Coded Citations: MLA Format

<http://www.athletics.illinois.edu/academics/images/writers-corner-pdfs/MLA-and-APA-Citation-Format.pdf>

MLA citation style

Color-coded resources from Long Island University Post

<http://www2.liu.edu/cwis/cwp/library/workshop/citmla.htm>

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7th edition

Color-coded guide from University of Illinois

<http://www.library.illinois.edu/learn/research/citation/mla.html>