



Breakout Session: Mentoring for Content Literacy in the Common Core:
Presentation Overview:

- Common Core raises College and Career readiness Lexile expectations across content and grade levels.
- Requires a balance of literacy and informational text, with more of an emphasis on informational as a student moves through grade levels.
- *Integrated Model of Literacy:* Commonalities of CC Standards can be found between content areas (this could create opportunities for collaboration between content depts.).

Mentoring in the Common Core:
Key Takeaways:

- Begin the year with tying lesson planning to CCSS, make this a consistent part of mentoring protocol throughout year.
- Mentoring questions should be around : argue, explain, analyze, narrate.
- Collecting evidence of student meeting CC standards through direct observation during lesson (both orally and written).
- Observe other teachers with BT's, practice identifying CC standards.
- Use of CC-specific tools and resources (see packet).

Unpacking Worksheet

Standard: _____

**Nouns
(concepts)**

**Verbs
(skills)**

What will students be able to do/know:

Big Idea (I can): _____

Observing For Common Core Literacy Standards

Teacher: _____

Content/Grade Level: _____

Lesson Topic/Goal: _____

Common Core Standard	Evidence from video	Questions/Topics for discussion during Post-Observation Conference

Video courtesy of The Teaching Channel. See more videos like this at: <https://www.teachingchannel.org>

CCSS Appendices:

An Essential Resource for Administrators, Teachers, & Mentors

- **Appendix A:** The Research Base of the ELA/ Content Area Literacy Standards. Appendix A includes the research behind pre-adolescent language acquisition (phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, etc.) as well as adolescent literacy development. It explains the rationale for and description of text complexity, and the rationale for concentrating on three major genres of discourse: Argument, Exposition/information, and Narrative.

Possible Use: Common reading to build a baseline understanding of the rationale and research behind the Common Core literacy standards.

- **Appendix B:** Text Exemplars at the complexity level students should be on-target to read if they are going to be college and career ready upon graduation. Appendix B includes sample performance tasks to guide teachers in assessing literacy skills.

Possible Use: Grade-level, departmental, or cross-content discussion of

- 1) whether the texts students are expected to read meet the complexity demands of the Common Core literacy standards, and
- 2) whether the writing students are expected to produce are of the depth demanded of the Common Core literacy standards.

- **Appendix C:** Student Writing Exemplars across content areas that represent proficiency at each grade level. Each exemplar is accompanied by annotations explaining how the writing meets the CCCSS at each grade level.

Possible Use: Grade-level, departmental, or cross-content calibration on assessing student writing.

Resources for California's Common Core State Standards

California Department of Education (CDE):

Common Core State Standards and Appendices - <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cc/>

English Language Arts & Literacy Standards in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects -

http://www.scoe.net/castandards/agenda/2010/ela_ccs_recommendations.pdf

Grade Level Curriculum - The grade-level curriculum documents are organized by individual grade levels and include information about the Common Core Standards -

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/grlevelcurriculum.asp>

California Common Core State Standards Overview:

Overview - This site includes an overview, history, and rationale of the CCSS, College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards, and the national version of the Standards. This site also includes the 15% "extra" Standards included in the California version. <http://www.corestandards.org/>

Math CCSS:

Inside Mathematics Website - <http://www.insidemathematics.org/>

<http://www.insidemathematics.org/index.php/tools-for-teachers>

The Mathematics Common Core Toolbox - <http://www.ccsstoolbox.org>

The Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas-Austin's online resource center supporting the implementation of the Common Core Standards for Mathematics.

Silicon Valley Mathematics Initiative (David Foster) - www.svmimac.org

A comprehensive effort to improve mathematics instruction and student learning. The Initiative is based on high performance expectations, ongoing professional development, examining student work, and improved math instruction. The Initiative includes a formative and summative performance assessment system, pedagogical content coaching, and leadership training and networks.

Miscellaneous Resources:

Edutopia: Resources for Understanding the Common Core State Standards -

<http://www.edutopia.org/common-core-state-standards-resources?gclid=COb4sY7NsLICFYaDQgodWmkA1g>

K-12 California's Common Core Content Standards for Mathematics -
http://www.scoe.net/castandards/agenda/2010/math_ccs_recommendations.pdf

New Jersey Standards Clarification Project -
<http://www.nj.gov/education/aps/njscp/>

Pennsylvania Standards Alignment System (PA SAS) -
<http://www.pdesas.org/module/sas/curriculumframework/>

Santa Clara County Office of Education:

Curriculum & Instruction <http://www.scooe.org/depts/ci/>

CCSS Resources <http://www.scooe.org/depts/esb/standards/>

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Information:

Home Page - <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>

Sample Math question from Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium -
<http://sampleitems.smarterbalanced.org/itempreview/sbac/index.htm>

Preview of SBAC Assessments -
http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2012/08/14/01tests_ep.h32.html?tkn=NTYFj8fyu3cA3o%2BO0S2aHRm9wsnl%2BVqQJO&cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS1

Sample Performance Assessments and Rubrics -
<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/TaskItemSpecifications/EnglishLanguageArtsLiteracy/ELAGeneralItemandTaskSpecifications.pdf>

Smarter Balanced Consortium Videos & PPT Presentations -
<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/smarter-balanced-assessments/item-writing-and-review/>

Video Resources:

Below is a list of some websites that offer videos related to the CCSS. The sites also showcase teachings samples, some of which target CCSS.

EduCore - <http://educore.ascd.org/>
Videos and more.

Inside Mathematics - <http://www.insidemathematics.org/>
Activities and math lessons; Videos of math lessons with real students.

Share My Lesson - <http://www.sharemylesson.com/>
Easy to use site with videos and PowerPoints; Search for lessons based on CCSS

by topic or standard.

The Teaching Channel - <https://www.teachingchannel.org/>

Professional videos; Essential questions; Examples of teachers addressing CCSS in their classroom settings and content areas; Elementary and secondary video examples.

