Strengthening & Promoting Your Nonfiction Collection

Common Core Anchor Standards

**Key Ideas & Details**
1. Read closely
2. Determine central ideas or themes
3. Analyze development of individuals, events, ideas

**Craft & Structure**
4. Language: literal, figurative, connotative
5. Structure
6. Point of View or Purpose
Common Core Anchor Standards

Integration of Knowledge & Ideas
7. Integrate & compare formats, multimedia
8. Analyze & evaluate evidence and arguments
9. Compare & contrast texts

Common Core & Nonfiction

Special Emphasis on Informational Text
- At 4th grade: 50% Informational Text
- At 8th grade: 55% Informational Text
- At 12th grade: 70% Informational Text

ELA (English Language Arts) Reading Standards
- Divided equally into Informational Text & Literature
- Writing Standards also include research components

Newbery/Caldecott Books

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Newbery/Caldecott Books

Blogs on Children’s/YA NF

- Great Common Core Nonfiction (Grades 6 and up) – greatcommoncorenonfiction.com
- I.N.K. (Interesting Nonfiction for Kids) – inkrethink.blogspot.com
- The Uncommon Corps Blog – nonfictionandthecommongore.blogspot.com
- Classroom Bookshelf Blog – classroombookshelf.blogspot.com/
- Great Kids Books – greatkidbooks.blogspot.com/

Nonfiction Awards

- Sibert Medal (through age 14) – ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/
- YALSA Excellence in YA Nonfiction Book Award – ala.org/yalsa/nonfiction
- NCTE Orbis Pictus Annual NF Award – ncte.org/awards/orbispictus

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Booklists That Include NF

- ALSC’s Notable Children’s Books — ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notablelists/ncb
- YALSA’s Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers — ala.org/yalsa/quick-picks-reluctant-young-adult-readers
- YALSA Excellence in YA Nonfiction Book Award List of 5 Finalists — ala.org/yalsa/nonfiction
- California Reading Association Eureka Award & Honor Books — californiareads.org/display.asp/?p=awards

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Booklists That Include NF

- ACL (Association of Children’s Librarians of Northern California) Distinguished Books of the Year — docs.google.com/file/d/0B7sjGEVv7BIzUmQzM3VfT3htLTg/edit
- Booklist Editor’s Choice — booklistonline.com/Booklist-Editors-Choice-2012/pid=5906869

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Booklists That Include NF

- Eureka! California Children’s Literature Bibliography — cla-net.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticleid=1134&ea=ns
Booklists That Include NF

- Kirkus Children’s Best Books of the Year — kirkusreviews.com/issue/best-of-2013/section/children/
- Kirkus Teens Best Books of the Year — kirkusreviews.com/issue/best-of-2013/section/teen/

Promoting Nonfiction Books from Your Collection: Displays

- mix fiction/nonfiction
- specific topic: insects, machines, outer space
- high appeal titles
- “Author of the Month” with a nonfiction author
- online “displays” like Pinterest

Promoting Nonfiction Books from Your Collection: Booklists

- age/grade level lists
- curricular/other topics
- mix fiction & nonfiction
- beach reading
- holiday giving
- nonfiction audiobooks
Nonfiction Audiobooks

- Beals. *Warriors Don't Cry*
- Bartoletti. *Hitler Youth*
- Dendy. *Guinea Pig Scientist*
- Fleischman. *Phineas Gage*
- Fleischman. *Escape: The Story of the Great Houdini*
- Freedman. *Freedom Walkers*
- Krull. *Lives of the Presidents*
- Murphy. *An American Plague*
- Stone. *Almost Astronauts*

Promoting Nonfiction Books from Your Collection: Programs

- Storytimes
- Book Clubs
- Crafts
- Programs for school-aged
- Book Tasting/Book Pass
- Summer Reading

Programming Idea: Book Tasting

- Participants have choices like on a menu.
- Select a lot of appealing books.
- Spread the books out on tables.
- Give participants a “tasting menu.”
- They choose a book & read short time.
- They write down their response.
- They try another book.
- At the end, they list their choices in order.
Programming Idea: Book Tasting

From The Library Teacher Blog

Emphasizing Specific Disciplines:

History & Science

Science & History Books
Science & History Books

STEM & STEAM
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics
- Interdisciplinary Approach
- Real-world based, performance-based

STEM/STEAM Storytimes & Programs
- Reptiles
- Weather
- Bridges
- Opposites (Math)
- Sorting & Counting
- Airplanes/Paper Airplanes
Public Librarie and the Common Core Curriculum: A Practical Guide to Resources

Annual List & Prize in Science

■ NSTA (National Science Teachers Assn.) Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K–12 – annual list of fiction and nonfiction. – nsta.org/publications/ostb/


STEM/STEAM Resources

■ California Dept of Education: Explanation of STEM; links to online Resources; STEM goals for different grade levels – cde.ca.gov/pd/ca/sc/stemintrod.asp

■ RIF (Reading is Fundamental) STEAM Multicultural Booklist (Grades Pre-K-5): 40 books plus activities – rif.org/us/literacy-resources/multicultural/2012-multicultural-booklist.htm

STEM/STEAM Resources

■ School Library Journal’s STEAM Pinterest Board: Programming ideas – pinterest.com/sljournal/steam/

■ ALSC STEM - Programming ideas from librarians for preschool, school age, family/all age programs – simplystem.wikispaces.com/Welcome+b+Simply+S.T.E.M
STEM/STEAM Resources

- Madison PL "Library Makers" Blog with hands-on programming ideas – librarymakers.blogspot.com/

- PBS Design Squad Nation – “Engage Kids in Hands-on Engineering” - Activities and other resources around engineering for ages 9-12; many ideas that could be used for programs. – pbskids.org/designsquad/parentseducators/index.html

Social Studies Resources

- NCSS (National Council for the Social Studies)
  - Notable Tradebooks for Young People
  - Annual booklet of fiction and nonfiction – socialstudies.org/resources/notable

- Tulare County Common Core pages including Quick Links for Social Studies – Useful websites under "Social Studies Resources" – commoncore.tcoe.org/Soc_Studies/QuickLinks/Home

- California Department of Education CCSS Web Page - Select “Students/Parents” – cde.ca.gov/re/ccc/

- ALSC Common Core Resources – ala.org/alsc/ccss-resources
Common Core Elements

Common Core Appendix B

- corestandards.org/assets/Appendix_B.pdf
- Booklist for grades K-12
- Includes fiction; nonfiction books, articles & speeches; poetry; read-alouds for earlier grades
- To be used as "exemplars" but in some places used as requirements
- Some very good books
- Many out-of-date and out-of-print books
- Libraries can offer alternatives to Appendix B

Appendix B Books
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Common Core Resources

- Common Core National Website — corestandards.org/
- California Department of Education CCSS Web Page - Select "Students/Parents" — cde.ca.gov/re/cc/
- ALSC Common Core Resources — ala.org/alsc/ccss-resources

Common Core Measuring Text Complexity
Lexiles

- Lexile Framework for Reading – The company MetaMetrics determines Lexile levels, provides search tool for books at lexile.com
- Lexile levels are given as a number such as 800L (L for Lexile)
- Students may know their Lexile number
- Many books have a Lexile number

Understanding Lexiles

- Students each get their Lexile reader measure from school reading test
- A book, article or piece of text gets a Lexile text measure when it’s analyzed
- Sentence length – longer = higher Lexile
- Word frequency – less familiar words = higher Lexile
- Lexile doesn’t analyze content or book design (print size, etc)

Lexile Resources

- Common Core Standards Appendix A – Addresses text complexity and Lexiles. — http://www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix_A.pdf
- Common Core Standards Supplement to Appendix A – Gives current Common Core Lexile goals. — corestandards.org/assets/E0813_Appendix_A_New_Research_on_Text_Complexity.pdf
Helping Parents Navigate the Common Core

CA DEPT OF EDUCATION
HANDOUT FOR PARENTS 1

Common Core State Standards Resources for Parents and Guardians

What are the Common Core Standards?
http://www.corestandards.org/

Informational Flyer

K-8 California's Common Core Standards Parent Handbook

This handbook, produced by the California County Superintendents' Educational Services Association (CCSSA), in consultation with the California State Parent Teacher Association (PTA), helps parents understand the California CCSS and gives a summary of what students are expected to learn and how they advance from kindergarten through grade 8. This document has been translated into 37 languages. The handbook and translations may be found on the CCSSA California's Common Core Standards Communication Tools Web page under the General Overview: Materials section at http://www.corestandards.org/California-CommonCoreHandbook/

CA DEPT OF EDUCATION
HANDOUT FOR PARENTS 2

Parents' Guide to Student Success

Council of Great City Schools Parent Roadmap
http://www.cgcs.org

California Department of Education CCSS Resources Webpage
http://www.cde.ca.gov

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Helping Children & Teens Navigate Common Core

Help with Locating Materials
- Common Core emphasis on primary documents
- Promote your library databases to children, teens, parents, and teachers
- Help them find online primary sources

Primary Sources
- Livebinder Teaching with Primary Sources created by Mary Johnson – livebinders.com/play/play/4376
Primary Sources

- World Digital Library - Manuscripts, rare books, maps, and photographs from all countries – wdl.org/en/
- OAC – Online Archives of California – oac.cdlib.org/

Primary Sources: Library of Congress

- Library of Congress – loc.org
- Library of Congress American Memory curated collections – memory.loc.gov
- Library of Congress Prints & Photographs Division – loc.gov/rr/print/

Primary Sources: National Archives

- National Archives – archives.org
- Education section for teachers – archives.org/education
- Docs Teach - curated collections, tools for education – docsteach.org
Public Libraries and the Common Core Curriculum: A Practical Guide to Resources

Primary Sources: Photographs

- Library of Congress Prints & Photographs Division – loc.gov/rr/print/
- New York Public Library Digital Gallery – digitalgallery.nypl.org
- Flickr Creative Commons – Search LOC, National Archives, and others – flickr.com/creativecommons/

High Appeal Books

- STRONG MAN
- FROGS

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- The Donner Party
- Guinea Pig Scientists
Questions?

Thank You!

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