



Shifting Toward a Culturally Responsive Common Core: Reading, Writing, and Speaking **Grounded in Evidence** from Literary and Informational Texts

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Welcome and Background







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- Role
- Something you celebrate about your culture
 For example:





Quick Recap of Webinar 1



Culturally Responsive Common Core





Examine the intersection of CCSS ELA Shift #2 and the foundations of culturally responsive practice



The Big Picture



Culturally Responsive Common Core



Why

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What: *Read carefully* and answer text-dependent questions



What is said RL & RI Standards 1-3







What it means RL & RI Standards 7-9



What: Read carefully and answer text-dependent questions



Not text-dependent:

 What do you like to do when it snows?

Text-dependent:

 Why was the snow piled high along the street?



What: Read carefully and answer text-dependent questions



Not text-dependent:

 Have you ever gone to the dentist for anything except a cleaning?

Text-dependent:

 What can you infer from the tooth on the ground?



Creating Questions for Close Analytic Reading Exemplars: A Brief Guide

- 1. Think about what you think is the **most important learning** to be drawn from the text. Note this as raw material for the culminating assignment and the focus point for other activities to build toward.
- 2. Determine the **key ideas** of the text. Create a series of questions structured to bring the reader to an understanding of these.
- 3. Locate the most **powerful academic words** in the text and integrate questions and discussions that explore their role into the set of questions above.
- 4. Take stock of what **standards** are being addressed in the series of questions above. Then decide if any other standards are suited to being a focus for this text. If so, form questions that exercise those standards.



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- 5. Consider if there are any other academic words that students would profit from focusing on. Build discussion planning or additional questions to focus attention on them.
- 6. Find the sections of the text that will present the greatest difficulty and craft questions that support students in mastering these sections. These could be sections with difficult syntax, particularly dense information, and tricky transitions or places that offer a variety of possible inferences.
- 7. Develop a **culminating activity** around the idea or learning identified in #1. A good task should reflect mastery of one or more of the standards, involve **writing**, and be structured to be done by students independently.



Source: achievethecore.org

SMARTER Balanced Practice Question: 3rd-Grade ELA

Which source **most likely** has the most useful information about the kinds of work that astronauts do while they are in space? Explain why this source **most likely** has the most useful information about the kinds of work that astronauts do while they are in space. Support your explanation with two details from the source.





80% of the ELA Standards require students to be able to respond to text-dependent questions

0% of the ELA Standards require students to be able to respond to make text-to-self connections

20% of the ELA Standards require students to be able to respond to make text-to-text or text-to-world connections



Please respond in the chat box

Rate your skill at developing text-dependent questions.

Scale

- 1: text-dependent super star
- 5: I miss text-to-self questions!



What: Write to *inform* and persuade based in evidence

Chester's Way

<u>Chester's Way</u> by Kevin Henkes is a storey about two mice named Chester and Wilson. <u>They were best friends</u>. They played with echether. They remgndid echether to wear sunscreen. They rode bikes with echother. They drest the same way for Halloween. Chester and Wilson were probelby best friends forever. I have a best friend his name is Chris we like to takeing trns paying at our house.

Names a topic

Supplies some facts about the topic



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What: Write to inform and persuade based in evidence

School Year Time

States an opinion

I do not think school should be year round. Do you think school should be year round? Without summer vacation students would not be able to go on family vacations. If a student wanted to go to a sleepaway camp they would not be able to do it. At camp you learn how to do things on your own. If school was year round older siblings would not have time to teach yunger siblings how to swing or climb trees. Teaches would also not have time for vacation. Eaven if you are not at school you can still lim things. Teachers cal also lim things outside of school. Kids need to get thieir energy out. They can get it out by doing big races. In summer it is very hot indoors and children woold be thinking about outside and not school. Children usoally like warm or hot weather. I know that towards the end of the year I look forwards to summer vacation and I think other children do to. If a student wants to learn more things in the summer, they can take classes about that subject. I do not think school needs to be

Introduces the topic

Provides reasons that support the opinion

Uses linking words and phrases to connect opinion and reasons

Creates an organizational structure that lists reasons

What: Write to inform and persuade based in evidence

Book Response on Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor takes place inMississippi in the 1930's, a time when segregation was present. Some ofdiathe characters in this story are: the Logans (Cassie, Stacey, Little Man,Christopher John, Mama, and Papa), T.J. Avery, and Mr. Morrison. In thebook, one of the characters, Mr. Morrison says, "In those years I suppose itwas just as hard being free as it was being a slave." In this book response, Iam going to use examples from the book to help explain why I agree with

that quote.

One of the examples to support the quote is Soldiers Bridge.

Soldiers Bridge is a bridge on which white men have power over black

men. The bridge has only one lane for only one car. If two people with the

Introduces the text

clearly by providing some background information about the time period, as well as the quote on which the response is based

States an opinion

Provides logically ordered reasons for the opinion that are supported by details from the text.



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How much of the student writing you see informs or persuades, versus narrates personal experience?



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Who and How: Culture

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Who and How: Applying Students' Cultures to Tasks





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What Our Teachers Need to Know

Students experience the pressure of multiple expectations:

Family roles and expectations Academics Social issues

You need to encourage students but not overwhelm them.

Students want to embrace being part of the community's culture as well as part of their own cultures and ethnicities.

Examples of successful people need to include people with disabilities, or who are adopted, multiracial, LGBT, etc.

Don't focus on just one student.

Don't assume students know "their" history.

Be sensitive towards all cultural/ethnic groups.

Respect individuality-don't stereotype.

Talk about culture. Ask about activities/experiences. Ask about family events and traditions.

Cultural roots—second and third generations are not as versed in cultural history.

Don't assume that students know some things and don't know other things.

Use texting and email.

Enunciate names.

Form relationships with your students by: Conversations Saying hello in the hallways Checking emails and texts



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How could the three examples shown be made more rigorous?



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What other strategies have you found effective for developing and supporting students to respond to text-dependent questions?

What other strategies have you found effective for teaching writing to inform and persuade using evidence?



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Thank you!

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Shift 3: Building Knowledge Through Content-Rich Nonfiction May 17, 2016, 2:00–3:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time

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Resources and References

Common Core Standards Appendix A tinyurl.com/66n79bz

Achievethecore.org

Nationalequityproject.org

PBS Race: The Power of an Illusion tinyurl.com/b3xq

Home Visit Guide tinyurl.com/zbd6bq8

