

# Common Core and Literacy Strategies: History/Social Studies, 2nd Edition

In the second edition of this course, emphasis is placed on literacy strategies used in the history and social studies' classroom at grades 6-12.

In Common Core and Literacy Strategies: History/Social Studies, you will:

- Explore how the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) approach literacy in new and important ways
- See a strong emphasis on critical thinking skills in the areas of history and social studies
- Learn practical ways to put CCSS to work in classrooms through video examples, in-depth readings, and downloadable applications

## Course Objectives

By the end of this course, you will be able to

### Module 1

- Define literacy and the Common Core State Standards and explain why they are important.
- Understand the need for literacy skills in all content areas.
- Identify ways that classroom teachers can embrace the Common Core State Standards to improve 21st century literacy in their classrooms.

### Module 2

- Articulate the significance of text complexity in developing 21st century literacy.
- Incorporate new text selection criteria and a focus on complex texts into your classroom.
- Evaluate various strategies to use complex texts in the classroom to improve student learning.

### **Module 3**

- Explain the connection between math reasoning and text comprehension.
- Use literacy strategies to improve history/social studies reading as expressed in Common Core State Standards.

### **Module 4**

- Explain how language, speaking, and listening skills contribute to strong reasoning and analytical skills in the history/social studies context.
- Use literacy strategies in language, speaking, and listening to increase logical reasoning, argument, and analysis in history/social studies.

### **Module 5**

- Understand the role that reflection and writing play in improving reasoning, argument, and analysis skills in a history/social studies context.
- Incorporate literacy strategies in reflection and writing to increase reasoning, argument, and analysis in history/social studies.

### **Module 6**

- Identify literacy problems for students who struggle with reading for a variety of reasons.
- Develop strategies that help special needs students develop literacy.

<p><b>Module 1</b></p>	<p><b>What Is the Common Core and Why Do We Need It?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module Welcome</li> <li>• Video 1: The Origins of the Common Core</li> <li>• Reading 1: <i>EL</i>—Building on the Common Core</li> <li>• Video 2: <i>EL</i>—Common Core: Now What?</li> <li>• Reading 2: Literacy and the Common Core State Standards</li> <li>• Reading 3: <i>ASCDExpress</i> Field Notes</li> </ul> <p>Check for Understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application: Literacy in Another Content Area</li> </ul> <p>Module Journal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optional Resources for Further Engagement</li> </ul>
<p><b>Module 2</b></p>	<p><b>Focusing on Complex Texts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module Welcome</li> <li>• Reading 1: Understanding Text Complexity</li> <li>• Reading 2: It's Complicated - Common Core State Standards Focus on Text Complexity</li> <li>• Audio: Education Experts Talk Text Complexity (optional)</li> <li>• Reading 3: Common Core Quick-Start</li> <li>• Video 1: Save the Last Word for Me</li> <li>• Video 2: Strategies for Complex Text</li> </ul> <p>Check for Understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application: Choosing and Using Complex Texts</li> </ul> <p>Module Journal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optional Resources for Further Engagement</li> </ul>
<p><b>Module 3</b></p>	<p><b>Literacy Strategies I: Text Features and Comprehension</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module Welcome</li> <li>• Reading 1: Fostering Deep Comprehension</li> <li>• Video 1: Socratic Seminar</li> </ul>

	<p>Check for Understanding 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading 2: <i>EL</i>—Summarizing to Comprehend</li> <li>• Videos: Strategies in Action</li> <li>• Media: Five Game Winning Plays to Tackle Informational Text</li> </ul> <p>Check for Understanding 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application: Comprehension Lesson Plan</li> </ul> <p>Module Journal</p>
<p><b>Module 4</b></p>	<p><b>Literacy Strategies II: Language, Speaking, and Listening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module Welcome</li> <li>• Reading 1: Developing Language Skills in History/Social Studies</li> <li>• Reading 2: Developing Speaking and Listening Skills in History/Social Studies</li> <li>• Videos: Literacy Strategies</li> <li>• Reading 3: <i>EL</i>—Thinking Is Literacy, Literacy Thinking</li> </ul> <p>Check for Understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application: Discussion Web</li> </ul> <p>Module Journal</p>
<p><b>Module 5</b></p>	<p><b>Literacy Strategies III: Writing and Reflection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module Welcome</li> <li>• Video 1: Writing to Inform and Make Arguments</li> <li>• Reading 1: <i>EL</i>—For the Sake of Argument</li> <li>• Reading 2: Promoting Critical Writing and Reflection</li> <li>• Video 2: Post-reading and Writing: RAFT</li> </ul> <p>Check for Understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application 1: Survey Writing Standards Across Grades</li> <li>• Application 2: Designing a Writing Assignment</li> </ul> <p>Module Journal</p>

## Module 6

### Literacy for Students who Struggle in School

- Module Welcome
- Video 1: Meeting Students' Needs
- Video 2: Put Yourself in Their Shoes
- Reading 1: Literacy for Students Who Struggle in School
- Reading 2: EL—The Power of Strategies Instruction
- Check for Understanding
- Application: Webquest - Literacy Strategies for Struggling Readers
- Module Journal

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