

# Common Core and Literacy Strategies: English Language Arts, 2nd Edition

In Common Core and Literacy Strategies: English Language Arts, 2nd Edition you'll explore how the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) approach literacy in new and important ways. You will see a new emphasis on critical thinking skills in the area of science. Through video examples, in-depth readings, and downloadable applications, you'll learn practical ways to put CCSS to work in your classroom.

In the second edition of this course, emphasis is placed on literacy strategies in the English language arts classroom at grades 6-12.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> century literacy.

### Module 2

- Articulate the significance of text complexity in developing 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

- Describe the connection between text comprehension and a deep understanding of scientific concepts.
- Use literacy strategies to improve scientific reading as expressed in the Common Core State Standards.

### **Module 4**

- Explain how language, speaking, and listening skills contribute to critical thinking in English language arts.
- Use literacy strategies in language, speaking, and listening to increase English language arts understanding.

### **Module 5**

- Understand the role that reflection and writing play in improving reasoning, argument, and analysis skills.
- Incorporate literacy strategies in reflection and writing to increase reasoning, argument, and analysis skills.

### **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: The Origins of the Common Core</li> <li>• Reading 1: <i>Educational Leadership</i> —Building on the Common Core</li> <li>• Reading 2: Literacy and the Common Core State Standards</li> <li>• Reading 3: <i>ASCD Express</i>—Field Notes</li> <li>• Knowledge Check</li> <li>• Application: WebQuest: Literacy in Another Content Area</li> <li>• Post-Module Reflection</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: <i>Education Update</i>: It's Complicated—Common Core State Standards Focus on Text Complexity</li> <li>• Optional Audio: Why Schools Need to Shift Away from a Strategies-Centered Approach to Reading</li> <li>• Reading 3: <i>ASCD Express</i>—Common Core Quick-Start: Strategies for Complex Texts Across Content Areas</li> <li>• Video 1: Save the Last Word for Me</li> <li>• Video 2: Strategies for Complex Text</li> <li>• Knowledge Check</li> <li>• Application: Choosing and Using Complex Texts Module Journal</li> <li>• Optional Resources from ASCD for Further Engagement</li> <li>• Post-Module Reflection</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 in the Classroom</li> <li>• Video 1: In the ELA Classroom: Socratic Seminar</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading 2: <i>ASCD Express</i>—Five Game-Winning Plays for Tackling Informational Text</li> <li>• Reading 3: <i>Educational Leadership</i>—Summarizing to Comprehend</li> <li>• Video 2: Save the Last Word for Me Rationale</li> <li>• Video 3: Language Arts (Pre-reading)</li> <li>• Knowledge Check</li> <li>• Application: Foster Deep Understanding</li> <li>• Post-Module Reflection</li> </ul>
<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 Science</li> <li>• Reading 2: Content Area Conversations</li> <li>• Video: Literature Discussion Groups</li> <li>• Reading 3: <i>Educational Leadership</i> —Thinking Is Literacy, Literacy Thinking</li> <li>• Knowledge Check</li> <li>• Application: Collaboration and Listening and Speaking</li> <li>• Post-Module Reflection</li> </ul>
<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>Educational Leadership</i> —For the Sake of Argument</li> <li>• Reading 2: Promoting Critical Writing and Reflection</li> <li>• Reading 3: Learning Through Reflection</li> <li>• Video 2: Journaling</li> <li>• Knowledge Check</li> <li>• Application: Designing a Lesson Plan for Writing</li> <li>• Post-Module Reflection</li> </ul>

**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: *Educational Leadership* — The Power of Strategies Instruction
- Reading 3: *Educational Leadership* — Teacher Skills to Support English Language Learners
- Knowledge Check
- Application: WebQuest—Literacy Strategies for Struggling Readers
- Post-Module Reflection

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