

ELA Critical Areas of Focus

Reading

	K	1	2	3	4	5
	 <p>Balancing Informational and Literary text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% literary • 50% informational 	 <p>Balancing informational and literary text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% literary • 50% informational 	 <p>Balancing informational and literary text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% literary • 50% informational 	 <p>Balancing informational and literary text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% literary • 50% informational 	 <p>Balancing informational and literary text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% literary • 50% informational 	 <p>Balancing informational and literary text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45% literary text • 55% informational text*
	 <p>Building knowledge systematically around topics or themes</p>	 <p>Building knowledge systematically around topics or themes</p>	 <p>Building knowledge systematically around topics or themes</p>	 <p>Building knowledge systematically around topics or themes</p>	 <p>Building knowledge systematically around topics or themes</p>	 <p>Building knowledge systematically around topics or themes</p>
	 <p>Use of multiple texts</p>	 <p>Use of multiple texts</p>	 <p>Use of multiple texts</p>	 <p>Use of multiple texts</p>	 <p>Use of multiple texts</p>	 <p>Comparing and integrating multiple texts</p>
<p>80-90% of the CCSS reading standards require text-dependent analysis. Therefore, building knowledge from multiple sources and making connections between texts are both critical.</p>						
	 <p>Asking text-based questions to focus rigorous conversations and writing assignments dependency on comprehension of text</p>	 <p>Asking text-based questions to focus rigorous conversations and writing assignments dependency on comprehension of text</p>	 <p>Asking text-based questions to focus rigorous conversations and writing assignments dependency on comprehension of text</p>	 <p>Sophisticated teacher questioning which requires close analysis of (short) texts with evidence to back up claims and conclusions</p>	 <p>Sophisticated teacher questioning which requires close analysis of (short) texts with evidence to back up claims and conclusions</p>	 <p>Sophisticated teacher questioning which requires close analysis of (short) texts with evidence to back up claims and conclusions</p>
	 <p>Increasing Text Complexity</p>	 <p>Increasing Text Complexity</p>	 <p>Increasing Text Complexity</p>	 <p>Increasing Text Complexity</p>	 <p>Increasing Text Complexity</p>	 <p>Increasing Text Complexity</p>

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Writing

K	1	2	3	4	5
				Writing to/from sources	Writing to/from sources
 Increase focus on argument (opinion) and informative writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 % opinion • 35% explain/inform • 35% narrative 	 Increase focus on argument (opinion) and informative writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 % opinion • 35% explain/inform • 35% narrative 	 Increase focus on argument (opinion) and informative writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 % opinion • 35% explain/inform • 35% narrative 	 Increase focus on argument (opinion) and informative writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 % opinion • 35% explain/inform • 35% narrative 	 Increase focus on argument (opinion) and informative writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 % opinion • 35% explain/inform • 35% narrative 	 Increase focus on argument (opinion) and informative writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 % opinion • 35% explain/inform • 35% narrative
			 Multiple short research projects	 Multiple short research projects	 Multiple short research projects

Language

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 Address the vocabulary gap by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • directly instructing academic vocabulary • selecting texts which contains rich, complex vocabulary 	 Address the vocabulary gap by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • directly instructing academic vocabulary • selecting texts which contains rich, complex vocabulary 	 Address the vocabulary gap by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • directly instructing academic vocabulary • selecting texts which contains rich, complex vocabulary 	 Address the vocabulary gap by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • directly instructing academic vocabulary • selecting texts which contains rich, complex vocabulary 	 Address the vocabulary gap by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • directly instructing academic vocabulary • selecting texts which contains rich, complex vocabulary 	 Address the vocabulary gap by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • directly instructing academic vocabulary • selecting texts which contains rich, complex vocabulary

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6	7	8	9-10	11-12	6-12
English Languages Arts Classrooms					Other Content Areas
 Emphasizing informational text (literary nonfiction) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45% literary text • 55% informational text* 	 Emphasizing informational text (literary nonfiction) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45% literary text • 55% informational text* 	 Emphasizing informational text (literary nonfiction) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45% literary text • 55% informational text* 	 Emphasizing informational text (literary nonfiction) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30% literary text • 70% informational text* 	 Emphasizing informational text (literary nonfiction) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30% literary text • 70% informational text* 	Increase informational reading so that by grade 9 70% of a student's overall reading (across a day/week/etc.) focuses on informational text
<i>* this percentage includes the majority of informational reading taking place in other content areas</i>					
					 Knowledge in the disciplines
 Comparing and integrating multiple texts	 Comparing and integrating multiple texts	 Comparing and integrating multiple texts	 Comparing and integrating multiple texts	 Comparing and integrating multiple texts	 Comparing and integrating multiple texts
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 Sophisticated teacher questioning which requires close analysis of (short) texts with evidence to back up claims and conclusions	 Sophisticated teacher questioning which requires close analysis of (short) texts with evidence to back up claims and conclusions	 Sophisticated teacher questioning which requires close analysis of (short) texts with evidence to back up claims and conclusions	 Sophisticated teacher questioning which requires close analysis of (short) texts with evidence to back up claims and conclusions	 Sophisticated teacher questioning which requires close analysis of (short) texts with evidence to back up claims and conclusions	 Sophisticated teacher questioning which requires close analysis of (short) texts with evidence to back up claims and conclusions
 Increasing Text Complexity	 Increasing Text Complexity	 Increasing Text Complexity	 Increasing Text Complexity	 Increasing Text Complexity	 Increasing Text Complexity

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 Increase focus on argument and informative writing* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 % opinion • 35% explain/inform • 30% narrative 	 Increase focus on argument and informative writing* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 % opinion • 35% explain/inform • 30% narrative 	 Increase focus on argument and informative writing* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 % opinion • 35% explain/inform • 30% narrative 	 Increase focus on argument and informative writing* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 % opinion • 40% explain/inform • 20% narrative 	 Increase focus on argument and informative writing* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 % opinion • 40% explain/inform • 20% narrative 	 All writing should focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • argument writing • informative/ explanatory writing
<i>* this percentage includes the infomational writing (argument and explanatory/informative) taking place in other content areas</i>					
 Multiple short research projects	 Multiple short research projects	 Multiple short research projects	 Multiple short research projects	 Multiple short research projects	 Multiple short research projects

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