The Rhode Island Comprehensive Literacy Plan Guiding Questions

Chapter 7

Content-Area Literacy

- 1. How do we create authentic reading and writing activities within our classrooms/school?
- 2. Are content teachers teaching students to "read and write like mathematicians, historians, scientists, and so forth?"
- 3. What reading and writing practices are specific to each content-area? How can we prepare students for success with these practices? How does our school support these literacy practices?
- 4. In what ways do we build vocabulary acquisition and its use in our classrooms/school? How does this teaching support the students learning of content knowledge?
- 5. How do we address both "depth" and "breadth" of content learning through literacy practices?

- 6. How are our content teachers incorporating the CCSS's demands of increased text complexity into their curricula? What types of scaffolds are in place to support struggling readers?
- 7. How might the "Implications for Classroom Instruction" sections help us plan future instruction?
- 8. Describe the ways we integrate the comprehension process throughout our reading instruction. How do we know students have comprehended the reading material (e.g., what behaviors are seen)?
- 9. How do we select differentiated texts for our students to ensure accessibility and rigor?
- 10. What writing practices do we teach to help students write effectively in our content-areas? How are our reading and writing practices integrated into our instruction?
- 11. How are 21st century literacies changing in each content area? What kinds of supports are in place or what is needed for students to have access to these literacies?