

## Getting to Know Savvas Common Core Literature

### Introduction

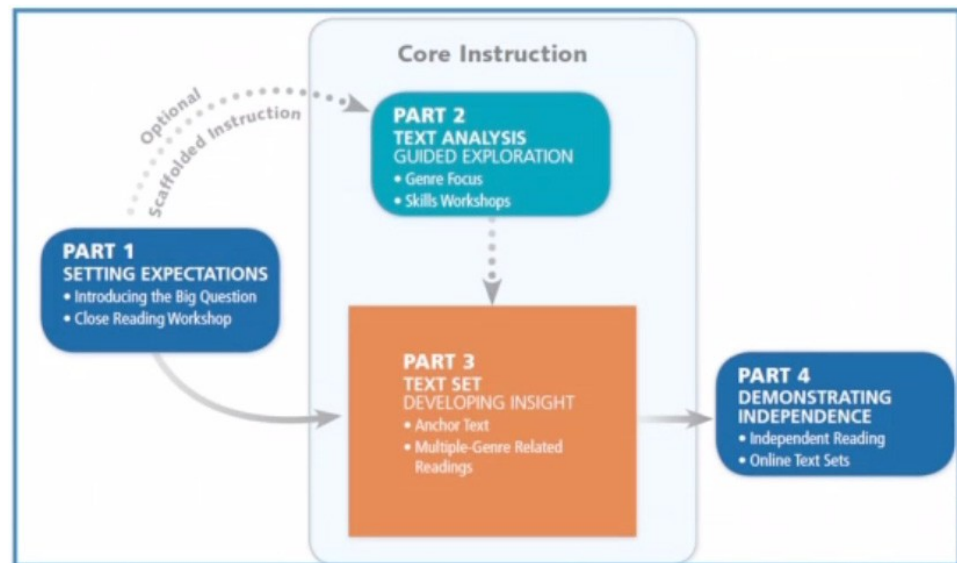
This guide will explain how the Savvas Common Core Literature program is designed to help students in Grades 6 through Grade 12 meet the rigors of the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts.

Examine each of the unique elements of this program, including the flexible Instructional Model, the focused integration of writing, the various assessment opportunities provided in the program, the options for differentiated instruction, and the digital platform, Savvas Realize™.

### The Instructional Model

Savvas Common Core Literature provides a unique, powerful, and flexible Instructional Model.

This four-part model promotes a gradual release of responsibility as it leads students toward independence. Each step includes rigorous and engaging lessons and activities that prepare students to meet the expectations of the Common Core State Standards.

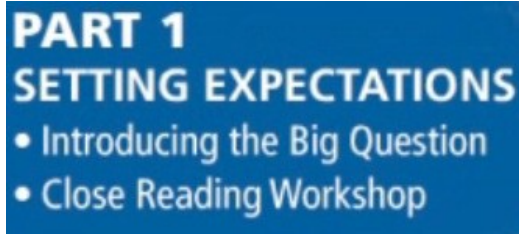


This model provides multiple pathways to success so that you can meet the needs of all learners.

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**Part 1: Setting Expectations**

During Part 1 of the Instructional Model, set clear expectations for your students as they analyze texts, learn new academic vocabulary, participate in discussions, perform research tasks, and present written responses.



Students' performance in Part 1 helps you determine their readiness for Parts 2 and 3.

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**Part 2: Guided Exploration**

Part 2, Guided Exploration, focuses on mastering concepts and standards associated with a specific genre. Part 2 provides support and scaffolding to prepare students for success in working with the anchor text in Part 3.

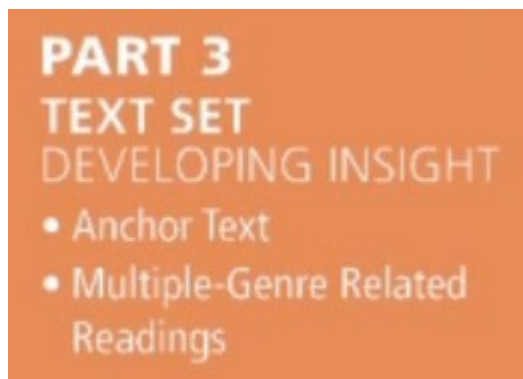


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**Part 3: Developing Insights**

In Part 3, Developing Insight, the instructional focus shifts from genre study and skill building to gaining content knowledge through multiple-genre Text Sets.

Your students are expected to apply the skills and strategies that they have learned from reading complex texts up to this point.

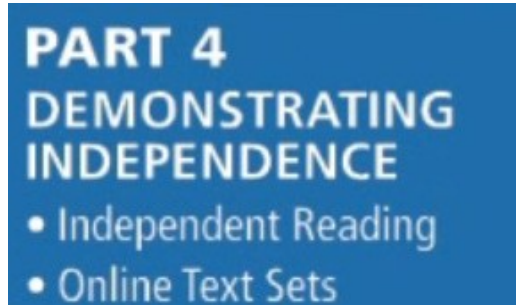


Throughout a Text Set, your students will read critically, participate in academic discussions, conduct research, and develop insights on a topic—all the while drawing support and evidence from the texts.

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**Part 4:  
Demonstrating  
Independence**

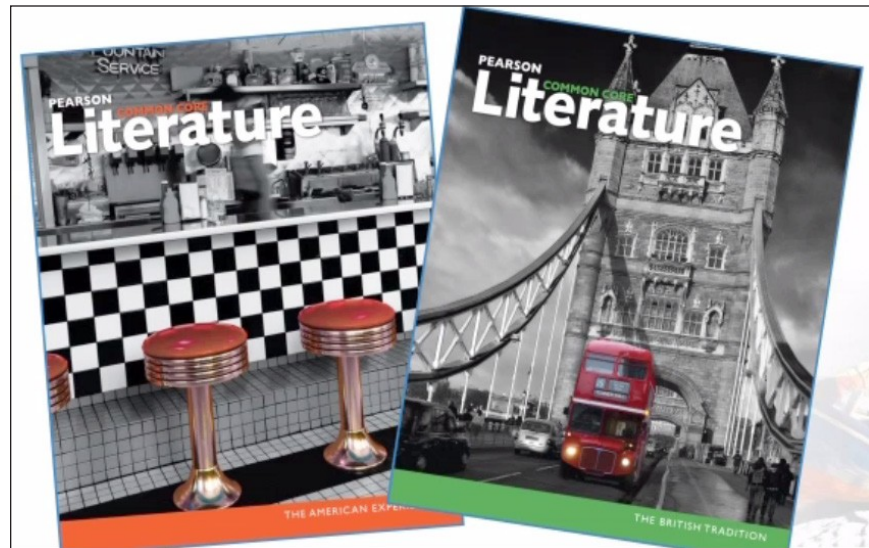
In Part 4, Demonstrating Independence, your students demonstrate reading proficiency as they independently read and respond to recommended informational and literary texts. Digital independent reading selections are available through the Online Text Set in the Online Literature Library.



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**Program  
Organization  
Grades 11  
and 12**

As your students move closer to college, Savvas Common Core Literature increases in text complexity, not only in the reading level but also in the range of literature—reaching across genres, cultures, and centuries. Grade 11 focuses on American literature, and Grade 12 introduces students to British literature.



These courses are made up of six units and are organized chronologically. Each course includes intensive workshops dealing with complex texts, Text Set workshops, deeper citing of textual evidence, and a focus on argumentative writing.

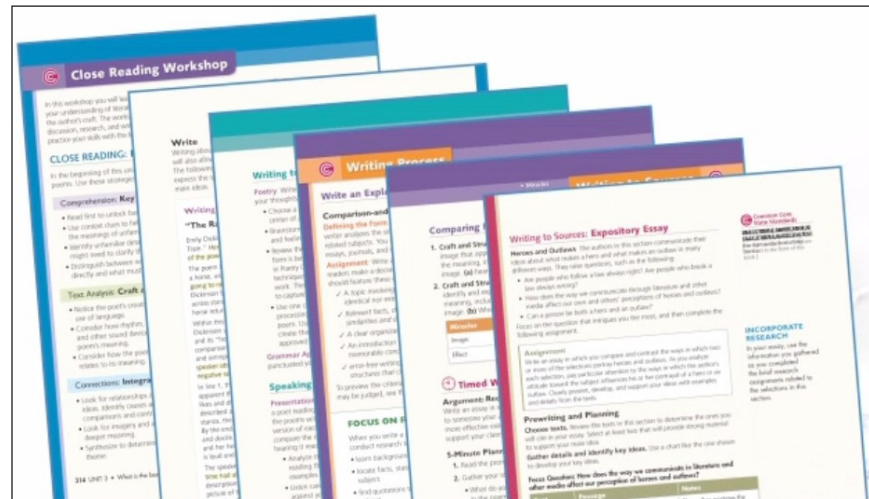
## Writing and Research

Savvas Common Core Literature provides numerous opportunities to address students' writing and research skills.

### Writing

Each unit features a specific writing mode—argumentative, informative/explanatory, or narrative. All writing activities within the unit focus on that particular mode of writing.

The unit's writing mode is introduced in Part 1. Students revisit the mode throughout the unit in writing process workshops, timed writing activities, and writing for assessment practice.



Students will also find additional writing support online.

The Online Writer's Notebook is a blank notebook that your students can use to write responses to the prompts in their student editions. You have access to the students' writing for progress monitoring.

EssayScorer and SummaryScorer are digital writing tools that offer your students instant scoring and immediate feedback to improve their essay writing, as well as the important skill of summarizing.

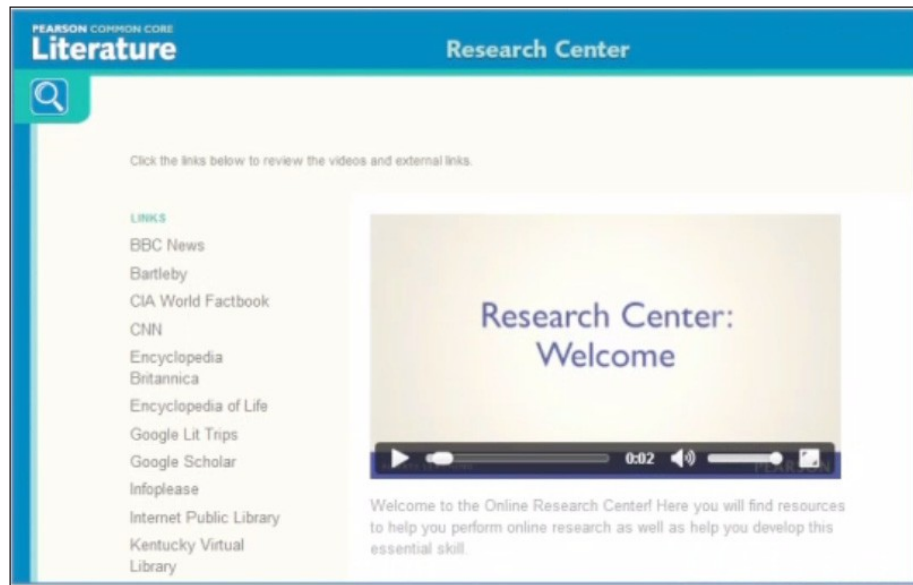
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## Research

Throughout the program, your students also perform both short- and long-term research.

During Part 2 of each unit, a Research and Technology feature provides short, sustained research tasks. During Part 3, the Anchor Text provides your students an extended research experience.

The Research Center for students on Savvas Realize includes links to third-party sites to help students develop essential research skills.



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## Assessment

Savvas Common Core Literature integrates assessment throughout the Instructional Model to help guide your instruction.

A Beginning-of-Year Test assesses your students' familiarity with grade-level skills and standards. The results of this assessment enable you to choose a learning pathway for each of your students. The Mid-Year and End-of-Year Tests revisit these same skills to help you monitor students' progress. You have the option of administering these assessments online.

Each unit of instruction includes formative assessment opportunities—such as Close Reading Activities—to help you monitor students' progress and scaffold instruction.

Selected-response Selection Tests and Open-Book Tests, monitor your students' skill mastery. Open-Book Tests require your students to provide textual evidence to support their responses.

In Part 3, Assessment: Synthesis is administered at the conclusion of the Text Set. Your students will apply their learning to performance tasks focused on speaking and listening, research, and writing.

And finally, in Part 4, a Benchmark Test assesses all skills taught within the unit, including reading, writing, vocabulary, and grammar.

Questions require your students to provide textual evidence in their responses.

ExamView Assessments are also available so that you can easily customize your own assessments as needed.

## Meeting Student Needs

Savvas Common Core Literature works to meet the needs of all students by exposing them to complex texts and providing additional resources for differentiated instruction.

## Text Complexity

One of the newest instructional challenges you may face is ensuring that your students are exposed to appropriately complex text.

Savvas Common Core Literature provides you with comprehensive Text Complexity Rubrics for every selection included in the program.

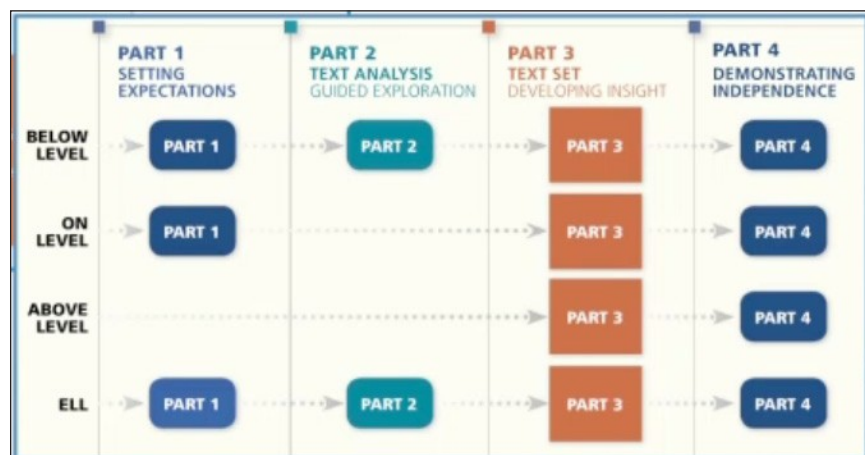
Here you will find information about qualitative measures—such as language conventionality and clarity—quantitative measures—such as Lexile level—and Reader and Task Suggestions. Refer to the Reader and Task Suggestions for strategies to scaffold instruction for struggling students, advanced students, and English learners.

Poetry Collection 1		Reader and Task Suggestions	
<b>Qualitative Measures</b>		<b>Preparing to Read the Text</b> • Ask students to think about why a poet would arrange the lines of a poem in unusual ways. • Guide students to use Multidraft Reading strategies (TE p. 330).	<b>Leveled Tasks</b> <i>Levels of Meaning</i> If students will have difficulty understanding the poems' meanings, have them first read to identify the subject of each poem. Then, have them reread to identify language that describes these subjects. <i>Evaluating</i> If students will not have difficulty with the poems' meanings, have them read to identify vivid verbs used in the poems and to explain why the poets would have chosen these words.
Context/Knowledge Demands	Lyric poems; concrete poem; traditional haiku 1 2 3 4 5		
Structure/Language Conventionality and Clarity	On-level vocabulary; mostly informal tone 1 2 3 4 5		
Levels of Meaning/Purpose/Concept Level	Challenging concept (images of winter preparation); accessible concepts (images of bicycling, a swimming seal, and nature) 1 2 3 4 5		
<b>Quantitative Measures</b>			
Lexile	NP	Text Length	Word Count: 46, 81, 111, 36

## Differentiation

In addition to the Reader and Task Suggestions in the Text Complexity Rubric, Savvas Common Core Literature offers other ways to differentiate your instruction.

First, the Unit Instructional Model provides you with the ultimate flexibility to meet the needs of your students. From unit to unit, your pathway can vary, depending on your students' performance on assessments and activities.



Additionally, Differentiated Instruction notes found throughout your Teacher’s Edition provide point-of-use strategies to support the various types of learners in your classroom.

To further support your students in successfully accessing reading selections, audio versions of the texts are available on CD, and the online student edition includes selection summaries in English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole. The Reader’s Notebooks offer support for Below-Level, English learner, and Spanish-speaking students.

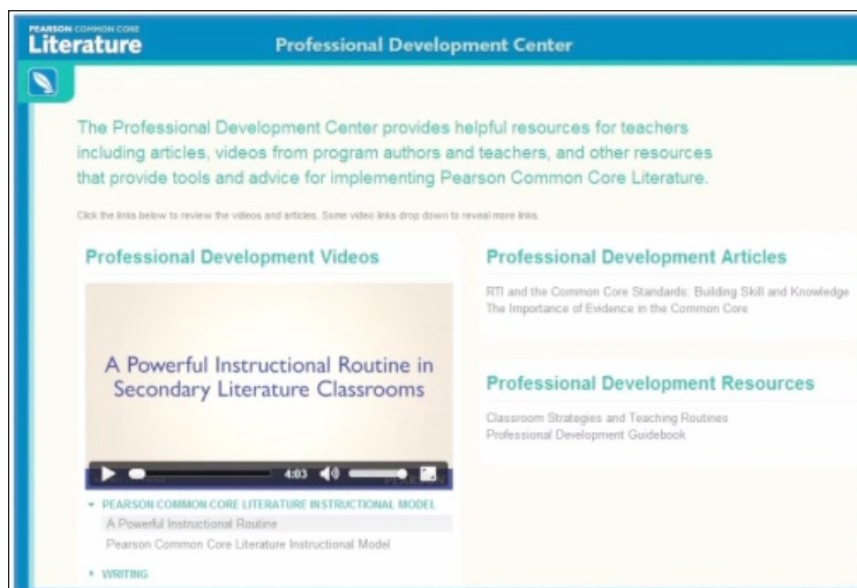
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## Digital Resources

Savvas Common Core Literature offers you and your students innovative and powerful digital resources on Savvas Realize. Through Savvas Realize, you can set up classes, choose reading selections, and begin teaching, with as little or as much digital content as you wish.

Savvas Realize provides easy-to-use teacher resources, student workbooks, and hundreds of novel lesson plans digitally.

Realize also includes other powerful tools. Curriculum Builder allows you to customize your curriculum, while the Savvas Reading Maturity Metric provides measurements for comprehension and how meanings of words and passages change as students acquire more exposure to language. In addition, the Professional Development Center is available



with resources for successful Common Core implementation. The Online Close Reading Notebook is a digital tool that lets your students mark up and take notes within their reading selections online.

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## Review

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