

## Differentiating Instruction

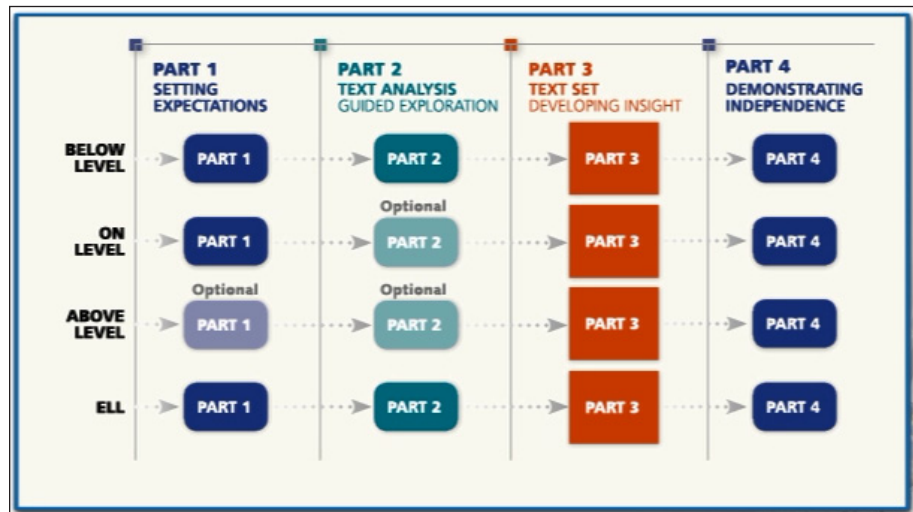
**Introduction** This guide explores the resources available through Pearson Common Core Literature Online that support differentiated instruction in your classroom.

**Tools for Differentiation** Pearson Common Core Literature Online offers several tools for differentiation including your Teacher’s Edition, Selection Worksheets, Reader’s Notebook Worksheets, Reality Central, and Grammar Tutorials.

**Your Teacher’s Edition** Your Teacher’s Edition includes various resources to help you differentiate instruction. You can view these resources through your Pearson Common Core Literature Online account by accessing the online Teacher’s Edition.

The Teacher’s Edition Table of Contents provides an overview of the four-part Instructional Model for Grades 6–10. This model provides flexible pathways for built-in differentiated instruction.

For instance, you will want to consider implementing all four parts of the instructional model when working with below-level students or English Learners.



When working with on-level students, it might be appropriate to skip Part 2, and both Part 1 and Part 2 are optional when working with above-level students. You can also create your own path through the units.

Regardless of the path you choose, each part of the model supports close reading and critical thinking, embeds performance tasks, integrates writing and research, and prepares students for independent reading.

Through the online Teacher’s Edition, you can also view the comprehensive Text Complexity Rubrics that support you in measuring and recognizing complex text.

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The Highwayman		
<b>Qualitative Measures</b>	<b>Context/Knowledge Demands</b>	18th century England; the English moors 1 2 3 4 5
	<b>Structure/Language Clarity and Conventionality</b>	Challenging vocabulary; complex sentences 1 2 3 4 5
	<b>Levels of Meaning</b>	Challenging concept (English highwayman) 1 2 3 4 5
<b>Quantitative Measures</b>	<b>Text Length</b>	Word Count: 1063
	<b>Lexile</b>	NP

These rubrics provide information about factors such as Context and Knowledge Demands, Structure/Language Conventionality and Clarity, Levels of Meaning and Purpose, Lexile level, and text length. Accompanying the Text Complexity Rubric is the Reader and Task Suggestions box. These suggestions guide you in scaffolding instruction for individual struggling students, English learners, or advanced students.

Additionally, Differentiated Instruction notes found throughout your Teacher’s Edition provide point-of-use strategies to help you differentiate instruction.

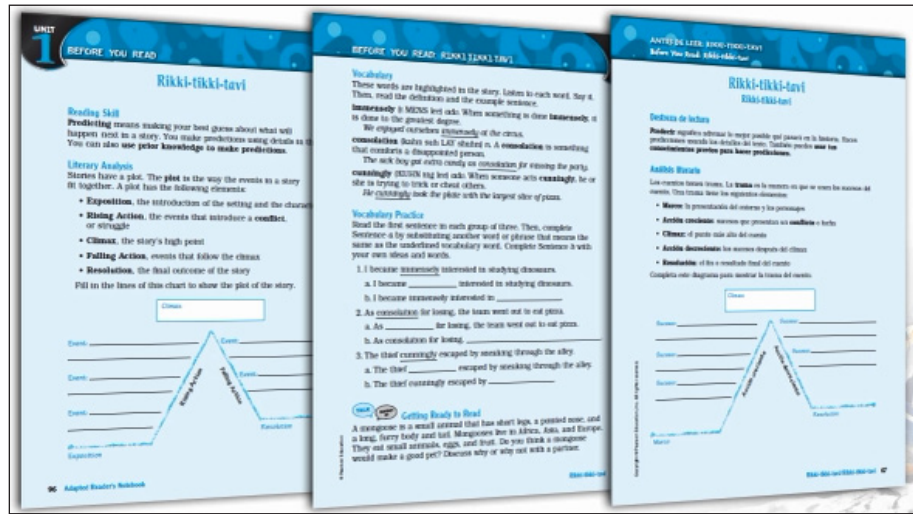
## Selection Worksheets

Pearson Common Core Literature provides worksheets for each reading selection in the program. These worksheets are available in PDF, Word, and interactive formats.

By choosing PDF, you are selecting to use the worksheet as-is. If you select Download Doc, you will be able to customize the worksheet, as needed, to meet the needs of your students. For example, you have the option of adding additional vocabulary words or additional practice activities.

## Reader's Notebook Worksheets

Reader's Notebooks provide struggling readers an adapted version of the reading selection with side notes, modified skills lessons, and a note-taking activity.



These notebooks offer support for Below-level, English Learner, and Spanish-speaking students. For all Part 2 certain selections, these notebooks are found in the Teacher Resources section of your Pearson Common Core Literature Online account. Adapted, English Learner, and Spanish Reader's Notebooks versions provide an alternative to the student edition version.

Once you have navigated to the selection you would like to teach, you will see any Reader's Notebooks options listed in the Teacher Resources menu on the right of the screen. Either click **Assign** from this menu to send the selection directly to your students, or click on the title to see a preview of the Notebook. From here, you can download and print the selection if you would like to make hard copies for your students.

If you choose to assign the Notebook to your students, it will appear in their accounts as a PDF file. You can ask them to use the comments feature of Acrobat® Reader® to respond to the questions and activities presented in the Notebook. Students can save the PDF and submit it to you for grading or as a quick check-in.

**Reality Central** Reality Central provides high-interest nonfiction selections for struggling readers. Selections are written two to three levels below grade level. You can access the Reality Central Student Edition from the program Table of Contents page in your Pearson Common Core Literature Online Account.

From here, you can assign Reality Central reading selections and assignments to your students.

You also have access to an eText version of the student edition, where you can preview all of the reading selections and assignments included in this resource.

Under Teacher Resources, you will find a Reality Central Teacher's Manual as well as a Writing Journal, which includes prompts and worksheets to accompany the Reality Central eText.

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## Grammar Tutorials

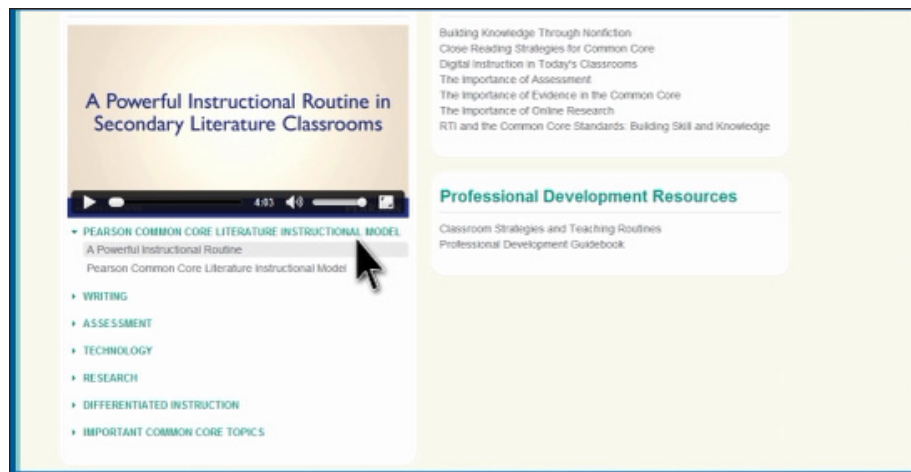
The eText Student Edition includes Grammar Tutorials that provide an additional level of support for grammar instruction. These media-rich tutorials are linked to the Close Reading Activities that follow each reading selection. To launch the Grammar Tutorials, students simply click the icon, and the tutorial opens on their screen.

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## Professional Development Center

Another resource to help you successfully differentiate instruction in your classroom is the online Professional Development Center.

Within the Professional Development Center, you will find articles and videos from the authors and teachers of Pearson Common Core Literature. You will also discover other resources that provide tools and advice for implementing the program. Included in these resources you will find further explanation of the program Instructional Model, recommended classroom strategies and routines, as well as suggestions for differentiating instruction in Pearson Common Core Literature.



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## Review

This guide explored the resources available through Pearson Common Core Literature Online that support differentiated instruction in your classroom.

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