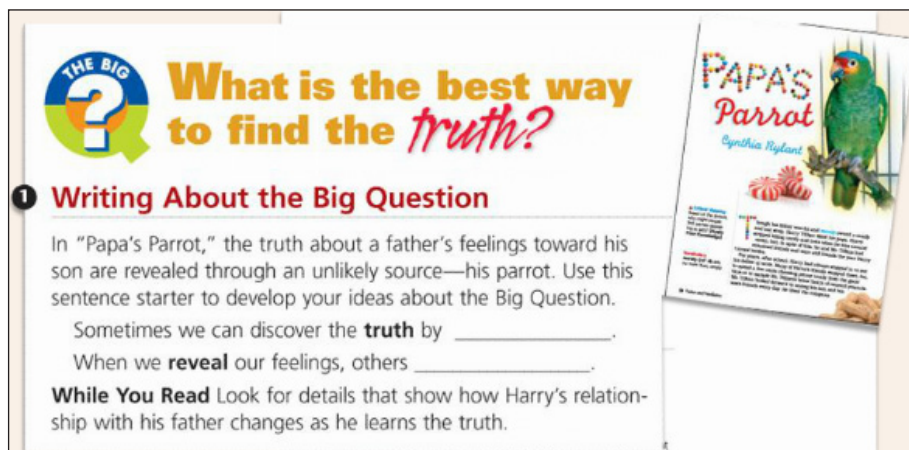# Getting to Know Prentice Hall Literature 2012

Introduction

This guide explains how Prentice Hall Literature 2012 Common Core Edition enables you to personalize instruction in order to challenge and engage every student in your classroom.

It also looks at some of the program features that help teachers provide comprehensive coverage of the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts.

The Understanding by Design® Framework

Prentice Hall Literature is organized around Big Questions and Essential Questions based on the Understanding by Design® framework. Students frequently revisit these questions during lesson activities. The questions frame learning in a meaningful, connected way that promotes the kind of understanding that is called for in the Common Core State Standards framework.

The Understanding by Design® framework helps teachers deliver focused instruction by teaching skills in context rather than in isolation.

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Meeting Student Needs	Meet the needs of all students in your diverse classroom. Prentice Hall Literature Common Core Edition supports all students in accessing increasingly complex texts.

In Grades 6–10, each unit focuses on a specific genre. Based on the reading ability of your students, you can use one of two paired selections to illustrate different styles within the genre.

Text Complexity Rubrics help you determine which selection is more appropriate for your students. The Reader and Task Suggestions provide strategies to help all students read text of increasing complexity. Regardless of which selection students read, they all learn and practice the same skills.

In The American Experience and The British Tradition, each unit contains literary selections from a featured time period. Again, teachers will find resources that provide information about text complexity for each selection. At all levels, before, during, and after reading supports help students manage complex text.
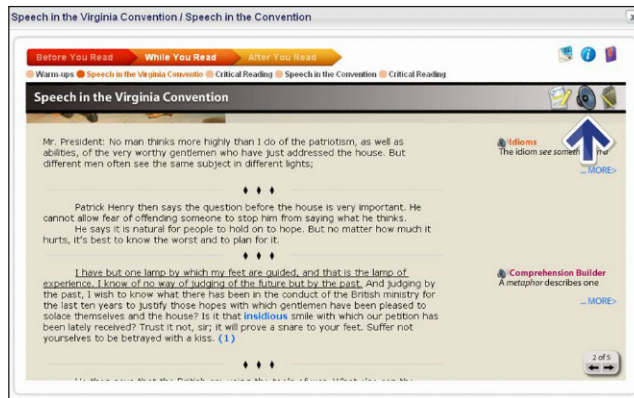
Look to additional program components, such as Unit Resources books and Graphic Organizer Transparencies, for leveled resources to help you personalize instruction. For English learners, below-level students, and special needs students, use vocabulary and reading warm-ups. For on-level and advanced students, use enrichment activities.

Independent reading suggestions, including Common Core exemplar texts, offer opportunities for students to read complex texts independently. These selections cover a range of genres, with an

emphasis on nonfiction and informational texts across content domains.

There are four Reader's Notebooks for every grade level: On-Level, English Learner's Version, Adapted Version, and Spanish Version. These books provide interactive reading support and additional skill practice.

Selections in the Adapted, English Learner, and Spanish Version are all adapted for struggling readers. The Spanish Reader's Notebook provides the adapted selections completely in Spanish. The adapted texts, along with audio, are also available on PH Lit Online. Students can listen to selections in English, and selection summaries in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole.

Explicit Skill Instruction	Prentice Hall Literature 2012 Common Core Edition includes explicit instruction of reading skills and strategies. Students read classic and contemporary literature and apply reading and literary analysis skills as they read. All grade levels include a focus on informational text and opportunities for students to apply reading skills and strategies to nonfiction selections.
Vocabulary Development	Students engage in a variety of vocabulary-building activities throughout each unit. In Grades 6–10, academic vocabulary related to the Big Question is taught at the beginning of each unit.

All grade levels include practice with key vocabulary from each reading selection and provide extensive practice with general and domain-specific academic vocabulary.

The Unit Resources books provide vocabulary-building worksheets. Before students read, they learn selection vocabulary. And while they read, they find vocabulary support at point of use.

Lessons in the Teacher's Edition include teaching strategies for vocabulary development as well as point-of-use references to relevant Common Core State Standards.

During Vocabulary Workshops, students learn about topics such as word origins, multiple meanings of words, and figurative language.

Vocabulary Central provides music, interactive flash cards, games, and worksheets to foster vocabulary development. Grammar tutorials use animation and songs to visually illustrate important skills and concepts.

Writing

Prentice Hall Literature 2012 Common Core Edition incorporates opportunities in every unit for both process writing and writing for assessment.

Students complete prewriting activities during the Work in Progress feature that appears with every pair of leveled selections. The Writing Workshop guides students through each step of the writing process as they develop their ideas into full-length compositions. Writing Workshops use both student models and mentor texts to deepen students' understanding of writing forms and elements.

Every Writer's Workshop includes a Writer's Toolbox that teaches students 6-Trait writing skills. These skills form a basis for mastery in writing.

The program also provides numerous opportunities for students to practice writing for assessment, including timed-writing exercises. Test practice includes a Writing for Assessment component.

Communications

In addition to vocabulary and writing workshops, Prentice Hall Literature 2012 Common Core Edition also includes Communications workshops. These workshops give students a chance to practice skills such as delivering oral presentations, evaluating media messages, and analyzing advertisements.

Assessment

Prentice Hall Literature Common Core Edition includes both traditional assessments and the types of performance-based assessments that are called for in the Common Core State Standards.

Students are assessed across the key Common Core domains of reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language.

At the beginning of the school year, use the Diagnostic Test to help you determine student readiness. Look to your Teacher's Edition for resources and suggestions that will help you track students' progress throughout the unit.

After reading selections, use the Open-Book Tests and leveled Selection Tests to assess comprehension and mastery of literary, reading, and vocabulary skills.

You can also use the Benchmark Tests to monitor progress at even intervals and assess your students' mastery of core skills and standards.

Test practice offers students practice in applying core unit skills under test-taking conditions. This prepares students for questions and formats that they will encounter on the PSAT, SAT, and the ACT.

Students can also take assessments at PH Lit Online. Tests are immediately scored and automatic remediation activities are assigned based on test scores. Comprehensive reports enable you to easily monitor the progress of your entire class or of individual students.

ExamView Test Generator is an additional tool that helps you build customized study guides, test practice, and assessments.

All tests are aligned to the Common Core State Standards.

Teacher Support

The print and digital Teacher's Editions provide detailed lesson plans and point-of-use information about relevant Common Core State Standards.

Look to the Common Core State Standards Correlations for an overview of exactly where each standard is addressed in the program.

Before every reading selection, there is a Guide to Selected Leveled Resources, which identifies strategies and resources to be used with each and every student in your classroom.

Your Teacher's Edition provides additional support and enrichment throughout each lesson. Teaching suggestions and strategies enrich your lessons, build vocabulary, and differentiate instruction. The Unit Resources books provide leveled resources and assessments that help you personalize instruction.

All of these teacher resources are also available online. Your Teacher Resources and Downloads Center provides printable lesson activities and worksheets, professional development articles, and more.

For more information about the resources available on PH Lit Online, please check out the Navigating PH Lit Online tutorials on this Web site.

Review

This guide discussed how Prentice Hall Literature Common Core Edition helps you deliver personalized, standards-based language and literacy instruction.

This guide explained how the program is organized around Big Questions and Essential Questions based on the Understanding by Design® framework. It examined the different ways Prentice Hall Literature Common Core Edition helps you meet the needs of all students in your classroom, while ensuring comprehensive coverage of the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts.

This guide also looked at the tools the program provides to help you assess and monitor student progress to ensure mastery.