

The Topic Internalization Protocol offers a structured approach to understanding each topic comprehensively. This process helps teachers understand what students will learn, how their progress will be assessed, and the overall learning progression.

Scope & Sequence and Pacing

1. Consult your scope and sequence to place this topic in the context of the year-long curriculum.
2. Consult your pacing chart. Note days to review, teach, and assess the content of the lessons.

Preparing to Teach the Topic

3. Identify relationships between lessons and how they build toward successful TEKS coverage.
4. Note how concepts develop sequentially by reading the lesson objectives.
5. Consider strategies to ensure all students can access grade-level content.
6. Identify how the topic builds student learning through concrete-representational-abstract (CRA) progression.
7. Note new and familiar terminology.
8. Examine how TEKS and ELPS are incorporated.

Assessing the Topic

9. Identify the concepts and skills students need to demonstrate on the end-of-topic assessments.
10. Complete the assessment yourself and compare with exemplar strategies.

Gather and Prepare Materials

11. Use the Topic Planner to gather and prepare topic materials.
12. Identify and obtain any additional supplies your students may need or choose to use.