

COMMENTS

Category 3

CCSS English Language Arts (ELA) and Literacy Grades 9-12

Publisher: Pearson Education, Pearson Prentice Hall

Title: *Pearson Literature Common Core
Literature: An Introduction to reading and Writing AP Edition
Writing America: Language and Composition in Context*

Submission Code: #300

General Comments

- Supports for teachers to make data-driven decisions that serve the needs of each and every student.
- Presents a thorough, systematic approach to meeting the Common Core State Standards.
- Teacher Editions include comprehensive overviews that outline how the Common Core State Standards align to the contents of each unit.
- Units are organized thematically around an essential question, containing a variety of texts drawn from multiple genres.
- Gradually removes supports, enabling students to engage more independently with the material and demonstrate grade-level proficiency in writing, vocabulary and literacy.
- Includes an online scoring program that allows students to submit written work and receive timely scores and feedback.
- Provides suggestions and supports for differentiated instruction.
- Offers traditional hard-copy materials and texts, and digital materials which are accessible on a variety of devices.

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Title: *Collections*

Submission Code: #301

General Comments

- Includes the standards written in student language.
- Student materials are organized, concise, and easy to use.
- Supporting materials model student performance tasks both in audio and visual formats.
- Digital collections include task-based instructional videos.
- Strong alignment between Common Core State Standards and performance tasks.
- The *FYI* component links students with current articles, updated monthly.
- *WriteSmart* program allows students (and teacher) to review and make comments on students' writing assignments.
- Dashboard component is user friendly and provides comprehensive support.
- Materials are digitized and accessible through a variety of devices.
- Common Core Assessment supplemental booklet includes assessment practice independent of anchor text.
- *Close Reader* booklet provides systematic support for active engagement with the anchor text.

Publisher: EMC Publishing, LLC

Title: *Mirrors and Windows*

Submission Code: # 302

General Comments

- Audio-files of texts read by actors and available in MP3 format.
- Approximately 2000 additional reading selections (including novels) available online.
- Website includes educational/research links.
- Website includes a link to Educational Testing Service, an online writing scoring program.
- Progressive removal of reading supports cycles through three stages in each unit. In addition, the final unit of each grade level text is independent reading based (without scaffolds).
- Rubrics presented in the text are in checklist format, which provide limited guidance for interpreting student performance.
- Supplementary materials are essential to this program.
- Limited skill instruction on discussion practices.

Publisher: The College Board

Title: *Springboard*

Submission Code: # 304

General Comments

- Comprehensively and systematically aligned to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Literacy Standards.
- Effectively addresses instructional expectations.
- Rigorous program which contains sufficient scaffolding to help learners access the materials and achieve proficiency.
- The consumable text allows students to annotate as part of the learning experience, which aligns with the Smarter Balanced approach to assessment.
- The digital component is accessible through a variety of devices.
- The consumable component may function as a stand-alone program.
- Assists instructors in the transition to proficiency-based assessment as well as assists students in becoming familiar with Smarter Balanced styled assessments.
- Academic vocabulary is built through a systematic and recursive approach.
- Reading and writing standards are integrated so that they reinforce each other.
- Professional development and the on-line "Springboard Community" allow teachers' initial as well as on-going training and support.

Publisher: Holt McDougal

Title: *Literature*

Submission Code: # 306

General Comments:

- Presents Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in student friendly language so students can take ownership of their learning.
- Includes a pacing guide to ensure coverage of every Standard.
- Each selection is supported by a multimedia presentation, a video trailer, and other supplemental materials including professionally developed videos and audio selections.
- Focuses on building academic vocabulary in context through systematic instruction in both print and online materials.
- Differentiated supports for all students consistently built into the teacher edition.
- Comprehensive professional development is described and included.
- All material is digitized and accessible to students on a variety of devices.
- Rubrics and graphic organizers are customizable.
- An online essay scoring component is limited to the provided prompts.
- Consistently uses big questions as overriding themes.