From Common Core to Curriculum: Five Big Ideas by McTighe & Wiggins

Big Idea #1 – The Common Core Standards have new emphases and require a careful reading.

Big Idea # 2 – Standards are not curriculum.

Big Idea # 3 – Standards need to be "unpacked."

Big Idea # 4 – A coherent curriculum is mapped backwards from desired performances.

Big Idea #5 – The Standards come to life through the assessments.