

Dipping into the Common Core State Standards

This exercise is an opportunity to get an initial look at the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and begin thinking about what is new in the Standards.

1. Choose a section of the Common Core Document with which you will be working. Focus on one STRAND of the English Language Arts Standards and look at a particular grade level or across grade levels.
2. In your chosen section:
 - a. What is one Standard that you believe you already do an effective job of teaching? Please write the Standard below.
 - b. How do you teach this Standard?
 - c. What is one Standard that will be a new focus for you?
 - d. What ideas do you have about how you might teach this Standard?
3. In your small group, share your answers to questions 2c and 2d.