

Supporting Students in a Time of Core Standards

Grades
6–8

Build a lifelong love of learning while helping students meet rigorous challenges.

The Common Core State Standards call for a shift in thinking about instruction and classroom success.

NCTE calls for educators to commit to teaching with best practices and to put students at the center of their classrooms.

NCTE's book series and virtual conference recordings provide support and insight that educators need when working with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) by championing a critical perspective that strengthens teacher integrity and focuses on student development. In addition, our onsite consulting services and proven ideas for working collaboratively within departments or schools can help you form a customized schoolwide plan to integrate the CCSS. These resources help you discover that your best teaching practices already enable you to meet and exceed the CCSS.

NCTE Resources for Grades 6–8

- ⊙ Publications
- ⊙ Virtual Conference Recordings
- ⊙ Online Planning Resources
- ⊙ Schoolwide Learning Communities
- ⊙ Online Professional Community
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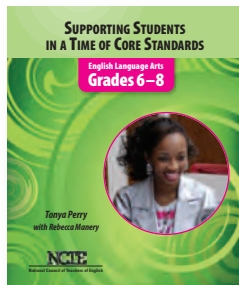


In this newly published series, NCTE authors present authentic classroom vignettes and supportive planning materials.

*"... Step into these classrooms, reflect on them, and use their successes and challenges to **further your own thinking** about what **bridges you can build** between the CCSS and your own instruction."*

—**Sarah Brown Wessling**, 2010–2011 National Teacher of the Year and author of *Supporting Students in a Time of Core Standards: English Language Arts, Grades 9–12*

NCTE Grades 6–8 Book and Virtual Conference Recordings



Supporting Students in a Time of Core Standards: English Language Arts, Grades 6–8

Authors: Tonya Perry with Rebecca Manery

This book takes you into the classrooms of middle school and junior high teachers who are **meeting the demands** of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) while staying true to their students and to their own knowledge of what constitutes effective, student-centered teaching. Beginning with an overview of the CCSS, the **first section of the book addresses some common questions and concerns about the new standards.** Perry then spotlights individual grade 6–8 classrooms, showing the real learning and achievement that occur when **teachers focus on students' needs and interests rather than on trying simply to "cover" a list of standards.**

The teaching vignettes in Section II honor a variety of school contexts, cultures, and teaching environments, from struggling areas coping with the effects of diminished resources to more affluent districts. In all cases, though, you see individual teachers' innovative approaches, based on their experiences of what does—and doesn't—work, as well as on NCTE principles of good teaching. These rich vignettes, focusing on oft-taught books such as *The Outsiders* and *The Watsons Go to Birmingham — 1963*, feature **student collaboration, writing for authentic audiences, and the incorporation of visual literacies through the use of photos and YouTube clips.**

The final section shows how to build instruction **from and with the CCSS, offering ideas for teachers as individuals, as collaborators with colleagues, and as advocates for professional support.** Throughout, the teachers affirm the importance of professional development, by belonging to organizations like NCTE and the National Writing Project, by attending local and national conferences, and by participating in local communities of practice.

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Session 2	Finding Your Way with the Common Core <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address questions about the ELA CCSS. • Align NCTE principles of good teaching with the CCSS. • Discern student learning needs. • Consider the range of texts and materials that will foster your students' learning. 	Anne Ruggles Gere and Rick Joseph
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—Susan Hughes, Supervisor of Secondary English and Reading, Allegany County Public Schools



Access, Share, and Plan Online

Access additional resources and opportunities for interacting with other teachers on the *Supporting Students in a Time of Core Standards: English Language Arts, Grades 6–8* companion website: <http://www.ncte.org/books/supp-students-6-8>

Share and plan in the NCTE Connected Community, www.ncte.org/connectedcommunity, where you will find educators learning from one another as individuals and schools deepening their understanding of the CCSS to help begin integration. As you begin your planning, access the resources found in this online Connected Community. Here you can share:

- Plans
- Lessons
- Ways to engage students
- Formative assessments
- Stories from your classroom

Sarah Brown Wessling shares her school's planning and learning process in the Connected Community for other teachers to read about and provide feedback based on their experiences:



"... my department is saturated with Core Standards work. Here are a few of the things we are learning:

- *Dealing day to day with this is a shift in thinking. It's slow work, and it's tough, even though our school was already fairly close to the 'spirit of the Standards.'*
- *There are so many Standards ... we grouped them conceptually into 9 big areas in order to teach them effectively.*
- *We are working to build enough flexibility so that our courses do not leave out creative writing, poetry, visual literacy, and more."*

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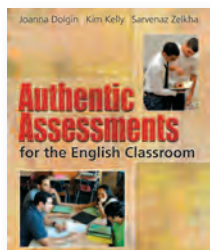
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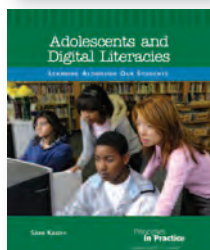
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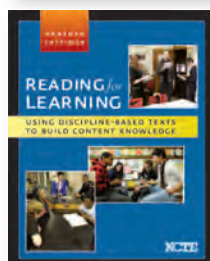
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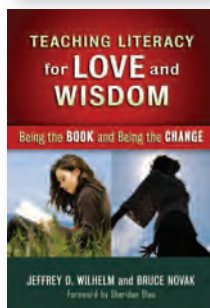
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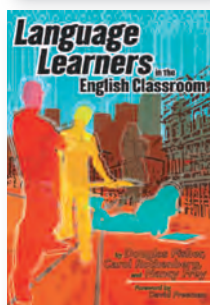
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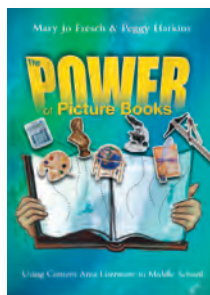
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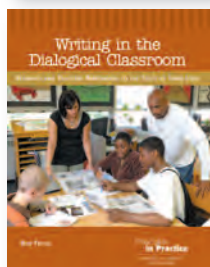
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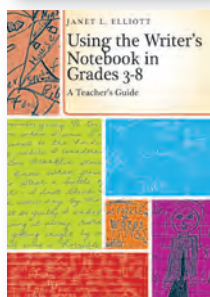
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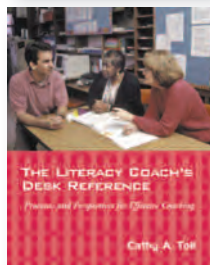
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