

Exploring the Rigor of the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts/Literacy

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Part 1 – View the Video - Common Core State Standards for ELA & Literacy

Discussion question:

What elements of instruction in English Language Arts require changes based upon the academic rigor of the Common Core State Standards?

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Part 2 – A guided analysis of the increase in rigor of the Common Core State Standards through an examination of Writing Standard 1.

Discussion questions:

Q1: What changes occur in the standards as opinion transforms into argument from the elementary to the secondary level?

Q2: The CCR Anchor Standard for W1:

“Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.”

What can be done at the elementary, middle, and high school levels to ensure that students reach that standard by the end of grade 12?

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