**Directions:** Answer the following questions. Support your responses with details from the *CCSS Reading Standards for Foundational Skills.*

1. What is the importance or significance of the Standards for Foundational Skills?
2. Answer the following:

* After which grade are students expected to have mastered Print Concepts and Phonological Awareness skills?
* By which grade are students expected to have been introduced to all sound spelling patterns?
* In which grade are students expected to begin reading with enough fluency to support comprehension?
* In which grades are students expected to read grade level text fluently and with understanding?

1. What major categories of reading instruction are prioritized in the Standards for Foundational Skills? In which categories do the skills from question 2 belong?