Grade Specific Item Alignment Module

Suggested Activity
1. Choose a mini-assessment from the SAP Mini-Assessments for the target grade.
2. Read the text/texts associated with the mini-assessment, but do not review the questions. As you read, make notes about important teachable/testable points.
3. After you finish reading the text(s), consider the important points you noted. With the characteristics discussed in the grade-specific Item Alignment Module in mind, write down five questions that would lead students to analyzing these important points. You do not need to come up with the option choices. Just focus on crafting strong question stems.

Question Stems:

1. 

2. 

3. 

4. 

5. 

After crafting your questions:
1. Go to Common Core State Standards for the targeted grade. To which standards do the questions align? Write the standards next to each question. If necessary, revise the questions to more tightly align to the standards.
2. Review the items from the mini-assessment. Compare the questions you wrote to the mini-assessment questions. Discuss the similarities and differences with your group.