ELA/Literacy Resources to Support the Shifts Required by College- and Career-Ready Standards
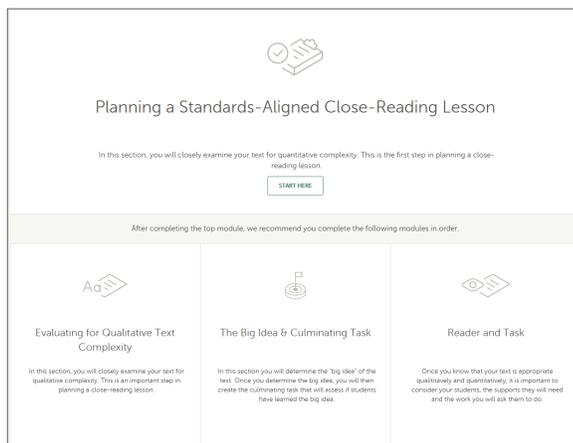
The Lesson Planning Tool

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The Lesson Planning Tool is a digital resource that takes teacher candidates through a series of prompts with embedded professional learning.

Help teacher candidates:

• Learn a step-by-step process for planning reading instruction that is rooted in the ELA Shifts required by college- and career-ready standards.
• Analyze a lesson within a comprehensive curriculum for alignment to the ELA Shifts required by college- and career-ready standards.

"This tool shaped the framework that our teachers used to support their planning this year. We adapted the lesson planning tool in order to streamline how long it would take a teacher to plan a lesson. "

Nina Oropeza, Director of Design, DC Public Schools.

Academic Word Finder

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The digital Academic Word Finder allows teacher candidates to copy and paste any text into the tool, select a grade, and instantly receive a list of words and definitions for tier two academic vocabulary words below, at, and above grade level.

Help teacher candidates:

• Practice identifying critical vocabulary for teaching when planning a lesson with complex text.
• Unpack what "academic vocabulary" means and how it impacts instruction.
• Design and model activities using the vocabulary and provided definitions within the tool.

In Common Student Writing Samples

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In Common provides a collection of hundreds of K-12 student writing samples for teacher candidates to use and analyze.

Help teacher candidates:
- Norm their understanding of grade-level-appropriate writing by text type.
- Design thoughtful writing lessons by focusing on student outcomes.

Text Complexity Collection

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The Text Complexity Collection includes tools to help teacher candidates identify complex text and plan effective text-based instruction. These resources also include research to support teacher candidates' understanding of text complexity.

Help teacher candidates:
- Understand the "how" of using complex texts in the classroom.
- Identify challenges presented in a text and how to plan related text-dependent questions.
- Use the text complexity rubrics repeatedly with new texts to identify how different texts contain varied types of complexity.

"We used to use the professional development modules with our staff and residents to help ensure we were all aligned to the Common Core Shifts. Now that we are all well aligned, we've simply added SAP's stock slides to our content presentations."

Katie Lyons, Academy for Urban School Leadership

Student Achievement Partners' resources are grounded in research and evidence, and we are committed to sharing standards-aligned tools and practices freely with educators across the country.