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DF21-The Changing Role of Informational Text and Literature (Gr. 6-12)
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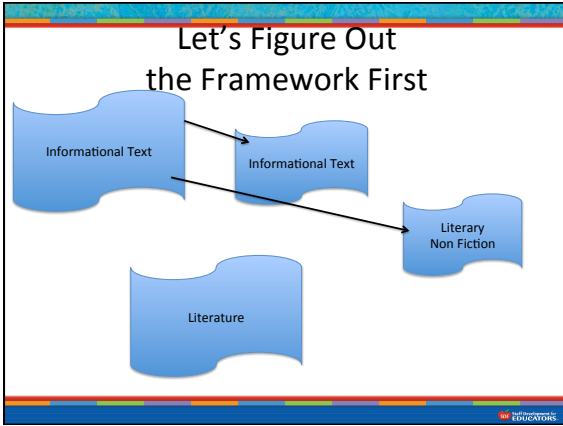
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What We Will Do In This Session

- Dispel some of the myths regarding informational and literary text.
- Define informational and literary text.
- Examples of informational and literary text.





Strands	K-5	6-12
	English Language Arts	English Language Arts, Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, & Technical Subjects
Standards Change in Content Framework	Anchor Standard: Reading	
	Key Ideas and Details, Grades 6-12, Standard 2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.	
Grade-Specific Standards		
	Reading, Standard 2.	
Grade	Literature	Informational Text
6	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgment.
7	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.	Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.
8	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.

FIGURE 5.1: Reading the CCS with an example.

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What do these numbers mean?

Distribution of Literary and Informational Passages by Grade In the 2009 NAEP Reading Framework

Grade	Literary	Informational
4	50%	50%
8	45%	55%
12	30%	70%

Source: National Assessment Governing Board. (2008). Reading framework for the 2009 National Assessment of Educational Progress. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

Common Core State Standards, 2010, p. 5.

WHY WE NEED A BALANCED DIET OF INFORMATIONAL TEXT AND LITERATURE

LEVELS OF MEANING

(LITERARY TEXTS) OR PURPOSE (INFORMATIONAL TEXTS)

Informational	Literary
Single level of meaning	Multiple levels
Explicitly stated purpose	Implicit purpose; may be hidden or obscure

STRUCTURE

Informational	Literary
Simple	Complex
Explicit	Implicit
Conventional	Unconventional
Events related in chronological order	Events unrelated in chronological order
Traits of a common genre	Traits specific to a particular discipline
Simple graphics	Sophisticated graphics
Graphics unnecessary for understanding	Graphics essential to understanding

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONALITY AND CLARITY

Informational	Literary
Literal	Figurative or iconic
Clear	Ambiguous or purposely misleading
Contemporary, Familiar	Archaic or otherwise unfamiliar
Conversational	General academic and domain-specific

KNOWLEDGE DEMANDS: LIFE EXPERIENCES (Literary Texts)

Informational	Literary
Simple theme	Complex or sophisticated theme
Single themes	Multiple themes
Common, everyday experiences	Experiences distinctly different from own
Single perspective	Multiple perspectives
Perspective(s) like one's own	Perspective(s) unlike or in opposition to one's own

KNOWLEDGE DEMANDS: CULTURAL/LITERARY KNOWLEDGE

Informational	Literary
Everyday knowledge and familiarity with genre conventions required	Cultural and literary knowledge useful
Low intertextuality	High intertextuality

**KNOWLEDGE DEMANDS:
CONTENT/DISCIPLINE KNOWLEDGE**

Informational		Literary
Everyday knowledge and familiarity with genre conventions required	▶	Extensive, perhaps specialized discipline-specific content knowledge required
Low intertextuality	▶	High intertextuality

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Differentiating Texts

- ▶ Selecting and adapting texts to differentiate information to meet the needs of diverse readers.
- ▶ Making students better readers in your subject area.
- ▶ Using efficient and engaging activities that add to content learning.

Strategies: One-Page Wonder

According to Daniels and Steineke, One-Page Wonders (OPW) allows us to:

- Provide texts that are interesting
- Keep in-class reading time short
- Allow for efficient practice of comprehension and discussion strategies

Finding OPWs

- Interesting and relevant to kids
- Surprising, puzzling, funny, quirky, or weird
- Invite the reader to visualize places, faces, and events
- Feature people you can get interested in
- Are complex enough to justify time and thought
- Offer background knowledge in your content area
- Contain open-ended or debatable issues that invite lively discussion

Strategy, Encourage the Students to Code the Text

!★ OMG the manure lagoons are...

? What does this [turbulence] mean?

? This stuff has so much bacteria why would you jump

!★ Two guys drowned in that lagoon.

★ I didn't know lagoons had volatile gasses

★ These could be a contributor to global warming

★ Mmmm, not so good

? Don't these companies have a heart?

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