## Social Studies and the Common Core

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#### Rate your Common Core Knowledge

# That's those new Math and English standards, right?





## I've at least scanned through one of the documents.





I've scanned/read the documents and I could use the terms "ELA literacy standards," and "boxed sub-heading" in proper context.





I've read through all the documents, know everything they're about. I'm fluent in Common Core-ese.





#### Common Core State Standards Initiative

 State-led and developed common core standards for K-12 in English/language arts and mathematics

 Initiative facilitated by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and National Governors Association (NGA)





#### Standards Development Process

- College- and career-readiness standards for English/ language arts and mathematics developed summer of 2009
- Based on the college and career readiness standards,
   K-12 standards for each grade were developed
- Continual input throughout the process from states, educators, and business and higher education leaders
- Public comment period with nearly 10,000 responses
- Final standards released on June 2, 2010



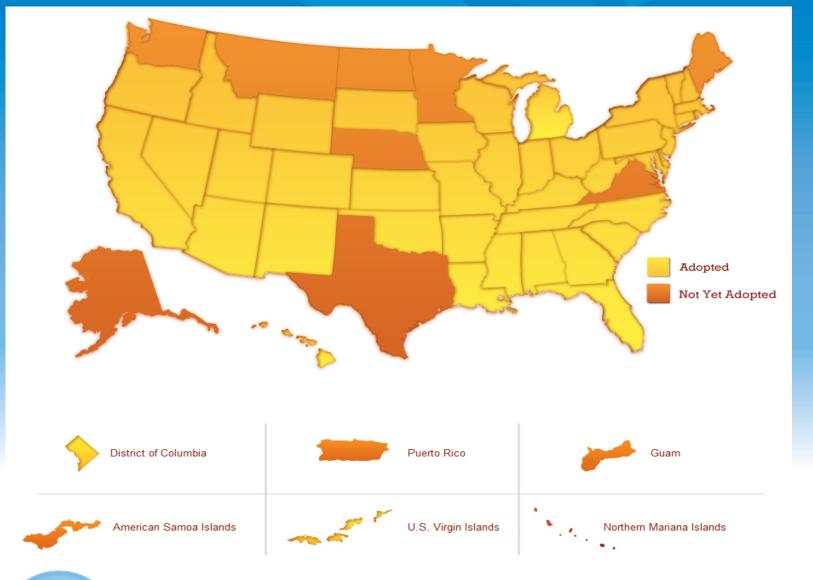


## Why do this? --District and State benefits--

- Shifting of resources to focus on improving instructional practices
- Easier collaboration between states on curriculum and assessment—minimizes duplication of effort
- Student mobility—increased likelihood of comparable assessments between states allows for longitudinal data tracking
- New and better assessments that better measure student learning











## Why do this? --Student benefits--

- Student mobility—more comparable education across districts and states reduces obstacles to mobile students
- Increased alignment between K-12 and post-secondary narrows gap in college and career readiness







#### Fewer, clearer, higher

- Fewer standards
- Clearer language
- Increased Rigor







#### American Education Research Association in an April 2011 Study

- A student who can't read at grade level by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is:
  - 4 times less likely to graduate than a child who is proficient at grade 3
  - 88% of students in the study who failed to graduate were identified as poor readers in grade 3
- Add poverty to the mix and
  - The number climbs to 6 times less likely to graduate
  - 89% of children identified as "poor", in economic terms, but proficient or better in reading– graduated





#### NAEP 4th Grade Basic Level

# At or Above Basic 73%





#### NAEP 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Proficient Level

# At of Above Proficient 20%





#### NAEP 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Level







#### **The Literacy Pyramid**

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• Grades 5-9

• Grades K-4

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Kansas Common Core Standards



#### So it's Friday Night what do you do?

# You don't run that play!









If you think junior high is hard, try reading tax regulations all day.





#### What are you reading about?

Open the trunk and remove the spare, jack and iron. Use the iron to loosen the lugs, then place and use the jack. Remove the lugs and the flat and put on the spare. Tighten the lugs and lower the jack. Place the jack and the flat in the trunk.

**Easy Right?** 





#### What are you reading about?

A bowler may bowl either right or left armed, propelling the ball overhand without bending his elbow. He is allowed any number of steps to give a delivery, but he may not cross the bowling crease. A good bowler must be able to control length and direction, which includes the spin placed on the ball.

#### A little more difficult?





#### What are you reading about?

This process is as easy as it is enjoyable. This process can take anywhere from about 1 hr to all day. The length of time depends on the elaborateness of the final product. Only one substance is necessary for this process. However, the substance must be quite abundant and of suitable consistency. The substance is best used when it is fresh, as its lifespan can vary. Its lifespan varies depending on where the substance is located. This process is such that almost anyone can do it. The easiest method is to compress the substance into a denser mass than it held in its original state. This process gives a previously amorphous substance some structure. Other substances can be introduced near the end of the process to add to the complexity of the final product. These substances are not necessary. However, many people find that they add to the desired effect.





#### How is that different than this?

Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine our selves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod, the eleventh of November, in the year of the reign of our sovereign lord, King James, of England, France, and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno Dom. 1620.





#### Why Literacy in History/ Government/Social Studies?

- Students are consistently unable to meet the demands of reading text within a particular discipline.
- Reading within a discipline is different than reading literature.
- The ability to read within the discipline is important to citizenship.
- Being literate across a broad range of disciplines is required to be considered College and Career Ready.





#### Social Studies Literacy

ansas Common Core Standards

Possessing the skills and knowledge necessary to read, write and otherwise communicate on topics generally considered as the Social Studies.



## Why do I have to teach ELA in my History class?

If you have been teaching History well you are already teaching literacy.





#### Common Core Literacy Standards

The Common Core is organized by grade level:

K-5, 6-8, 9-10, 11- College and Career Ready

Several sets of Literacy Standards (I'll concentrate on the first 2)

Reading, Writing, Speaking/Listening, Language

Reading standards are divided by grade level into:

Key Ideas and Details

Craft and Structure

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

Writing standards are divided by grade level into:

Text Types and Purposes

Production and Distribution of Writing

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

Range of Writing





#### Change over Time

Common Core simply takes the 10 Anchor Standards in Reading and Writing and adds levels of sophistication over time.





#### How do we do this?

With the exception of Standard #5 (Text Structure) and #10 (Text Complexity) most of you are probably already asking this of your students.

- Looking for evidence
- Central Ideas
- Causation
- Vocabulary
- Point of View and Bias
- Multiple types of Media
- Fact or Opinion
- Primary and Secondary Sources





#### **Guiding Questions**

•So...

What do the Kansas Common Core Standards mean by text complexity?

What is a text complexity band?

and

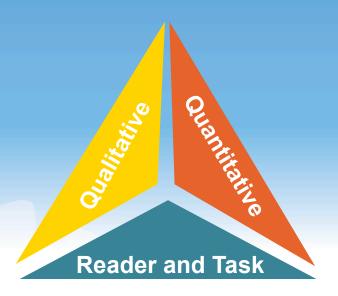
How do we ensure the texts our students are reading are in the appropriate text complexity band?





#### **Overview of Text Complexity**

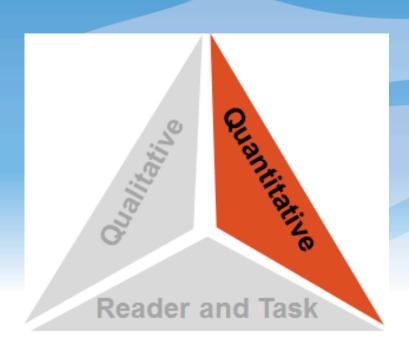
- ➤ Text complexity is defined by:
  - Quantitative measures readability and other scores of text complexity often best measured by computer software.
  - 2. Qualitative measures levels of meaning, structure, language conventionality and clarity, and knowledge demands often best measured by an attentive human reader.
  - 3. Reader and Task considerations background knowledge of reader, motivation, interests, and complexity generated by tasks assigned often best made by educators employing their professional judgment.







#### **Step 1: Quantitative Measures**



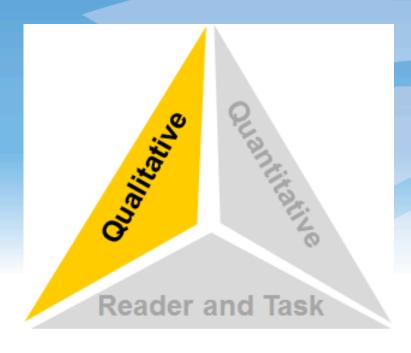
#### Measures such as:

- Word length
- Word frequency
- Word difficulty
- Sentence length
- Text length
- Text cohesion





#### **Step 2: Qualitative Measures**



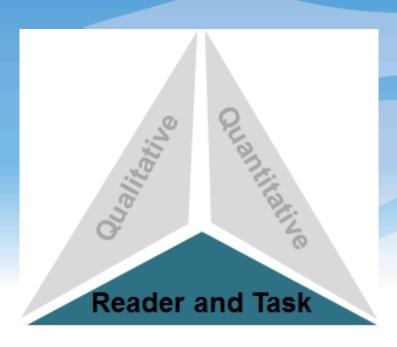
#### Measures such as:

- Levels of meaning
- Levels of purpose
- Structure
- Organization
- Language conventionality
- Language clarity
- Prior knowledge demands





### Step 3: Reader and Task



#### Considerations such as:

- Motivation
- Knowledge and experience
- Purpose for reading
- Complexity of task assigned
- Complexity of questions asked





# Where do we find texts in the appropriate text complexity band?

We could....

•Choose an excerpt of text from Appendix B:







## Grades 2–3 Text Exemplars

#### St. George, Judith. So You Want to Be President?

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Every single President has taken this oath: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Only thirty-five words! But it's a big order if you're President of this country. Abraham Lincoln was tops at filling that order. "I know very well that many others might in this matter or as in others, do better than I can," he said. "But...I am here. I must do the best I can, and bear the responsibility of taking the course which I feel I ought to take." That's the bottom line. Tall, short, fat, thin, talkative, quiet, vain, humble, lawyer, teacher, or soldier—this is what most of our Presidents have tried to do, each in his own way. Some succeeded. Some failed. If you want to be President—a good President—pattern your self after the best. Our best have asked more of themselves than they thought they could give. They have had the courage, spirit, and will to do what they knew was right. Most of all, their first priority has always been the people and the country they served.

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## How might you use the text...

With a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader?

With a 7<sup>th</sup> Grader?

With an 11<sup>th</sup> Grader?





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Use available resources to determine the text complexity of other materials on our own.

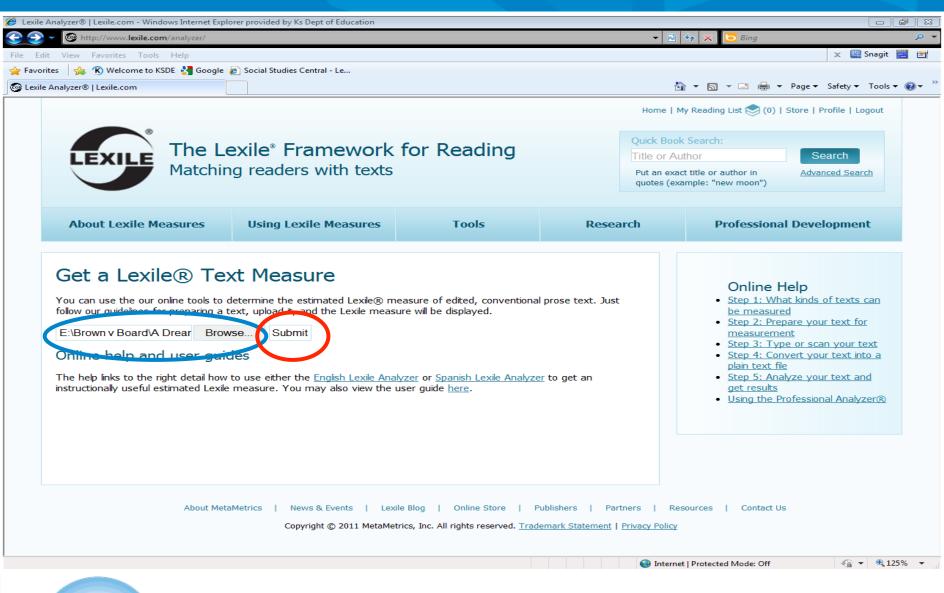


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## A Dream Deferred By Langston Hughes

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Lexile Measure 570L





### The Poem only has 58 words but . . .

What happens to a dream deferred?

Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun?

Or fester like a sore

And then run?

Does it stink like rotten meat?

Or crust and sugar over like a syrupy sweet?
Maybe it just sags like a heavy load.
Or does it explode?

Though the words of the poem are simple and the poem itself is short the idea that a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grader could interpret with any real accuracy the intention of the author is highly unlikely.

Prior knowledge, background information and historical knowledge of the Civil Rights movement and the 1950's would be required for the task.





### An Example

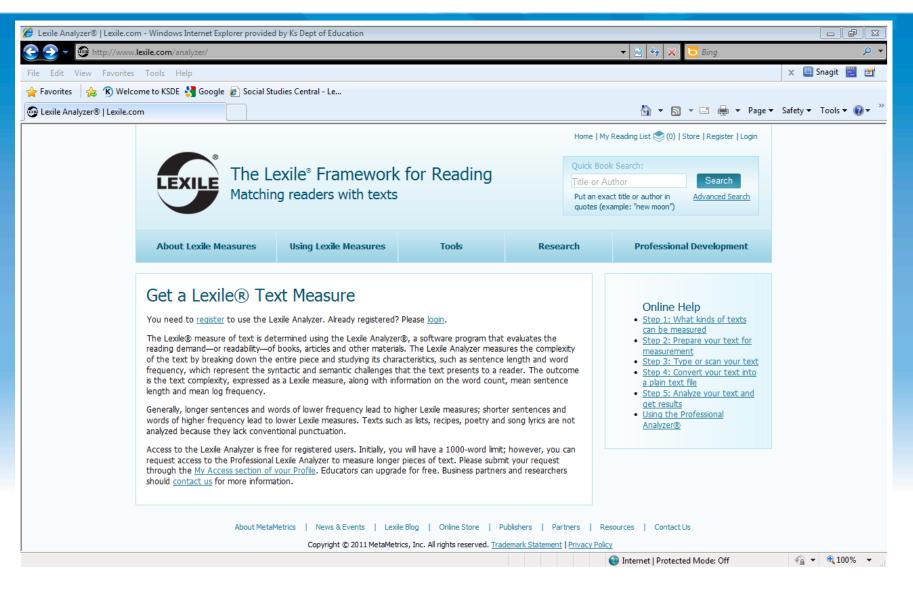
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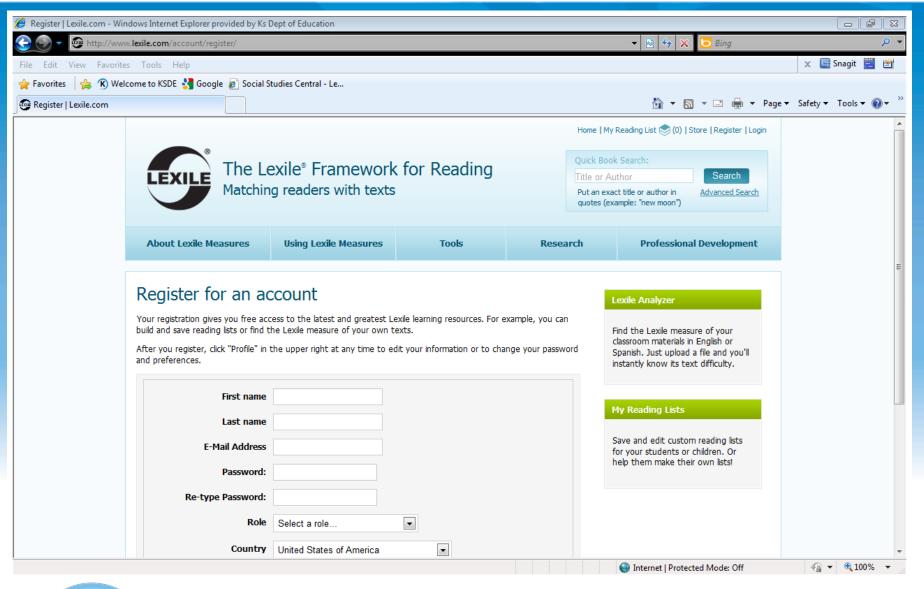




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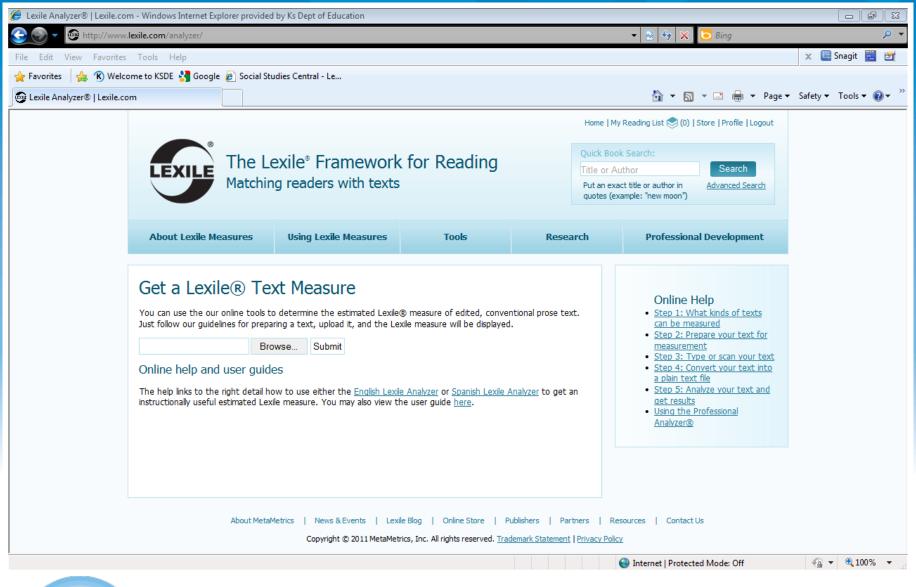












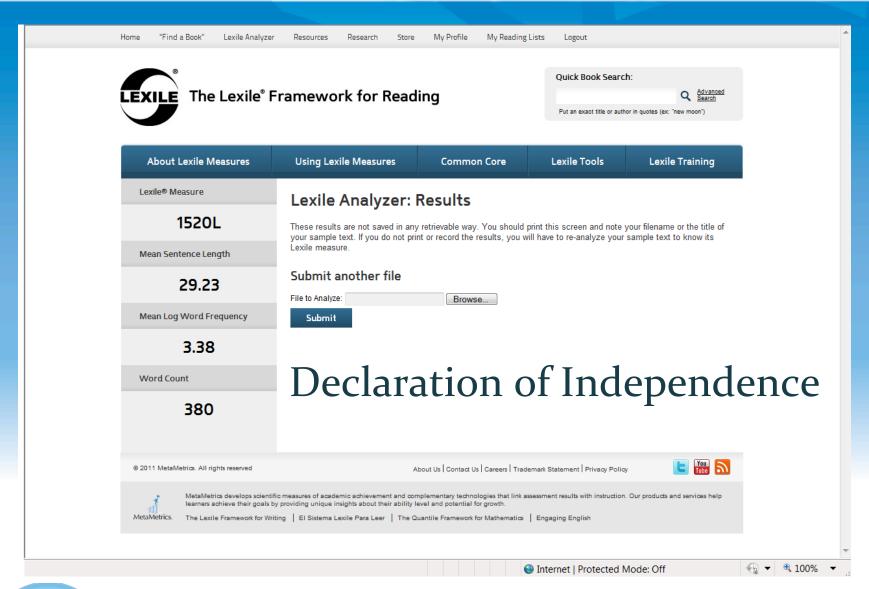




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## Declaration of Independence

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# Questions?

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