

Module 1
Participant
Guide

Focus on Instructional Shifts

Introductory Activity

Connecticut Core Standards for
English Language Arts and
Literacy



Grades 6–12

Systems of Professional Learning

Connecticut Core Standards Systems of Professional Learning

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Introductory Activity: Pre-Assessment–CCS-ELA & Literacy and Instructional Shifts

Instructions: Check the box on the scale that best represents your knowledge or feelings about the CCS-ELA & Literacy in your classroom (**5 minutes to complete the Pre-Assessment**).

Self-Assessment Questions	No	Somewhat	Yes	Absolutely, and I could teach it to someone else
	1	2	3	4
I understand how the grade level expectations of the CCS-ELA & Literacy build upon one another and relate to the College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards.				
I understand the purpose and demands of the Reading Standards 6–12.				
I understand the purpose and nature of the CCS Literacy standards for History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects.				
I understand the required instructional shifts for the CCS and how they relate to the standards and each other.				
I am familiar with instructional practices consistent with the CCS instructional shifts.				
I know what the EQUIP Rubric is and how to use it.				
I regularly engage in collaborative discussion about the standards, the shifts, related practices, and can identify relevant resources for implementation.				