

Module 3  
Participant Guide

Supporting All Students in  
Writing and Research

## Introductory Activities

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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### Pre-Assessment–CCS-ELA & Literacy

**Instructions:** Check the box on the scale that best represents your knowledge or feelings about the CCS-ELA & Literacy in your classroom.

Self-Assessment Questions	No	Somewhat	Yes	Absolutely, and I could teach it to someone else
	1	2	3	4
I know the research base and rationale for the CCS-ELA & Literacy Writing Standards.				
I know the vertical progression of writing expectations and standards in grades 6–12 CCS-ELA & Literacy.				
I understand best practices in writing instruction, including creating claims and writing grounded in evidence from text.				
I know of the research requirements and the use of digital tools and other technologies required by the CCS-ELA Literacy Writing Standards.				
I understand how writing and research are incorporated into CCS-aligned ELA & Literacy units and lessons.				
I understand how to support all students in writing aligned with the CCS-ELA & Literacy.				
I am able to facilitate collaborative conversations and professional learning for my colleagues related to understanding the CCS-ELA & Literacy Writing Standards and best practices for supporting students in writing.				

### NOTEPAD

Use the *Notepad* section titled *Introductory Activity: Quick Write for Sharing* on page 49 to jot down some information or thoughts you might share with other Core Standards District Coaches regarding conversations or professional learning activities in your school district relative to the Systems of Professional Learning Modules 1 & 2.