

Module 3
Participant Guide

Supporting All Students in
Writing and Research

Introductory Activities

Connecticut Core Standards for
English Language Arts and
Literacy



Grades K–5

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 skills in grades K–5 CCS-ELA & Literacy.				
I know best practices in writing instruction, including writing grounded in text.				
I know 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 in writing and research.				

NOTEPAD

Use the *Notepad* section titled *Introductory Activity: Quick Write for Sharing* on page 61 of your Participant Guide 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.