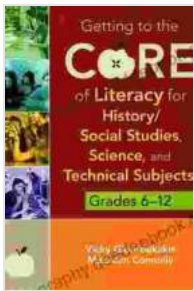


Getting to the Core of Literacy for History, Social Studies, and Science

Literacy is a foundational skill for all students, but it takes on a unique importance in the context of history, social studies, and science education. In these disciplines, students are expected to engage critically with complex texts, conduct research, and communicate their understanding in clear and persuasive ways.



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To be successful in these disciplines, students need to develop a deep understanding of **domain-specific vocabulary**. This includes terms that are unique to a particular field, such as "hypothesis" in science or "primary source" in history. Students also need to be able to understand **text structures** and **rhetorical devices**, such as compare-and-contrast essays in social studies or scientific reports in science. In addition, students need

to be able to **analyze primary sources** and **conduct research** in order to develop their own arguments and support their claims.

The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) provide a clear and comprehensive framework for teaching literacy in history, social studies, and science. The CCSS emphasize the importance of:

- **Reading closely** and critically
- **Writing** clearly and persuasively
- **Conducting research** and analyzing sources
- **Engaging in academic discussions**

Teachers can use the CCSS as a guide to help them develop lesson plans and activities that foster literacy skills in their students. There are also a number of **evidence-based practices** that teachers can use to improve literacy instruction in history, social studies, and science:

- **Use authentic texts** whenever possible. This means using primary sources, such as letters, diaries, and speeches, in history; current events articles in social studies; and scientific reports in science.
- **Provide explicit instruction in vocabulary and text structures.** Explain new terms and concepts to students, and help them to identify the different text structures that are used in different disciplines.
- **Encourage students to read and write independently.** The more students read and write, the better they will become at it. Teachers can provide opportunities for students to read and write independently

through homework assignments, class projects, and extra-curricular activities.

- **Give students feedback on their reading and writing.** Feedback helps students to improve their skills and learn from their mistakes. Teachers can provide feedback through written comments, class discussions, and one-on-one conferences.

By using evidence-based practices and incorporating the CCSS into their instruction, teachers can help their students to develop the literacy skills they need to be successful in history, social studies, and science.

Literacy in History

Literacy is essential for students to develop a deep understanding of history. In order to understand historical events and processes, students need to be able to read and analyze primary and secondary sources, such as letters, diaries, speeches, and historical accounts. They also need to be able to write clearly and persuasively to communicate their understanding of history and to support their arguments.

The CCSS for history emphasize the importance of:

- **Reading closely** and critically to understand historical events and processes
- **Writing** clearly and persuasively to communicate historical knowledge and understanding
- **Conducting research** and analyzing primary and secondary sources

- **Engaging in historical discussions** to share perspectives and develop a deeper understanding of the past

Teachers can use the CCSS as a guide to help them develop lesson plans and activities that foster literacy skills in their history students. In addition, teachers can use the following strategies to improve literacy instruction in history:

- **Use primary sources** whenever possible. Primary sources, such as letters, diaries, and speeches, provide students with a firsthand account of historical events. They also help students to develop a deeper understanding of the past by allowing them to see how people thought and felt at the time.
- **Provide explicit instruction in historical vocabulary and text structures.** Explain new terms and concepts to students, and help them to identify the different text structures that are used in historical writing, such as chronological narratives and cause-and-effect essays.
- **Encourage students to read and write independently.** The more students read and write about history, the better they will become at it. Teachers can provide opportunities for students to read and write independently through homework assignments, class projects, and extra-curricular activities, such as history clubs and museums.
- **Give students feedback on their reading and writing.** Feedback helps students to improve their skills and learn from their mistakes. Teachers can provide feedback through written comments, class discussions, and one-on-one conferences.

Literacy in Social Studies

Literacy is also essential for students to develop a deep understanding of social studies. In order to understand social studies concepts, such as government, economics, and culture, students need to be able to read and analyze a variety of texts, such as textbooks, newspapers, and articles. They also need to be able to write clearly and persuasively to communicate their understanding of social studies concepts and to support their arguments.

The CCSS for social studies emphasize the importance of:

- **Reading closely** and critically to understand social studies concepts and issues
- **Writing** clearly and persuasively to communicate social studies knowledge and understanding
- **Conducting research** and analyzing primary and secondary sources
- **Engaging in social studies discussions** to share perspectives and develop a deeper understanding of the world

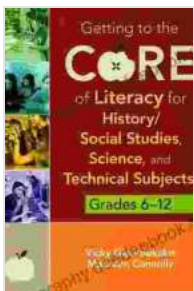
Teachers can use the CCSS as a guide to help them develop lesson plans and activities that foster literacy skills in their social studies students. In addition, teachers can use the following strategies to improve literacy instruction in social studies:

- **Use authentic texts** whenever possible. Authentic texts, such as newspapers, articles, and speeches, provide students with a real-world perspective on social studies concepts. They also help students to develop a deeper understanding of the world by allowing them to see how people think and feel about different issues.

- **Provide explicit instruction in social studies vocabulary and text structures.** Explain new terms and concepts to students, and help them to identify the different text structures that are used in social studies writing, such as cause-and-effect essays and compare-and-contrast essays.
- **Encourage students to read and write independently.** The more students read and write about social studies, the better they will become at it. Teachers can provide opportunities for students to read and write independently through homework assignments, class projects, and extra-curricular activities, such as social studies clubs and debates.
- **Give students feedback on their reading and writing.** Feedback helps students to improve their skills and learn from their mistakes. Teachers can provide feedback through written comments, class discussions, and one-on-one conferences.

Literacy in Science

Literacy is also essential for students to develop a deep understanding of science. In order to understand scientific concepts, such as energy, matter, and life, students need



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