

Did You Know?

PDE has reimaged the English Language Arts page on the website. Please visit the website <https://www.education.pa.gov> to access the links. Stay tuned for additional resources!

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Developing literacy skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening is a collaborative responsibility of all educators. Classroom learning experiences should enhance and expand the communication and critical thinking skills that allow students to develop resiliency and positive attitudes as they grow into effective readers, writers, communicators, and life-long learners. The Pennsylvania Department of Education embraces effective literacy teaching and learning through a system that includes a comprehensive, research-based approach that supports teacher effectiveness and student achievement.

Students graduating from Pennsylvania schools in the 21st century need to be "future-ready" at the end of grade 12. Educators need to rethink the ways by which they approach literacy instruction at all levels, including early learning for students ages birth through five years of age. Students must be able to read more challenging and complex text; moreover, they will need experiences that enable them to use literacy as a tool for learning the content in each of the academic disciplines (i.e., science, social studies, math, and English language arts). The availability of technology has created a need for new ways of thinking about how students learn, as students of today have access to many different technological devices and social media. At the same time, many do not know how to use technological resources critically or effectively (Castek & Gwinn, 2012). Furthermore, Pennsylvania has always valued and supported early learning initiatives. Research has shown how to incorporate language and literacy into early childhood programs. Likewise, the importance of literacy across curricula has begun to assume more importance with the recognition that literacy skills are important for learning academic content.



RESOURCES

[Pennsylvania Core Standards - English Language Arts Grades Pre-K-5](#)
[Pennsylvania Core Standards - English Language Arts Grades 6-12](#)

[Standards Aligned System Website](#)

[Early Childhood](#)

[2018 Pennsylvania State Literacy Plan \(PDF\)](#)
- Coming Soon!

[Infographics](#)

[Literacy Apps & Websites](#)

[Printable Posters](#)

TOOLKITS

[PaSLP Toolkit - Coming Soon!](#)

[Text Dependent Analysis Toolkit](#)

[Writing Toolkit](#)

We are happy to introduce our new toolkits.

Pennsylvania State Literacy Plan (PaSLP) Toolkit – Coming Soon!

TEXT DEPENDENT ANALYSIS (TDA) TOOLKIT

The purpose of this toolkit is to provide literacy resources related to Text Dependent Analysis instruction and assessment.

- [Text Dependent Analysis Scoring Guidelines](#) (PDF)
- [Writer's Checklist Text Dependent Analysis](#) (PDF)

CENTER FOR ASSESSMENT

- [Text Dependent Analysis Report 2017](#) (PDF)
- [Text Dependent Analysis Report 2015](#) (PDF)

TEXT DEPENDENT ANALYSIS SERIES:

- [Understanding TDA](#) (PDF)
- [Anatomy of a TDA](#) (PDF)



WRITING TOOLKIT

The purpose of this toolkit is to provide resources related to writing instruction and assessment

- [Grades 3-5 Narrative Scoring Guidelines](#) (PDF)
- [Grades 3-5 Informational Scoring Guidelines](#) (PDF)
- [Grades 3-5 Opinion Scoring Guidelines](#) (PDF)
- [Grades 6-8 Narrative Scoring Guidelines](#) (PDF)
- [Grades 6-8 Informative-Explanatory Scoring Guidelines](#) (PDF)
- [Grades 6-8 Argumentative Scoring Guidelines](#) (PDF)
- [Grade 6 Writer's Checklist Argumentative](#) (PDF)
- [Grade 7 and 8 Writer's Checklist Argumentative](#) (PDF)
- [Writer's Checklist Narrative](#) (PDF)
- [Writer's Checklist Opinion](#) (PDF)



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