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Essential Element 6: Disciplinary Literacy

Learning information in the academic disciplines is enhanced when teachers provide students with supported experiences and opportunities to read, write, talk, and think deeply in service of content learning. This allows students to experience deep disciplinary literacy as a means of learning content.

Text Dependent Analysis Series







We continue to add to our repertoire of resources.

Our latest addition includes: *TDA Student Work Analysis*.

Text Dependent Analysis Series

- Anatomy of a TDA
- Selecting Complex Texts for TDA
- Understanding TDA
- Recognizing the Difference Between Inference and Analysis
- TDA Purposeful Annotations
- TDA Close Reading Questions
- TDA Reading Elements & Structures
- TDA Student Work Analysis

Professional Development

Disciplinary Literacy

Shanahan and Shanahan (2012) explained that "disciplinary literacy is an emphasis on the knowledge and abilities possessed by those who create, communicate, and use knowledge within the disciplines. Disciplinary literacy emphasizes the unique tools that the experts in a discipline use to engage in the work of that discipline" (p. 8).

Beers & Probst (2016) offered strategies that are necessary for connecting kids to texts, for helping them learn to question the text and their responses to it" (p. 70).

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CDT At Home

PDE is providing the Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT) as an optional additional resource for an LEA's CoE Plan. The CDT is a set of online tools designed to provide diagnostic information to guide instruction and provide support to students and teachers. It is aligned with the content assessed on the PSSA and Keystone exams. It is anticipated that this option will be available through the reopening of schools in 2020.

This at-home testing option allows students to access the CDT from a "public" browser without having it installed on their computers or being configured to their District's Central Office Services network.

Helpful Links...

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Guidance and
Resources for School
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General Education Resources

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