

Did You Know?

Text Dependent Analysis – Close Reading Lessons

The Text Dependent Analysis (TDA) close reading lessons are designed to be an example pathway for teaching comprehension and analysis of the reading elements **author's word choice/techniques** and **theme**. The Instructional Plan guides teachers through the planning and teaching of each lesson, as well as modeling the response to a TDA prompt. The following instructional pathway focuses on the poem *Caged Bird* and the corresponding prompt found in the **Grade 8 Annotated Student Responses Based on the Text Dependent Analysis Learning Progressions**. The lessons are only one possible instructional pathway and teachers should feel free to modify it to meet the sequence of their curriculum, accommodate content previously taught, or to meet their current students' needs.

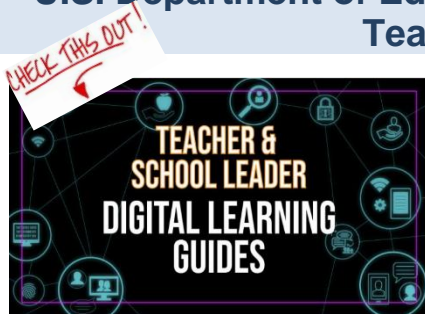
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Distance Learning

U.S. Department of Education Releases Digital Learning Guides for Teachers and School Leaders



The U.S. Department of Education is excited to announce the release of two new resources that help teachers and school leaders meet the needs of their students by using thoughtful and creative digital learning experiences. The Teacher Digital Learning Guide (Teacher Guide) and the School Leader Digital Learning Guide (Leader Guide) are designed to provide educators and leaders resources as they use digital tools to better help students learn.

Professional Development

IMPROVING LITERACY IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

"This guidance report offers seven practical evidence-based recommendations, relevant to all students, based on the key concept of disciplinary literacy. It aims to support teachers in all subjects with strategies to help improve students read, write, and communicate effectively. To develop the recommendations in this report, we not only reviewed the best available international research, but also consulted with teachers and other experts."

Sir Kevan Collins

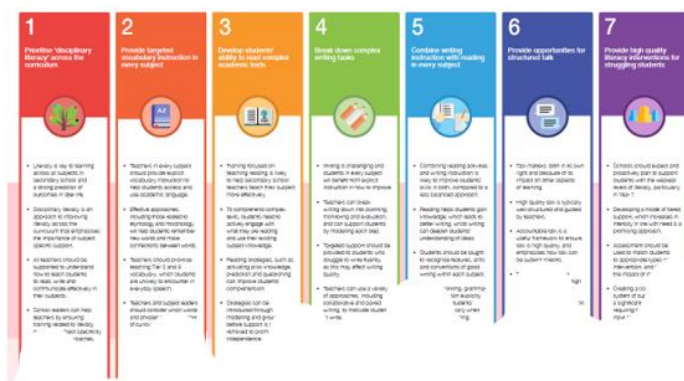
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RAG Self-Assessment

IMPROVING LITERACY IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS Summary of recommendations



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How to De-Stress at Work Instantly: 15 Proven Ways to Calm Your Mind



PBS Toolkit: Learning Resources to Support Education

Access the PBS Toolkit on SAS to learn about the exciting resources available to educators and parents. Working with PDE, the seven Pennsylvania PBS stations have created Learning at Home, a connection to thousands of hours of educational and entertaining videos, lesson plans, activities, and games to support teachers, students, and families.

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