



ELA

Shifts: Complexity, Evidence, Knowledge

Anchor(s): Dependent on content

CCRS Teacher Workout

Evaluating Free Text Resources

Time needed: 30-40 minutes

Goals:

- To evaluate a free online text resource for overall alignment to the ELA shifts of complexity, evidence and knowledge.

Materials

[Evaluating Free Text Resources Questions](#)

Introduction

1. Click on any of the following MN ABE Connect E-newsletters to see a variety of online free text resources.
 - [FREE TEXT: Part 1, 4/30/18](#)
 - [FREE TEXT: Part 2, 5/21/18](#)
 - [FREE TEXT: Part 3, 6/4/18](#)
2. Skim through the articles and find a free text resource you'd like to evaluate.

Practice

3. Use the questions on the [Evaluating Free Text Resources Questions](#) handout to more closely consider how the resource's content aligns with each of the ELA shifts.

Wrap Up

4. Consider the following questions or discuss them with a colleague:
 - Would this resource be useful to your ELA instruction? Why or why not?
 - What additional actions would you need to take to use this resource effectively in your ELA instruction?
 - How could you use this resource specifically with your students?