

Module 2 Overview: Text Complexity

Text complexity is a key concept that underscores the element of rigor of Common Core.

Special attention will be given to the elements of text complexity: quantitative measures, qualitative measures, and matching reader to text. Gaining an understanding of text complexity will empower educators to evaluate existing text and make informed decisions when selecting texts for classroom and students' independent reading. Participants will also consider how teachers can employ more rigorous text on a regular basis.

Presentation/Script

- Slide show to guide the presentation
- Script with explanation and narrative for each slide

Handouts (1/participant)

- Graphic Organizer (Slide 6)
- Hunger Games/Fry Formula (Slide 17)
- Text Complexity: Quantitative Measures for Literary Text (Slide 30)
- Text Complexity: Quantitative Measures for Informational Text (Slide 31)
- Reader and Task Considerations (Slide 39)
- Bookmarks (Slide 43)

Materials

- Table tents for names
- Chart paper/markers
- Index cards

Technology Needs

- Laptop capable of delivering PowerPoint
- Projector/screen

Room Organization

- The participants should be organized in small groups of 4 to 8 with the flexibility to be able to work in pairs or share with the group as a whole.