



Literary Reference Center / LRC Plus

Common Core Curriculum Standards Alignment

This document demonstrates the many ways in which educators can use EBSCO's *Literary Reference Center* (LRC) and *Literary Reference Center Plus* (LRC+) databases to achieve the goals described in the Common Core State Standards. LRC and LRC+ are specifically geared toward high school and junior college language arts students; therefore, this document does not cover elementary school standards.

What is *Literary Reference Center*?

- A comprehensive database of literary works from different **source types** including anthologies, reference books, journals and periodicals.
- A collection of **informational texts** on numerous literary genres, themes, and forms, as well as **critical essays** on specific works and authors.
- A resource for educators which includes **lesson plans** to help guide classroom discussions and student projects.
- **Literary Reference Center Plus is also a multimedia** resource with a unique collection of literary themed images and video recordings, which helps students to **contextualize** content.

CCSS and Language Arts

The primary objective of CCSS for a language arts curriculum is to ensure students can competently **read, cite** and **analyze** a variety of text types. Below are the specific ways in which these standards can be applied using the content provided by LRC/LRC+.

Key Ideas and Details:

- Determine when a text makes an **explicit** statement and when a statement is **implied** (9-10/11-12.1)
- Determine a work's **basic themes** and how they **develop** throughout the work (9-10/11-12.2)
- Objectively **summarize** a text (11-12.2)
- Provide **textual evidence** to substantiate any claims made (9-10/11-12.1)
- Examine the author's use (if any) of **setting** and **character**, and how those elements **develop** over the course of the work (9-10/11-12.3)

Text Types:

- Primary sources, such as:
 - Classic novels, short stories, poems, and political documents
 - Letters and personal essays by and between celebrated authors
- Secondary sources, including:
 - Biographies of major and minor poets and other writers
 - Essays on literary themes and characters, plot summaries, and critical analyses
 - Book reviews covering most major published books
 - Articles from top literary journals, magazines, and newspapers
- Multimedia content
 - Videos from Encyclopedia Britannica (LRC+ only)
 - Images of significant literary figures

Craft and Structure:

- Analyze an author's **choice of words**, including figurative and connotative meanings, and determine the **impact** of those words on the work's overall style and substance (9-10/11-12.4, 6)

- Analyze the author’s choices in **structuring** a work (9-10/11-12.5)
- Analyze the **viewpoint** of both American and international novels, short stories, and foundational documents (9-10/11-12.6)

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas:

- Analyze the ways in which a writer uses, repurposes, and interacts with an earlier source work or a work from a different artistic medium (9-10.7, 9/11-12.7)
- Achieve a solid knowledge of key works of American literature from the eighteenth, nineteenth, and early twentieth centuries (11-12.9)
- Compare themes as expressed and interpreted by short stories and novels by different authors (9-10/11-12.9)

How *Literary Reference Center* and *Literary Reference Center Plus* Can Help

Text Types:

- Find specific **text types** (called “Source Types”) by choosing specified Document type(s) and Publication type(s) under the Advanced Search option.
- Result lists can also be limited using the “Source Types” limiter available under the “Refine Results” tool.

Resources:

- **Literary criticism** from books, journals, and other periodicals, including analyses, summaries, and critical evaluations
- **Full Text Classics:** nearly 8,000 classic novels and collections of poetry, short stories, essays, and key political documents
- **Critical Insights** books, presenting multiple critical perspectives on key works—featuring a new series covering **graphic novels** (LRC+ only)
- **Multimedia**, including:
 - **Videos** from Encyclopedia Britannica, examining works ranging from the masterpieces of classical antiquity to hallmarks of English and American literature (LRC+ only)
 - Thousands of images of leading literary figures

What is the Common Core?

Common Core State Standards Initiative developed in 2013 by the National Governor’s Association Center for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State Officers:

- Provides a clear set of educational standards for educators
- Outlines major subject areas and skills the student is to develop using the specific curriculum provided at the state level
- Centers around language and mathematical literacy, analysis, and problem-solving
- Applicable across disciplines, including Social Studies and Science
- Requires a significant change in the type of content being read in the classroom
- Presents a heavy shift toward non-fiction reading and analysis in all classrooms