How might we view the Common Core State Standards as a vehicle for inspiring student learning?

What does it mean to be college and career ready?



What are the instructional shifts required to prepare today's students to face the world of the future? How do we engage students in reading, rereading, talking, thinking, and writing to achieve high standards?

# Think





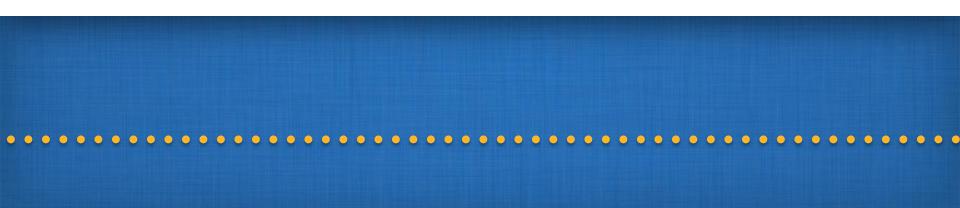
What kinds of experiences will the child you visualized need to have in school to be successful?

What skills will she or he need to be prepared to work and live in the 21st century?





#### **PREPARING AMERICA'S STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE & CAREER**



"The descriptions that follow are not standards themselves but instead offer a portrait of students who meet the standards set out in this document. As students advance through the grades and master the standards in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language, they are able to exhibit with increasing fullness and regularity these capacities of the literate individual."



# They demonstrate independence.

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They build strong content knowledge.



They respond to the varying demands of audience, task, purpose, and discipline.

They comprehend as well as critique.

## They value evidence.

They use technology and digital media strategically and capably.

They come to understand other perspectives and cultures.

# What will students have to know and be able to do?

### **Common Core ELA Strands**

Reading ✓ Literature ✓ Informational Text ✓ Foundational Skills Writing **Speaking and Listening** Language

Building knowledge through content-rich nonfiction

Reading, writing and speaking grounded in evidence from text, both literary and informational

CCSS Shifts in ELA/Literacy Instruction Regular practice with complex text and its academic language

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### Part A

What is one main idea of "How Animals Live?"

a.There are many types of animals on the planet.
b.Animals need water to live.
c.There are many ways to sort different animals.
d.Animals begin their life cycles in different forms.

### Part B

Which sentence from the article best supports the answer to Part A?

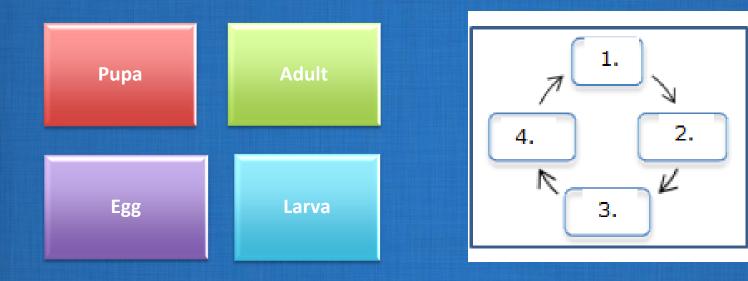
a. "Animals get oxygen from air or water."b. "Animals can be grouped by their

traits."c."Worms are invertebrates."d."All animals grow and change over time."

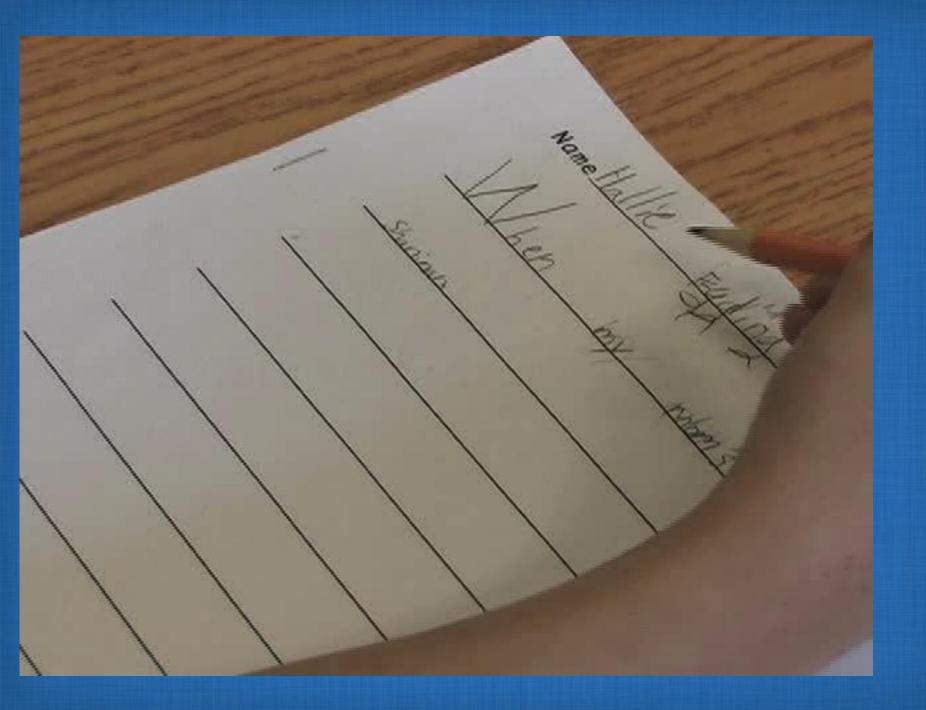
e."Almost all animals need water, food, oxygen, and shelter to live."

Grade 3 Evidence-Based Selected-Response PARCC Item Drag the words from the word box into the correct locations on the graphic to show the life cycle of a butterfly as described in "How Animals Live."

Words:



## Grade 3 Technology-Enhanced Constructed-Response Item



### Grade 4 Independent Practice: Informational/Explanatory Writing

Students will view a short video and then read an article about the Transcontinental Railroad. The article includes a map and photos of the era, and is followed by a timeline. Students will then respond to three constructed-response questions that address the research skills of analyzing and evaluating information.

Directions for Part 1: Now answer the three questions below about the sources. Write in the space provided after each question.

### Your Writing Assignment:

Write an article for the newspaper about the day the Transcontinental Railroad was completed. Write your article in the present, as if you were there that day. Include the following:

- a short history of building the railroad
- why the railroad is so important
- what the challenges were in building it
- a description of the celebration and why it was an important occasion

Be sure to use descriptive language, include important dates, and provide evidence to support what you say.

## Speaking/Listening Anchor Standard 1: Comprehension & Collaboration

Prepare for and participate actively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

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#### Numbers of stadium seats (grade 4)

About the task CCSSM Alignment Part a Part b Part c Scoring 🕨

Baseball stadiums have different numbers of seats. Drag the tiles to arrange the stadiums from least to greatest number of seats.





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Write your answer to the following problem in your answer booklet.

San Francisco	Washington	San Diego
Giants' stadium:	Nationals' stadium:	Padres' stadium:
41,915 seats	41,888 seats	42,445 seats

Compare these statements from two students.

Jeff said, "I get the same number when I round all three numbers of seats in these stadiums."

Sara said, "When I round them, I get the same number for two of the stadiums but a *different* number for the other stadium."

Can Jeff and Sara both be correct? Explain how you know.

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Write your answer to the following problem in your answer booklet.

When rounded to the nearest hundred, the number of seats in Aces Baseball Stadium is 9,100.

What is the greatest number of seats that could be in this stadium? Explain how you know.



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Common Core Standards are not research-based but rather a hypothesis of what will improve student achievement.

