

# Preparing for ELA & Literacy Curriculum Writing/ Adoption

## 1. Dissect the standards for each strand of the standards

- a. Identify what students need to know and do
- b. Determine what is currently intentionally built into instruction
- c. Identify the gaps
- d. Develop action plans to address the gaps

## 2. Enhance teachers tool kits for teaching students to be critical readers & writers

- a. Reading process (i.e. 7 Keys to Comprehension) – [Can be applied to reading, listening, and viewing any content]
- b. Response tools (i.e. Double entry journals, Inner Voice Sheets, Structured Journal Responses, etc.)
- c. Tools for interrogating text (i.e. previewing, annotating, comparing/ contrasting, identifying patterns, etc.)
- d. Tools for engaging in close reading
- e. Tools for writing and asking evidence based, higher level questions
- f. Tools for structuring and fostering effective discussion and collaboration
- g. Tools for constructing well crafted written responses

## 3. Build solid assessment practices

- a. Develop a variety of formative and summative tools
- b. Identify criteria for end products that will allow the teacher and students to provide specific feedback (along the way and at the end)
- c. Design assessments that measure the standards

## 4. Write Curriculum/ Implement Curriculum that is fully aligned with the Common Core Standards