Common Core Resources for Educators

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Resources for Understanding the Common Core

- The Official Common Core Website
  http://www.corestandards.org/
- Myths about the Common Core
  http://www.corestandards.org/about-the-standards/myths-vs-facts
- Sign Up to Get a Bi-Weekly Newsletter from the Chief Council of Officers
  http://programs.ccsso.org/iccs/iccs_subscribe.html
- Common Core Standards: Making the CCSS Practical http://commoncorestandards.com/
  - filled with useful information about all things Common Core
  - *Download (for email address) a free tool to evaluate CCSS text
- Common Core State Standards for School Leaders http://www.scoop.it/t/common-core-state-standards
  - A Scoop.*it!* site that is filled with resources compiled from around the web
  - I find this site extremely useful – includes a variety of sources you can scan at a glance.
- CCSS E/LA Implementation Resources – by the Sullivan County BOCES, New York
  http://www.scboces.org/Page/664

Articles About the Common Core

- Does the Common Core Matter? – Education Week
  http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2012/04/18/28loveless_ep.h31.html?tkn=VWOF28Ki6ldEqAPhPSSqAP85ha2E4XD5pLgi&cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS2

- What Common Core State Standards ARE and Aren't by Valerie Strauss – Washington Post
  http://voices.washingtonpost.com/answer-sheet/national-standards/what-the-common-core-standards.html

- 4 Myths About the Common Core E/LA Standards by Dina Strasser and Cheryl Dobbertin - Education Week
  http://www.edweek.org/tm/articles/2012/07/10/tln_strasserdobbertin.html?tkn=SRWF0kZ%2FhojAvTz6K2vS5iUIQ5hoSPvvblWB&cmp=ENL-TU-NEWS1

- Common Core Confusion by David Cohen– ASCD Edition
  http://accomplishedcaliforniateachers.wordpress.com/2011/03/26/common-core-confusion-ascd-edition/

- Always Prepped Blog http://blog.alwaysprepped.com/common-core-resources/

- The Promise of the Common Core – EdNET http://www.ednetinsight.com/news-alerts/voice-from-the-field/the-promise-of-the-common-core-.html

- 3-Part Blog Series on the E/LA Standards by Brenda Overturf – Edutopia

  1. http://www.edutopia.org/blog/common-core-state-standards-1-virginia-goatley

  2. http://www.edutopia.org/blog/common-core-state-standards-2-virginia-goatley

  3. http://www.edutopia.org/blog/common-core-state-standards-3-virginia-goatley

- Persuasive Writing is a Key Focus of the Common Core Standards – Edutopia
  http://www.edutopia.org/blog/common-core-standards-persuasive-writing-heather-wolpert-gawron

- Common Core Discussions on Edutopia
  http://www.edutopia.org/search/apachesolr_search/Common%20Core?filters=type%3Adiscussion&fxAccordion%3Ablocks-sidebar-accordion=block-menu-menu-naturemap-articles

- Common Core & English Language Learners http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2011/08/03/the-best-resources-for-learning-about-common-core-standards-english-language-learners/

ASCD Resources

- A list of all their Common Core resources http://www.ascd.org/common-core-state-standards/common-core.aspx
- Common Core Newsletter from ASCD http://survey.ascd.org/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=86MIl96

Videos etc.

- **The Teaching Channel** has over 100 videos about the Common Core. Many are excellent and range from broad topics to specific lesson plans based on standards.   https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos?q=common+core

- **Hunt Institute** http://www.hunt-institute.org/   The Institute has developed both white papers and videos – all accessible and easy to digest.

  Guide for Videos
  http://www.huntinstitute.org/elements/media/files/CCSS_Video_User_Guide_FINAL_for_upload.pdf

- Overview of the Common Core E/LA (Awareness Level)
  - A really informative Prezi that provides a great overview of the Common Core and the shifts in standards and expectations

  http://prezi.com/shv1e-ig9oqr/introducing-the-common-core-ela/

P21 Toolkit for the Common Core

- The Partnership for 21st Century Skills has developed a 48-page guide free and available for download.

  http://www.p21.org/tools-and-resources/publications/p21-common-core-toolkit

More Resources, Shared Lessons & More

- The Common Core Standards in kid-friendly terms (handy if you need to post standards)
  http://omsd.omsd.k12.ca.us/departments/lss/standards/Pages/standards.aspx

- A great resource where teachers can share lesson based on the common core standards.
  http://www.sharemylesson.com/

  K-2 E/LA Lessons   http://www.sharemylesson.com/early-elementary-english-language-arts-teaching-resources/

  6-12 E/LA Exemplar Lessons http://www.sharemylesson.com/article.aspx?storyCode=50005563

  K-8 Math Exemplar Lessons http://www.sharemylesson.com/article.aspx?storyCode=50003209

- Common Core Comics – For Kids

  http://blog.schoollibraryjournal.com/goodcomicsforkids/2012/11/01/common-core-comics/

Forums & Commmunities

- Common Core Forum (searchable)
  http://community.sharemylesson.com/forums/130.aspx
- Common Core Conversation   *Lots of resources & an opportunity to join with other educators around the CC*
  http://www.commoncoreconversation.com/

ASSESSMENT – 2 Groups

- **2 Key PDFs (really helpful!) – Overviews of Assessments**
    o **PARCC** http://www.k12center.org/rsc/pdf/parcc_system.pdf
    o **SBAC** http://www.k12center.org/rsc/pdf/SBAC_System_5-2-11.pdf

- **Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC)**

  CCSS Assessment   http://www.parcconline.org/parcc-assessment

  CCSS Implementation   http://www.parcconline.org/implementation

  In the Classroom   http://www.parcconline.org/classroom

- **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)** http://www.smarterbalanced.org/

Twitter Feeds*

#commoncore

#ccsschat

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*For those unfamiliar with using hashtags, simply type the hashtag, e.g. #commoncore, in "Search" and a feed of all the tweets associated with the common core will be compiled. If you use a tool like "Hootsuite" you can add a stream to your feeds. You can find lots of resources, webinars, and links to articles using the #commoncore stream.