

How the Strategic Teacher PLC Guides Support the Common Core

Each [Strategic Teacher](#) PLC Guide supports the development of higher-order thinking skills highlighted by the Common Core State Standards.

[Inference](#) was designed specifically with the CCSS in mind, showing how teachers design lessons around specific Common Core standards. *Inference* guides teachers in helping their students find patterns and structures built into content through an inductive process (analyzing specifics to form generalizations). The strategies in this PLC Guide help build these Common Core skills:

- Finding patterns and making logical inferences (Reading Anchor 1).
- Determining main ideas (Reading Anchor 2).
- Supporting thinking with evidence (Reading Anchor 1, Writing Anchor 1).
- Mastering academic vocabulary (Language Anchor 6).

Another PLC Guide also stands out with direct correlations to the Common Core. [Reading for Meaning](#) guides teachers in helping all students build the skills that proficient readers use to make sense of rigorous texts. The strategy helps build these Common Core skills:

- Managing text complexity (Reading Anchor 10, Appendix A in ELA Standards).
- Evaluating and using evidence (Reading Anchors 1 and 8, Writing Anchors 1 and 9).
- Developing the core skills of reading, including determining main ideas (Reading Anchor 2), analyzing characters and ideas (Reading Anchor 3), interpreting meanings (Reading Anchor 4), and assessing point of view (Reading Anchor 6).
- Interpreting visual and quantitative information (Reading Anchor 7).
- Reading, interpreting, and solving complex mathematical problems (Mathematical Practices 1, 2, 3, and 7).

Although it does not directly reference the Common Core, a third PLC Guide that supports the Common Core is [Compare & Contrast](#). *Compare & Contrast* improves traditional classroom comparison by guiding teachers in helping their students conduct a thorough comparative analysis. The strategy helps build these Common Core skills:

- Comparative analysis of academic content (e.g., renewable vs. nonrenewable energy). Comparative analysis is embedded throughout the Common Core (e.g., ELA Standards: RL.K.9, RL.7.7, RI.4.6, RI.6.9, W.5.9a, L.5.3b, RH.9-10.9, RST.6-8.9, Mathematics Standards: K.CC.7, 2.NBT.4, 3.NF.3d, 4.NF.2, 8.F.2, F-IF.9, S-IC.5).
- Comparative reading of two or more texts (Reading Anchor 9).
- Integrating information from multiple sources (Reading Anchor 7).

Filled with practical tools, student examples, and sample lessons, the Strategic Teacher PLC Guides will help you implement research-based, teacher-tested strategies that improve student thinking skills--for success with the Common Core State Standards . . . and beyond.