

## Recommended Close Reading Kit: Grades K-5

### The Common Core Lesson K-5: Working with Increasingly Complex Literature, Informational Text, and Foundational Reading Skills

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The quality of instruction is the most important factor in helping students meet the Common Core Standards. That's why **Gretchen Owocki's** *Common Core Lesson Book* empowers teachers with a comprehensive framework for implementation that enhances existing curriculum and extends it to meet Common Core goals.

"Children," writes Gretchen (author of *The RTI Daily Planning Book*), "need teachers who believe in the power of meaningful reading as a context for instruction." She breaks the CCSS reading standards into manageable chunks that emphasize engaged, authentic reading and differentiated teaching. For each standard, she offers:

- a clear description of what it asks from students
- an instructional decision tree that connects assessment to planning
- instructional strategies that gradually release responsibility to students
- techniques for intensifying instruction when readers need more support.

"In implementing the standards," writes Gretchen, "we want children to deeply engage with multiple forms of reading. I wrote this book to offer encouragement to stay grounded in meaningful instruction, and to offer a set of strategies that emphasize meaningful reading." Respond to the Common Core with *The Common Core Lesson Book*-you'll help students meet the standards, and so much more.

