How to Use the Informational Text Shift Kit K-5

Shift Three: Build Knowledge
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International Reading Association Guidelines (Critical Direction)

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The attached link from RI places the information into a chart form.
PowerPoints

Illinois State Board of Education
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Oregon Department of Education
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6-12 for English Language Arts Teachers
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Research

*The Case for Informational Text* by N. Duke

**Key Question:** How can informational texts be used for authentic purposes?

*Teaching Expository Text Structure Awareness* by S. Dymock

**Key Question:** What is the importance of teaching text structure for nonfiction comprehension?
Research

*Guiding Students Through Expository Text With Text Feature Walks* by M.J. Kelley & N. Clausen-Grace

**Key Question:** What are the guiding principles for an expository text feature walk?

*Helping Children Become More Knowledgeable Through Text* by S. Neumann & K. Roskos

**Key Question:** What shift in educational materials is required to meet the new standards?
Research

*Sharing Informational Text with Young Children*
  by R.H. Yopp and H.K. Yopp

**Key Question:** How can young students engage with informational books?

*Engaging Students with Text: The 3-2-1 Strategy*
  by V. Zygouris-Coe, M.B. Wiggins & L.H. Smith

**Key Question:** How does the 3-2-1 Strategy assist students with the CCSS standards?
Handouts

*Literacy Survival Tips for New Teachers!*

**Navigating Nonfiction: Guidelines and Top 5 Strategies for Helping Kids Comprehend Informational Text**

by Lori Oczkus

**Key Question:** What are the guidelines for teaching nonfiction?
Handouts

**Helping Elementary Students Read for Information** by Doug Fisher

**Key Question:** How can an authentic nonfiction experience be created for young readers in the earliest of grade levels?

**November is Science Picture Book Month** by T. E. Young Jr.

**Key Question:** What are there benefits to reading nonfiction picture books aloud?
Book Titles


Reading & Writing Informational Text in the Primary Grades

by Nell K. Duke, Ed.D.
and V. Susan Bennett-Armistead

Forewords by P. David Pearson and Sharon Taberski

Make It Real
Strategies for Success with Informational Texts

by Linda Hoyt
Book Study Ideas

• Begin a book study with a group.
• Start an independent study and become a teacher leader on a topic.
• Some books have study guides or podcasts from the authors available from the publishers—check out their websites!
• Share your knowledge—start a wiki, a newsletter or blog in your district.
Check back often!

- Please check back often for new articles, research, PowerPoints or books that might assist you with the Informational Text Shift.
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