10th Grade

A Teacher’s Guide to the PARCC Model Content Framework Content Framework

English Language Arts/Literacy
Common Core State Standards
Model Content Frameworks

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The Model Content Frameworks are voluntary resources offered by PARCC to help curriculum developers and teachers as they work to implement the standards in their states and districts. The Model Content Frameworks offer one way of organizing the standards — in this instance into quarterly modules. Equally successful models could be based around semesters, trimesters or other school schedules. The Model Content Frameworks allow educators the flexibility to order the modules and the content within the modules in any way that suits their desired purposes. Because the knowledge and skills embedded across the four modules address all the standards for a given grade level, the order in which the four modules may be modified depending on the needs of the school or district. The Model Content Frameworks are designed with the following purposes in mind:

1. Supporting implementation of the Common Core State Standards
2. Informing the development of item specifications and blueprints for the PARCC assessments in grades 3–8 and high school.

The proposed PARCC Assessment System will be designed to measure knowledge, skills and understandings essential to achieving college and career readiness. In ELA/Literacy, these include the following areas as defined by the standards:

**Reading complex texts:**
1. This requires students to read and comprehend a range of grade-level complex texts, including texts from the domains of ELA, science, history/social studies, technical subjects and the arts.
2. Because vocabulary is a critical component of reading comprehension, it will be assessed in the context of reading passages.
3. Students are expected to conduct close, analytic readings as well as compare and synthesize ideas across texts. Each module suggests both the number and types of texts that students will read and analyze throughout the quarter. Students then write about these texts either to express an opinion/make an argument or to inform/explain. In addition, research and narrative writing tasks appear in each module.

**Writing effectively when using and/or analyzing sources:**
This requires students to demonstrate the interrelated literacy activities of reading, gathering evidence about what is read, as well as analyzing and presenting that evidence in writing.

**Conducting and reporting on research:**
This expands on “writing when analyzing sources” to require students to demonstrate their ability to
1. gather resources,
2. evaluate their relevance, and
3. report on information and ideas they have investigated (i.e., conducting research to answer questions or to solve problems).

**Speaking and listening:**
This requires students to demonstrate a range of interactive oral communication and interpersonal skills, including (but not limited to) skills necessary for making formal presentations, working collaboratively, sharing findings and listening carefully to the ideas of others.

**Language use for reading, writing and speaking:** This requires students to have a strong command of grammar and spoken and written academic English.

The importance of the above skills is reflected in the emphasis the Model Content Frameworks place on students’ needing regular opportunities to grapple with the close, analytic reading of grade-level complex texts and to construct increasingly sophisticated responses in writing. The Model Content Frameworks therefore provide a helpful guide in preparing students for the future PARCC assessments.
The PARCC Model Content Frameworks Present:

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**Reading**
- Examine a diverse set of literary genres and pursue their investigation of substantive, complex expository works of nonfiction (RL/RI.10.10) such that they become adept investigators and can analyze the meaning of both literary and nonfiction works (RL/RI.10.1).
- Grasp how authors craft their prose and how writers make their argument(s) cohere.
- Compare and contrast how ideas, themes or concepts are presented in two different artistic mediums in which different details are emphasized.
- Analyze seminal foundational documents of the United States as well as grasp differing perspectives and points of view embedded in works of world literature.
- See RL/RI.10.2-9 for detailed expectations.

**Speaking/Listening**
- Through discussion and writing, deepen the grasp of academic English and utilize the right mode of speech or language when speaking or crafting prose.
- Additional insights are provided in the Standards for Speaking and Listening in grade 10.

**Writing**
- Confidently express themselves in diverse writing formats from investigative reports and literary analyses to summations and research papers.
- Conduct several research projects, using more complex materials and specialized sources than they did in elementary and middle school.
- Develop a central idea; maintain a coherent focus in their writing; and elaborate the points they make with well-documented and relevant examples, facts, and details.
- Internalize the expectations of academic written and spoken English and resolve issues regarding usage by consulting style guides.

**Literacy Standard for Other Disciplines in Grade 9-10**
- Instruction in reading, writing, speaking, listening and language is a SHARED RESPONSIBILITY within schools.
- All fields of study demand analysis of complex texts
- All fields of study require use of strong oral and written communication skills using discipline-specific discourse

All fields of study must build robust instruction around discipline-specific literacy skills to better prepare students for college and careers.

Adapted from PARCC Model Content Framework for ELA/Literacy 3
Skills to Be Integrated Throughout the Year

**Analyze Content**
Students should carefully make guided observations about a text by determining (for example) main idea, point of view, perspective and the meaning of words and phrases. (RL/RI.10.2-9 and SL.10.2-3)

**Cite Evidence**
Students should cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports their analysis when both explaining text and making inferences. (RL/RI.10.1)

**Conduct Discussions**
Students should engage in a range of collaborative discussions (one-to one, small group, teacher-led), building on others’ ideas and expressing their own based on evidence. They should relate the current discussions to broader themes or larger ideas, respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives to ensure a hearing for a full range of positions on an issue, verify or challenge ideas, and resolve contradictions when possible. (SL.10.1)

**Report Findings**
Students should orally present claims and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically when ensuring that the development, substance and style are appropriate to purpose, audience and task. (SL.10.4-6)

**Understand and Apply Vocabulary**
Focus vocabulary instruction on 5-10 Tier 2 academic words per week for each (L.10.4-6). Students require multiple exposures to targeted vocabulary words in authentic contexts to retain an understanding of the word(s) meaning(s) and use the words effectively when writing and speaking.

**Study and Apply Grammar**
While grammar is meant to be a normal, everyday part of what students do, students should be taught explicit lessons in grammar as they read, write, and speak, guided by L.10.1-3.

**Examples of Informational texts:** exposition, argument and functional text in the form of personal essays; speeches; opinion pieces; essays about art or literature; biographies; memoirs; journalism; and historical, scientific, technical or economic accounts

**Examples of Literature:** adventure stories, historical fiction, mysteries, myths, science fiction, realistic fiction, allegories, parodies, satire, drama, graphic novels, one-act and multi-act plays, narrative poems, lyrical poems, free-verse poems, sonnets, odes, ballads, and epics
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Optional model to consider when constructing a year long course of instruction.

1st Quarter-Length Module

**Reading Complex Texts**
Read grade level texts of appropriate complexity

**Short Texts**
- Literature - 50%
- Informational – 50%

**Extended Text**
- Literature

**3-5 Short Texts (3-4 weeks)**
- Draw ample evidence from texts
- Present analyses in writing as well as through speaking.

**1 Extended Text (2-3 weeks)**
- Perform a close, analytic reading
- Compare and synthesize ideas across other related texts
- Conduct text-focused discussions
- Produce written work

**Writing About Texts – 80% Analytical Balance of Argument and Informative/Explanatory**
Mix of on-demand, review, and revision writing tasks
Build confidence and competence with technology

**Writing Routinely**
- Write short constructed-responses to text-dependent questions
- Write to build content knowledge
- Write to reflect upon text(s)

**Writing Analyses – Four-Six Analyses That Focus on Arguments**
- Use evidence and craft writing that displays logical integration and coherence
- Answer brief questions and be able to craft multiparagraph responses
- Within the course of the year, write should include comparative analysis and compositions that share findings from the research project

* Teachers should assess students’ ability to paraphrase, infer and integrate ideas about which they have read.

**Writing Extended Research Projects** (Research aligned with the standards should take 1-2 weeks of instruction)
- Write one extended research project that addresses a topic/problem/issue
- Integrate knowledge from several additional literary or informational texts in various media or formats
- Assess the usefulness of each source
- Refocus research during the process when appropriate
- Integrate information gathered in a manner that maintains the flow of ideas
- Present findings in a variety of modes in both informal and more formal argumentative or explanatory contexts in writing or oral formats

* Beneficial if the project connects to a short or extended text.

**Writing Narratives - 20%**
- Write one narrative to express personal ideas and experiences; craft their own stories and descriptions; and deepen understandings of literary concepts, structures and genres (short stories, anecdotes, poetry, drama, through personal imitation
- Write to reflect on what they have read through imaginative writing and to practice sequencing events and ideas through narrative descriptions
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2nd Quarter-Length Module

Reading Complex Texts
Read grade level texts of appropriate complexity

Short Texts
- Literature - 50%
- U.S. Historical Documents – 50%

Extended Text
- Informational Texts

3-5 Short Texts (3-4 weeks)
- Literature 2-3
- Draw ample evidence from texts
- Present analyses in writing as well as through speaking

1 Extended Text (2-3 weeks)
- US historical documents 1-2
- Perform a close, analytic reading
- Compare and synthesize ideas across other related texts
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Connect the extended text to 1 or more short texts

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### 3rd Quarter-Length Module

#### Reading Complex Texts
Read grade level texts of appropriate complexity

**Short Texts**
- World Literature - 50%
- Informational – 50%

**Extended Text**
- World Literature

**3-5 Short Texts (3-4 weeks)**
- World Literature 2-3
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4th Quarter-Length Module

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- U.S. historical documents – 50%

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Extended Text
- Informational Texts

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Writing Standards Progression from Grade 9-10 to Grade 11-12

In grades 11 and 12, students write with increasing sophistication to present the relationships between ideas and information efficiently. Additionally, students are expected to meet the grade-specific grammar and conventions standards and retain or further develop the skills and understandings mastered in preceding grades (refer to L.11-12.1-3).

Specific changes in the Writing Standards from grades 9-10 to grades 11-12 are highlighted in the chart below:

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<td>b. Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience’s knowledge level and concerns.</td>
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<td>c. Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.</td>
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<td>Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology’s capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.</td>
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<td>Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.</td>
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<td>Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.</td>
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<td>b. Apply grades 9-10 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and fallacious reasoning”).</td>
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Grades 9-10, Standard 10 (W.9-10.10)
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**Speaking and Listening Standards Progression from Grades 9-10 to Grades 11-12**

In grades 11 and 12, students speak (both in formal presentations and in informal discussions) with growing maturity to convey ideas and information both clearly and persuasively. They are simultaneously developing listening skills that allow them to participate effectively and contribute to groups.

Specific changes in the Speaking and Listening Standards from grades 9-10 to grades 11-12 are highlighted in the chart below:

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<td>Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on <em>grades 9-10 topics, texts, and issues</em>, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.</td>
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