11\textsuperscript{th} Grade

A Teacher’s Guide to the PARCC Model Content Framework

English Language Arts/Literacy
Common Core State Standards
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. 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 used is not critical. The Model Content Frameworks are designed with the following purposes in mind:

1. Supporting implementation of the Common Core State Standards, and
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 read and analyze. 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

❖ Understand and analyze substantive, complex expository works of literary nonfiction as well as a diverse spectrum of stories, poems, play, and novels (RL/RI.10.10) such that they can produce ample amounts of evidence to support inferences (RL/RI.11.1)

❖ Perform a variety of complex reading tasks focused on recurrent themes in American literature and foundational works of American political philosophy, from grasping the subtleties of an author’s point of view to perceiving when a text leaves matters ambiguous.

❖ Determine how multiple themes or ideas combine and intertwine to produce a complex narrative or explanation as well as evaluating the premises, arguments, and rhetoric present in seminal texts from American history.

❖ See RL/RI.11.2-9 for detailed expectations.

Speaking/Literacy

❖ Synthesize the comments and claims of others and exercising outstanding teamwork when functioning in groups.

❖ Additional insights are provided in the Standards for Speaking and Listening in grade 11.

Writing

❖ Begin to excel at making oral and written arguments that are logical and well-reasoned, objectively assessing the evidence on all sides of an issue.

❖ Possess the fluency, flexibility and focus to produce high-quality drafts under tight deadlines and be equally proficient at editing and revising their written work (over multiple drafts if needed).

Literacy Standard for Other Disciplines in Grade 11

❖ 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.
Skills to Be Woven Throughout the Year

Analyze Content
Carefully gather observations about a text examining its meaning thoroughly and methodically, encouraging students to read and reread deliberately. (RL/RI.11.2-9) (SL.11.2-3)

Cite Evidence
Cite strong and thorough textual evidence that supports their analysis when both explicitly explaining the text and making inferences based on it, including where the text leaves matters uncertain. (RL/RI.11.1)

Conduct Discussions
Students should initiate and engage in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, small group, teacher-led), building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly with evidence, guided by democratic rules. Students should probe reasoning and evidence; ensure a hearing for a full range of positions on a topic or issues; clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions; respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives; and synthesize comments and resolve contradictions when possible. (SL.11.1)

Report Findings
Students should orally present claims and supporting evidence conveying a clear and distinct perspective while ensuring that alternate or opposing perspectives are addressed and that the development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (SL.11.4-6)

Study and Apply Vocabulary
Focus vocabulary instruction on words that students would be encouraged to use in writing and speaking, students should be taught explicit lessons in grammar as they read, write, and speak guided by L.11.1-3.

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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1st Quarter-Length Module

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**Writing About Texts – 80% Analytical – Balance of Argument & 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, writing 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 could take 1-2 weeks of instruction)
- Write one extended research project that addresses a topic/problem/issue
- Gather and synthesize relevant information from several additional literary or informational texts
- Assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of task
- Integrate the information gathered in a manner that maintains the flow of ideas
- Avoid overreliance on any one source
- Present findings in a variety of modes in both informal and formal argumentative or explanatory contents in writing or oral formats

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

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- Write onenarrative 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 purposeful imitation
- Write to reflect on what they 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
American Literature - 50%
US Historical Documents – 50%

Extended Text
US Foundational Text

3-5 Short Texts (3-4 weeks)
- American Literature 2-3
- U.S. historical documents 1 -2
- Draw ample evidence from texts
- Present analyses in writing as well as through speaking.

1 Extended Text (2-3 weeks)
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Connect the extended text to 1 or more short texts.

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3rd Quarter-Length Module

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- Informational Texts – 50%

**Extended Text**
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4th Quarter-Length Module

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Extended Text
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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).

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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>b. Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience’s knowledge of the topic.</td>
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a. Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create a smooth progression of experiences or events.

b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

c. Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.

d. Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.

e. Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.

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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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| Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.  
  a. Apply grades 9-10 Reading standards to literature (e.g., “Analyze how an author draws on and transforms source material in a specific work [e.g., how Shakespeare treats a theme or topic from Ovid or the Bible or how a later author draws on a play by Shakespeare]”).  
  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”). | Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.  
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  b. Apply grades 11-12 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the reasoning in seminal U.S. texts, including the application of constitutional principles and use of legal reasoning [e.g., in U.S. Supreme Court Case majority opinions and dissents] and the premises, purposes, and arguments in works of public advocacy [e.g., The Federalist, presidential addresses]”). |
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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.

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| Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9-10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.  
  a. Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas.  
  b. Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.  
  c. Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.  
  d. Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented. | Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11-12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.  
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  b. Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.  
  c. Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that probe reasoning and evidence; ensure a hearing for a full range of positions on a topic or issue; clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions; and promote divergent and creative perspectives.  
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