



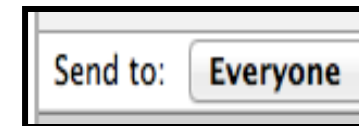
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**Common Core State Standards:
Text Complexity
and
Text Dependent Questions
Secondary**



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- **Self-directed Learner**
 - Make personal connections to your position
- **Community Contributor**
 - Honor the expertise of ALL
- **Complex Thinker**
 - Synergize – Collective thoughts
- **Quality Producer**
 - Grow professionally
- **Effective Communicator**
 - Seek first to understand, then to be understood
- **Effective & Ethical User of Technology**
 - Remove all other distractions



Hawaii DOE's Strategic Plan

July 1, 2011- June 30, 2018



Assure all students are college and career ready through effective use of standards-based education

Ensure and sustain a rich environment and culture for life long learning

Continuously improve the effectiveness, efficiency and responsiveness of the educational system

GP # 1 Assessment of and for learning drives instruction

GP # 4 Instructional leadership and professional learning

GP # 3 Aligned policies and resources across school, complex area, and state levels

GP # 2 Evidence-based instructional strategies

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GP # 5 Accountability



Webinar Information



A recording of this webinar will be posted on the Standards Toolkit website.

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Essential Question



- **How will incorporating text complexity and text dependent questions into my classroom help prepare my students for college and career success?**

I'm as proud of what we don't do as I am of what we do
- Steve Jobs



Desired Outcomes



Understanding of the...

- **Common Core State Standard Major Shifts**
- **3 Dimensions of Text Complexity**
- **Importance of Text Dependent Questions**



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Common Core Shifts



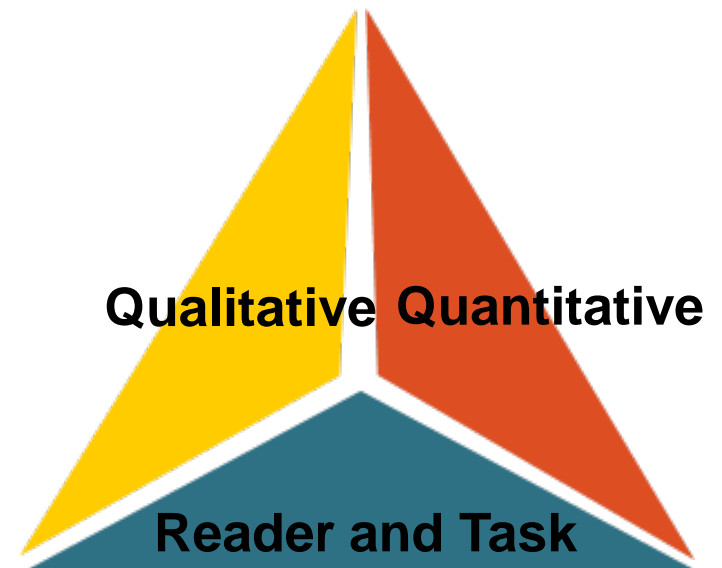
- 1. Text Complexity and Range**
- 2. Read Closely to Analyze, Infer and Give Evidence**
- 3. Write to Sources**
- 4. Short, Focused Research**
- 5. Written and Spoken Argument**
- 6. Academic Vocabulary**
- 7. Shared Responsibility for Literacy Development Among All Teachers**



Overview of Text Complexity



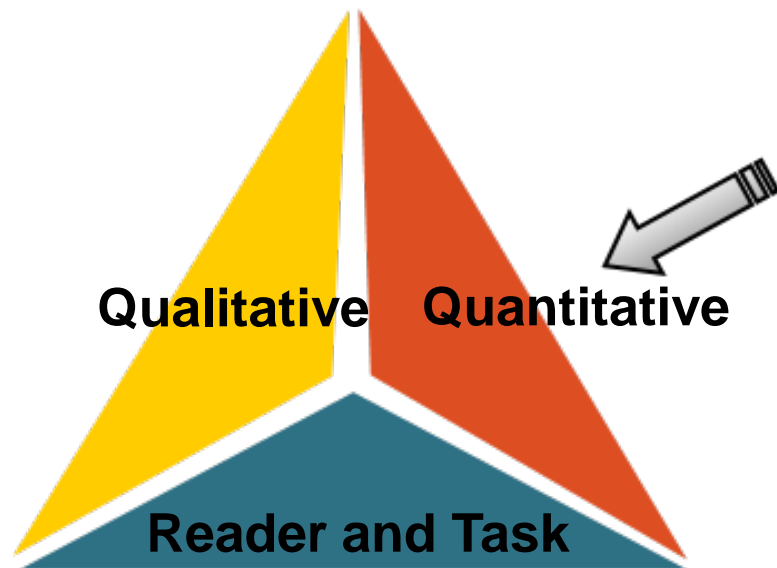
- Reading Standards include exemplar texts (stories and literature, poetry, and informational texts) that illustrate appropriate level of complexity by grade
- Text complexity is defined by:
 1. Qualitative measures – levels of meaning, structure, language conventionality and clarity, and knowledge demands
 2. Quantitative measures – readability and other scores of text complexity
 3. Reader and Task – background knowledge of reader, motivation, interests, and complexity generated by tasks assigned



Overview of Text Complexity



Quantitative Measures
readability and other scores of text complexity



TEXT COMPLEXITY: QUANTITATIVE MEASURES: A DEEPER LOOK



Many formulas exist for measuring the readability of various types of texts.

- Coh-Metrix (cohesiveness of a text-60 different indices)
- Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level Test (word length and sentence length)
- Dale-Chall Readability Formula (word frequency and sentence length)
- ATOS* (Accelerated Reader) (word difficulty, word length and sentence length, text length)
- The Lexile Framework* (word frequency and sentence length)
Achieve 3000
DSI (passages only)
HSA

*Both reader and text are placed on the same scale



MEASURES MUST BE ALIGNED WITH COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS EXPECTATIONS



Text Complexity Bands in the Standards	Old Lexile Range	Lexile Range Aligned to CCR expectations
K-1	N/A	N/A
2-3	450-725	450-790
4-5	645-845	770-980
6-8	860-1010	955-1155
9-10	960-1115	1080-1305
11-CCR	1070-1220	1215-1355





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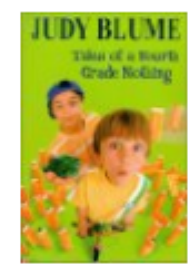
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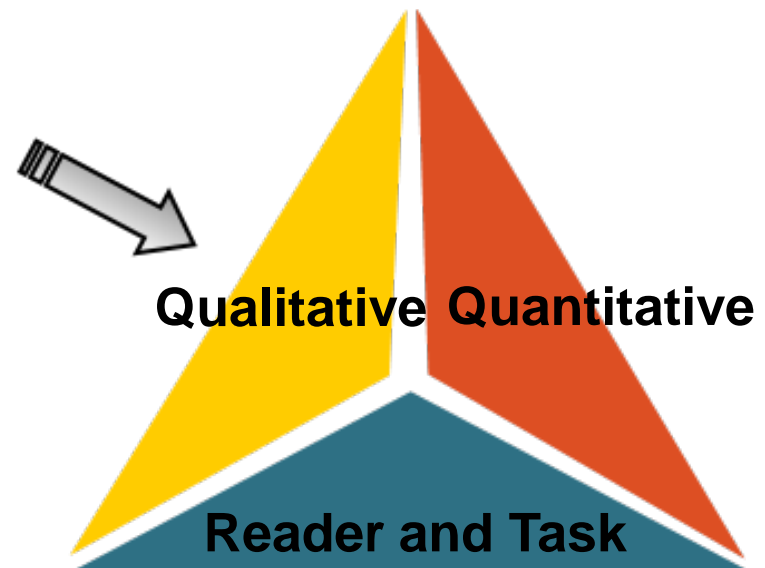
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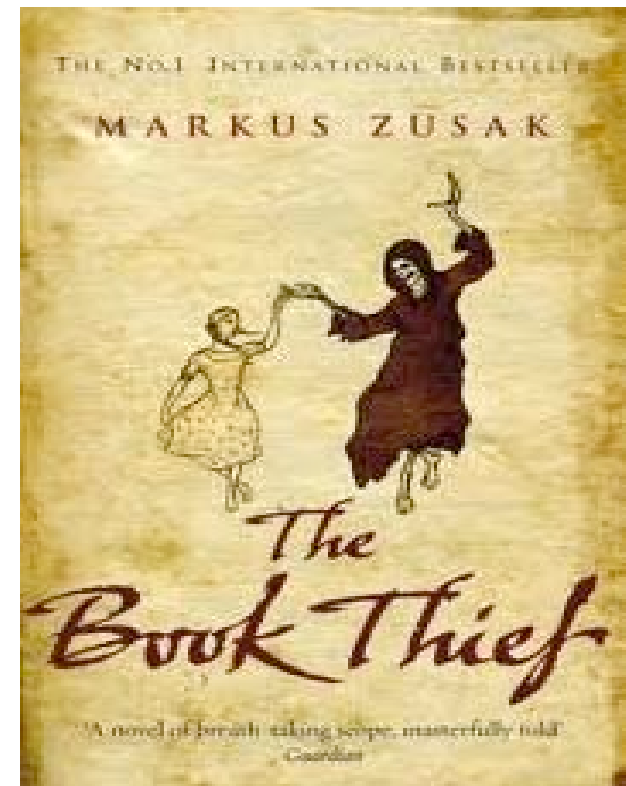
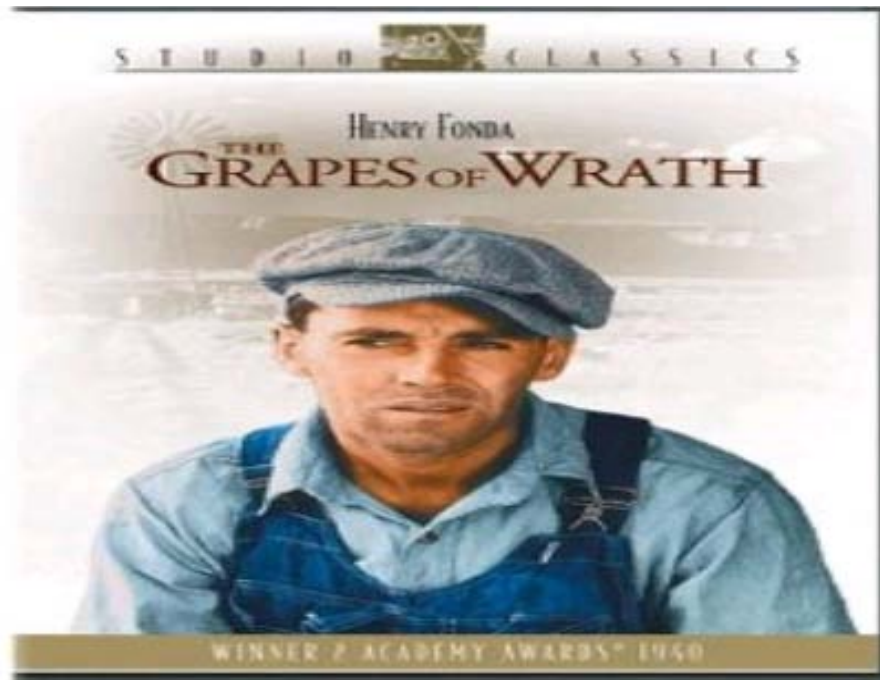
Overview of Text Complexity



Qualitative Measures

levels of meaning, structure, language conventionality and clarity, and knowledge demands





Qualitative Dimensions of Text Complexity



- **Levels of Meaning (literary texts) or Purpose (informational texts)**
- **Structure**
- **Language Conventionalality and Clarity**
- **Knowledge Demands: Life Experiences (literary texts)**
- **Knowledge Demands: Cultural/Literary Knowledge (chiefly literary texts)**
- **Knowledge Demands: Content/Discipline Knowledge (chiefly informational texts)**





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TEXT COMPLEXITY: QUALITATIVE MEASURES RUBRIC INFORMATIONAL TEXTS

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LEVELS OF PURPOSE

High

- Purpose:** subtle, implied, difficult to determine

Middle High

- Purpose:** implied, but fairly easy to infer

Middle Low

- Purpose:** implied, but easy to identify based upon context or source

Low

- Purpose:** explicitly stated

STRUCTURE

High

- Organization of Main Ideas and Details:** highly complex; not explicit, must be inferred by the reader
- Text Features:** if used, are essential in understanding content
- Use of Graphics:** sophisticated graphics, essential to understanding the text, may also provide information not otherwise conveyed in the text

Middle High

- Organization of Main Ideas and Details:** complex but largely explicit; may exhibit traits common to a specific subject or discipline
- Text Features:** if used, greatly enhance the reader's understanding of content
- Use of Graphics:** some sophisticated graphics, may occasionally be essential to understanding the text

Middle Low

- Organization of Main Ideas and Details:** may be complex, but clearly stated and generally sequential
- Text Features:** if used, enhance the reader's understanding of content
- Use of Graphics:** largely simple graphics, supplementary to understanding of the text

Low

- Organization of Main Ideas and Details:** clearly stated and sequential
- Text Features:** if used, help the reader navigate and understand content but are not essential
- Use of Graphics:** use of simple graphics, unnecessary to understand the text

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONALITY AND CLARITY

High

- Meaning:** dense and complex; may be abstract, ironic, and/or figurative; language may be purposefully ambiguous or misleading
- Register:** generally unfamiliar, archaic, subject-specific, or overly academic

Middle High

- Meaning:** somewhat complex; may occasionally be abstract, ironic, and/or figurative
- Register:** occasionally unfamiliar, archaic, subject-specific, or overly academic

Middle Low

- Meaning:** largely explicit and easy to understand with few occasions of more complex meaning
- Register:** largely contemporary, familiar, conversational; rarely unfamiliar, archaic, subject-specific, or overly academic

Low

- Meaning:** explicit, literal, straightforward, easy to understand
- Register:** contemporary, familiar, conversational

KNOWLEDGE DEMANDS

High

- Subject Matter Knowledge:** requires extensive, perhaps specialized or even theoretical subject-specific knowledge
- Intertextuality:** many references/allusions to other texts

Middle High

- Subject Matter Knowledge:** requires moderate levels of subject-specific knowledge; some theoretical knowledge may enhance understanding
- Intertextuality:** some references/allusions to other texts

Middle Low

- Subject Matter Knowledge:** largely everyday, practical knowledge is necessary; requires some subject-specific knowledge
- Intertextuality:** few references/allusions to other texts

Low

- Subject Matter Knowledge:** requires only everyday, practical knowledge
- Intertextuality:** no references/allusions to other texts

Texts Illustrating the Complexity, Quality, and Range of Student Reading 6–12

	Literature: Stories, Dramas, Poetry	Informational Texts: Literary Nonfiction
6–8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Little Women</i> by Louisa May Alcott (1869) ▪ <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> by Mark Twain (1876) ▪ "The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost (1915) ▪ <i>The Dark Is Rising</i> by Susan Cooper (1973) ▪ <i>Dragonwings</i> by Laurence Yep (1975) ▪ <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> by Mildred Taylor (1976) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Letter on Thomas Jefferson" by John Adams (1776) ▪ <i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave</i> by Frederick Douglass (1845) ▪ "Blood, Toil, Tears and Sweat: Address to Parliament on May 13th, 1940" by Winston Churchill (1940) ▪ <i>Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad</i> by Ann Petry (1955) ▪ <i>Travels with Charley: In Search of America</i> by John Steinbeck (1962)
9–10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>The Tragedy of Macbeth</i> by William Shakespeare (1592) ▪ "Ozymandias" by Percy Bysshe Shelley (1817) ▪ "The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe (1845) ▪ "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry (1906) ▪ <i>The Grapes of Wrath</i> by John Steinbeck (1939) ▪ <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> by Ray Bradbury (1953) ▪ <i>The Killer Angels</i> by Michael Shaara (1975) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Speech to the Second Virginia Convention" by Patrick Henry (1775) ▪ "Farewell Address" by George Washington (1796) ▪ "Gettysburg Address" by Abraham Lincoln (1863) ▪ "State of the Union Address" by Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1941) ▪ "Letter from Birmingham Jail" by Martin Luther King, Jr. (1964) ▪ "Hope, Despair and Memory" by Elie Wiesel (1997)
11–CCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Ode on a Grecian Urn" by John Keats (1820) ▪ <i>Jane Eyre</i> by Charlotte Brontë (1848) ▪ "Because I Could Not Stop for Death" by Emily Dickinson (1890) ▪ <i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F. Scott Fitzgerald (1925) ▪ <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> by Zora Neale Hurston (1937) ▪ <i>A Raisin in the Sun</i> by Lorraine Hansberry (1959) ▪ <i>The Namesake</i> by Jhumpa Lahiri (2003) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Common Sense</i> by Thomas Paine (1776) ▪ <i>Walden</i> by Henry David Thoreau (1854) ▪ "Society and Solitude" by Ralph Waldo Emerson (1857) ▪ "The Fallacy of Success" by G. K. Chesterton (1909) ▪ <i>Black Boy</i> by Richard Wright (1945) ▪ "Politics and the English Language" by George Orwell (1946) ▪ "Take the Tortillas Out of Your Poetry" by Rudolfo Anaya (1995)

Note: Given space limitations, the illustrative texts listed above are meant only to show individual titles that are representative of a range of topics and genres. (See Appendix B for excerpts of these and other texts illustrative of grades 6–12 text complexity, quality, and range.) At a curricular or instructional level, within and across grade levels, texts need to be selected around topics or themes that generate knowledge and allow students to study those topics or themes in depth.



COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS FOR
English Language Arts
&
Literacy in
History/Social Studies,
Science, and Technical Subjects

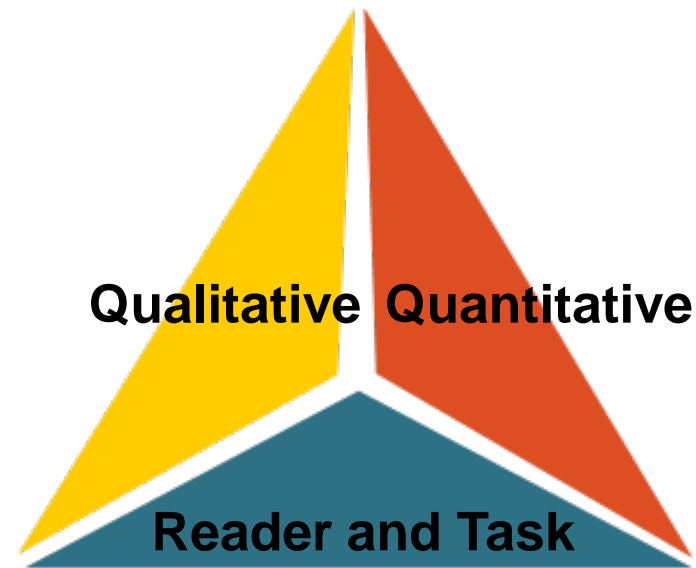
**Appendix B: Text Exemplars and
Sample Performance Tasks**

Overview of Text Complexity



Reader and Task

background knowledge of reader,
motivation, interests, and complexity
generated by tasks assigned



Questions for Professional Reflection on Reader and Task Considerations

Cognitive Capabilities

- Does the reader possess the necessary **attention** to read and comprehend this specific text?
- Will the reader be able to **remember and make connections** among the various details presented in this specific text?
- Does the reader possess the necessary **critical/analytic thinking skills** to understand the relationships between the main idea, purpose, and/or theme of the text and the various details used to support that main idea, purpose, and/or theme?
- Will this specific text help to develop the **attention, memory, and critical/analytic thinking skills** necessary for future reading endeavors?

Reading Skills

- Does the reader possess the necessary **inferencing skills** to “read between the lines” and make connections among elements that may not be explicit in this specific text?
- Does the reader possess the necessary **visualization skills** to imagine what is occurring or what is being described in this specific text?
- Does the reader possess the necessary **questioning skills** to challenge the ideas being presented in this text and consider those ideas from multiple points of view?
- Does the reader possess the necessary **comprehension strategies** to manage the material in this specific text?
- Will this specific text help to develop the **inferencing skills, visualization skills, questioning skills, and comprehension strategies** necessary for future reading endeavors?

Motivation and Engagement with Task and Text

- Will the reader **understand the purpose**—which might shift over the course of the reading experience—for reading this specific text (i.e., skimming, studying to retain content, close reading for analysis, etc.)?
- Will the reader be **interested in the content** of this specific text?



Questions for Professional Reflection on Reader and Task Considerations

- Might the reader **develop an interest in this content** because of this text?
- Will the reader be **interested and engaged with the style of writing and the presentation of ideas** within this specific text?
- Will the text **maintain the reader's motivation and engagement** throughout the reading experience?

Prior Knowledge and Experience

- Does the reader possess **adequate prior knowledge and/or experience** regarding the **topic** of this specific text to manage the material that is presented?
- Are there any **explicit connections** that can be made between what content the reader will encounter in this specific text and other learning that may occur in this or another class?
- Does the reader possess **adequate prior knowledge and/or experience** regarding the **vocabulary** used within this specific text to manage the material that is presented?
- Does the reader possess **adequate knowledge of and/or experience with the genre** of this specific text to manage the material that is presented?

Content and/or Theme Concerns

- Are there any **potentially concerning elements of content or theme** that might contribute to students, teachers, administrators, and/or parents feeling uncomfortable with reading this specific text?
- Does the reader possess the **maturity** to respond appropriately to any potentially concerning elements of content or theme?

Complexity of Associated Tasks

- Will the **complexity of any before-, during-, or after-reading tasks** associated with this specific text interfere with the reading experience?
- Will the **complexity of any questions asked or discussed** concerning this text interfere with the reading experience?



What have you used with success?



Type in the chat box the title of a text that you have used with success in your own classroom for a particular grade level.



Vital to Focus on Informational Text



- **Harder for students to comprehend informational text than narrative text due to its features**
- **Much of our knowledge base comes from info text**
- **Academic vocabulary comes largely from info text**
- **Makes up vast majority of the required reading in college/workplace (80 percent)**
- **Yet students are asked to read very little of it in elementary and middle school (7 to 15 percent)**
- **CCSS moves percentages to 50:50 at elementary level and 75:25 at secondary level**



Shared Challenge: But Bobby is reading at a second grade level?



- Allow students to practice with complex texts while they get extra support
- Practice with lots of short texts
- Slow down, read and re-read
- Offer sequences of engaging text-dependent questions (questions that could not be answered without having the specific text)
- Place a premium on stamina and persistence



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The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window with the address bar displaying <http://standards toolkit.k12.hi.us/index.html>. The page content includes the Hawaii Department of Education logo and a video player. The video player is paused at 15:02/46:21 and shows a woman in a classroom setting. Below the video player, the title 'CSSS_2011_0728_Part 2' and the name 'Petra Schatz' are visible. The video player also shows the date and time '7/28/2011 8:30 AM HST' and the length '00:46:21'. To the right of the video player, a slide titled 'Text Dependent Questions?' is displayed. The slide contains a list of seven questions:

- What are the people who are assembled at Gettysburg there to do?
- Have you ever been to a funeral?
- What is the unfinished work that Lincoln asks those listening to commit themselves to at the end of the speech?
- Lincoln says that the nation is dedicated to the proposition that "all men are created equal." Why is equality an important value to promote?
- Did Lincoln think that the north was going to "pass the test" that the civil war posed?
- Why did Lincoln give this speech?
- Explain the logical progression of Lincoln's argument.

The browser window also shows the Windows taskbar at the bottom with the Start button and several open applications, including Mail, Internet Explorer, and Microsoft PowerPoint. The system clock shows 3:28 PM on 7/28/2011.

Importance of Text-Dependent Questions in the Lesson



- **Require students to follow the details of what is explicitly stated and make valid claims that square with text evidence**
- **Do not require information or evidence from outside the text**
- **Linger over specific phrases and sentences**
- **Questions build on each other so students stay focused on the text and learn fully from it**
- **80-90% of reading standards require text-dependent analysis yet about over 30% of Q's in major textbooks do not**



Lincoln's Gettysburg Address



Directions: Read the first three paragraphs of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.



Which of These are Text Dependent Questions?



1. What are the people who are assembled at Gettysburg there to do?
2. Have you ever been to a funeral?
3. Lincoln says that the nation is dedicated to the proposition that “all men are created equal.” Why is equality an important value to promote?
4. Explain the logical progression of Lincoln’s argument?



Note What the Questions Don't Do:



- Don't ask students for their personal opinion or what they are feeling
- Don't ask big, broad questions just to get students talking (no bigger questions than how Lincoln secures his claim)
- Don't ask students to compare another text to Lincoln's speech(not yet!)

Just Say No



Additional Resources



- standardstoolkit.k12.hi.us
- The Hunt Institute and CCSSO Common Core Implementation Video Series
- Common Core Appendix B
- Gettysburg Lesson
- Rubric for Text Complexity



Questions and Answers

