

## **LLN Topics for Consideration October and November, 2013**

### Alignment

- Horizontal alignment
- How to teach teachers about vertical alignment
- Curriculum maps

### Lesson/Unit Design

- Look at and understand the Tri-State Rubric
  - Do more with lesson design and the Tri-State Rubric/other tools?
- How to create questions and prompts that are at the rigor the CCSS requires
- Create a common assessment; administer, score, and design a cross-content focus area of instruction.\*
- How to create lessons/units that scaffold the student through the specific standards or components of each individual standard

### Cross-content Collaboration

- How to work specifically with content area teachers
- Common book study
- Ideas for PLC collaboration between ELA and other content—need purpose for meeting
- Ways to unlock the CCSS for other non-ELA disciplines: art, science, CTE, Health/PE, math, social studies
- Create a common assessment; administer, score, and design a cross-content focus area of instruction.\*

### Best practices

- Evaluate current practice
- Close reading (examples. Strategies)
- How do you get reluctant learners to build persistence and some of the other readiness indicators
- Instructional strategies for addressing specific standards

### Materials

- Recommendations for CCSS-aligned writing curriculum
- Materials alignment with the CCSS
- Design and alignment
- Free resources for non-fiction pieces

### Assessment

- Create a common assessment; administer, score, and design a cross-content focus area of instruction.\*
- Smarter Balanced: How to bring this topic to the masses

## **LLN Suggestions for Classes at School Sites**

### Argument writing

- Creating of prompts
- Selected readings
- Rubrics for scoring
- Composing an argumentative essay

### Lesson/unit/task design

- How to create lessons/units that address the CCSS
- How to create assignments and questions that are at the rigor of the CCSS and that provide kids with the scaffolding that get there
- A class on the creation of CCSS aligned writing assignments that synthesize multiple sources

### Evidence series again

The use of novels in the elementary classroom within the parameters of the CCSS