

### WHAT IS ELA GUIDEBOOKS?

ELA Guidebooks is an English language arts curriculum for whole-class instruction. Made by teachers for teachers, the guidebook units ensure all students can read, understand, and express their understanding of complex, grade-level texts, ensuring their readiness for college or a career.

Each text collection has a shared idea, such as the American Revolution, and contains authentic texts and novels commonly celebrated by teachers and students. Students engage with the texts and ideas repeatedly throughout a unit to build knowledge and tackle big ideas.

### PRIORITY ALIGNMENT

Provide the highest quality teaching and learning environment.

#### **FOCUS AREA**

- Aligned instructional materials and resources
   Arts and humanities
  - · Literacy



framework
and text sets
developed

ELA Guidebooks 1.0 released ELA Guidebooks 2.0 piloted with 10 districts

2.0 released statewide

ELA Guidebooks
Grades 3–8
Additional
Supports for
Diverse Learners
released
statewide

ELA Guidebooks Grades 9–12 New units released ELA Guidebooks 3-5 with explicit writing progression

# WHAT SUCCESS HAS ELA GUIDEBOOKS HAD IN LOUISIANA & NATIONALLY?

### In the News

- Louisiana Offers Its Homegrown Standards-Based Lessons to Teachers Nationwide:
   EdWeek (Education Week)
- Teacher-Made Lessons Make Inroads (Education Week)

"My students are reading, discussing, and writing about texts in ways I never saw when we were using a textbook. The connections are deeper, the conversations are more meaningful, and the writing is more expressive." - Meredith Starks, Bellaire Elementary, Bossier, Parish

"Teaching the Guidebooks has changed the way my students learn to read. Not only has it improved their thinking and discussing, but I have seen more students develop a love for reading as a result." - Jamiee Mercer, Stockwell Elementary, Bossier Parish

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR ELA GUIDEBOOKS?

The Department is currently updating content for ELA Guidebooks, grades 6-8 to incorporate embedded writing instruction that will follow an explicit writing progression. The Department will continue to offer professional learning for teachers around ELA Guidebooks through the Content Leader initiative.

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