

Instructional Shifts in ELA Common Core State Standards

6 Shifts

Shift 1: Balancing informational and literary text

Shift 2: Building knowledge in the disciplines

Shift 4: Text-based answers

Shift 5: Writing from sources

Shift 3: Staircase of complexity

Shift 6: Academic vocabulary

3 Shifts

Building knowledge through content-rich nonfiction and informational texts

Reading and writing grounded in **evidence from text**

Regular practice with **complex text** and its **academic vocabulary**