# **ELA Support Doc**

Standard Support Document for Nonprint Sources (texts) REVISED 7/25/08 authored by Frank Baker, media ed consultant, <u>fbaker1346@aol.com</u>

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## IRA/NCTE Standards for The English Arts

#### http://www.readwritethink.org/standards/

6. Students apply knowledge of language structure, language conventions (e.g., spelling and punctuation), media techniques, figurative language, and genre to create, critique, and discuss print and nonprint texts.

8. Students use a variety of technological and information resources (e.g., libraries, databases, computer networks, video) to gather and synthesize information and to create and communicate knowledge.

#### SCDE ELA Standards: Guiding Principle 8

An effective English language arts curriculum provides for literacy in all forms of media to prepare students to live in an information-rich society.

## SCDE ELA Standards: Guiding Principle 9

An effective English language arts curriculum emphasizes informational text that is relevant to our increasingly complex and technological world.

SCDE definition of nonprint sources: Sources of information

that are not primarily in written form (for example, pictures and photographs, television and radio productions, the Internet, films, movies, videotapes, and live performances). Some nonprint sources (for example, the Internet) may also contain print information.

Asking questions: One of most effective ways of approaching nonprint sources is by having students ask questions. It starts at the earliest of ages:

"Kindergarten students generate *how* and *why* questions about topics of interest. They understand how to use print and nonprint sources of information. They classify information by constructing categories." This is the start of critical thinking and critical viewing, both of which are part of what is now known as "media literacy."

From Guiding Principle 8: "The skills of critical inquiry—the ability to question and analyze a message, whether it be textual, visual, auditory, or a combination of these—are a crucial element in literacy instruction. The production of visual media is also a crucial element enabling students to acquire and demonstrate an understanding of advertising, aesthetic techniques, audience, bias, propaganda, and intellectual purpose. Integrating into the ELA curriculum the vocabulary and skills associated with media presentations helps students develop lifelong habits of critical thinking."

Recommendation: to help students understand how nonprint sources work, it may be helpful to start by first teaching students about photographs/images; then move to print advertisements which incorporate images; lastly on to moving images (commercials, TV, film) (Since visual literacy is a large part of the arts curriculum, you may wish to collaborate with an art teacher on helping students understand this concept.)

#### **PHOTOGRAPH & PICTURES (VISUAL LITERACY)**

Photographs, pictures and other images exist everywhere in the world of our students. From books, to magazines, newspapers

and billboards, images are a big part of their world. What do we want students to know and understand about visual images? How do students derive meaning from what they view? Students should recognize that photos/images are texts too, non-print And like all texts, they need to be studied and texts. understood for how they are created to make meanings. This can start in elementary school with picture books and helping understand how images can be "read." students Photographers/image makers use a number of techniques to create pictures. Those techniques include color, framing, focusing, depth-of-field, perspective (point-of-view) and more. Viewers of photos/images bring prior knowledge, experience and more to these texts.

Since photos can also be digitally alerted, it is important for students to be able to question images, much the same way as they do traditional texts.

Additionally, photos and other images can be catalysts to help motivate students' writing.

Standards
Grade 3 Researching
Applying the Skills Inquiry & Oral Communications
3-6.2 Use print sources (for example, books, magazines,
charts, graphs, diagrams, dictionaries, encyclopedias,
atlases, and thesauri) and nonprint
sources (for example, pictures, photographs, video, and
television) to access information.

Г	SC Textbook	Websites (Grades		
	Correlations	3-8)		
			Teacher Texts (Grades 4-12)	Reference Articles



Media Literacy: Introduction and Brief Background

Teachers may wish

to start by familiarizing older students with the general 5 Core

Concepts of media literacy:

1. all media are constructions

2. media are constructed using unique languages with their own set of

rules

3. media convey values and points-of-view

 audiences negotiate meaning (different people see the same media message differently)

5. media are primarily concerned with power and profit

(Source: Center for Media Literacy, http://www.medialit.org)

General text recommendation:

Media Literacy Reading the Visual and Virtual Worlds (Chapter 13, pp 336-349), in The English Teacher's Companion A Complete Guide to Classroom, Curriculum, and the Profession (3rd Ed) Jim Burke, Heinemann

TeachingMediaLiteracy.com, Richard Beach, Teachers College Press Introduction to Media Literacy (Elements of Language, HRW)

http://go.hrw.com/eolang/medialit/

Critical Thinking/Critical Viewing Questions Students Should Consider: 1. what do I need to know in order to best understand how this was created and what it might mean? 2. who created this (message) photograph? (authorship) 3. why is the (message) here? (purpose) 4. in what ways might the image complement the text and vice versa? 5. who is most likely to see the (message) photograph? (audience) 6. what methods are used to make the (message) photo believable; trustworthy? (techniques) 7. is there something outside the frame I don't see? (omission) 8. can I make any assumptions about this (message) image? 9. where might I get additional info not contained in the (message) image? (research) 10. what does the producer/creator/photographer want me to think/feel? (knowledge, understanding) 11. how might others see this same (message) image differently from me? General text recommendation: Asking The Right Questions: A Guide to Critical Thinking (8<sup>th</sup> Ed.) Prentice-Hall Authors: M. Neil Browne, Stuart M. Keely Companion website:

http://wps.prenhall.com/hss\_browne\_askingquest\_8/

Standards 7.6 The student will access and use information from a variety of sources. 7-6.6 Select appropriate graphics, in print or electronic form, to support written works, oral presentations, and visual presentations. 7-6.7 Use a variety of print and electronic reference materials. Grade 8 Reading Understanding and Using Informational Texts Standard 8. 2 The student will read and comprehend a variety of informational texts in print and nonprint formats. 8-2.4 Create responses to informational texts through a variety of methods (for example, drawings, written works, oral and auditory presentations, discussions, and media productions). 8-2.5 Analyze the impact that text elements (for example, print styles and chapter headings) have on the meaning of a given informational text. 8-2.6 Analyze information from graphic features (for example, charts and graphs) in informational texts.

SC Textbook	Websites (6-12)	Texts (6-12)	Videos (6-12)
Correlation			



### EDITORIAL CARTOONS

Editorial

cartoons, in newspapers, magazines, and on the Internet, are another rich source

of visual material that students should be exposed to and understand. Like photographs, they can be "read" as visual texts in order to be better understood. Not only should students analyze (read) editorial cartoons, they should also be given opportunities to create (produce) them as well. Author bias, prior knowledge, symbolism, parody, humor, irony can come into play and students can begin to identify these concepts via cartoons.

Standard
Grade 8 Reading
Understanding and Using Informational Texts
Standard 8. 2 The student will read and comprehend a variety
of
informational texts in print and nonprint formats.
From the standards: Students in grade eight read informational

(expository/persuasive/argumentative) texts of the following types: essays, historical documents, research reports, contracts, position papers (for example, persuasive brochures, campaign literature), editorials, letters to the editor, informational trade books, textbooks, news and feature articles, magazine articles, advertisements, encyclopedia entries, reviews (for example, book, movie, product), journals, and speeches. They also read directions, schedules, and recipes embedded in informational texts. In addition, they examine commercials, documentaries, and other forms of nonprint informational texts.

8-2.4 Create responses to informational texts through a variety of methods

(for example, drawings, written works, oral and auditory presentations, discussions, and media productions).

8-2.5 Analyze the impact that text elements (for example, print styles and chapter headings) have on the

meaning of a given informational text.

8-2.6 Analyze information from graphic features (for example, charts and graphs) in informational texts.

8-2.7 Identify the use of propaganda techniques (including card stacking, plain folks, and transfer) in informational texts.

SC Textbook	Recommended	Other Text
Correlation (6-12)	Websites (6-12)	Recommendations (6-12)
	Daryl Cagle's	
	Editorial Cartoons (see also Teacher's Guide)	
	<pre>http://cagle.msnbc.com/ Robert Arial (The State newspaper)</pre>	
	Nobel e Ariae (The State newspaper)	
	http://www.cagle.com/politicalcartoons/PCcartoons/arial.asp	
	Analyzing Editorial Cartoons	
		Analyzing
	http://712educators.about.com/cs/edcartoons/a/edcartoons.htm	
	Analyzing Editorial Cartoons	Chapter 8, pp. 179-183, from
	(pdf) Chapter 7 Persuasion	Building Literacy in Social Studies (ASCD,
	(Holt, Rinehart, Winston)	2007)
Interpreting Political Cartoons,		The Best Political Cartoons of the Year, 2008
(many scattered throughout the text) Magruder's	<pre>http://web.archive.org/web/20060902015226/http:/</pre>	Edition
American Government (2005 Prentice Hall)	<pre>go.hrw.com/elotM/0030526671/student/ch07/lg1407284_287.pdf</pre>	http://cagle.msnbc.com/news/BookPromo/
Editorial Cartoons, pp. 683;797 in World	Cartoon Analysis	(earlier editions also
History: Connections To Today	Worksheet	available)
(2005 Prentice Hall)	(Library of Congress)	Growing Up Cartoonist in the Baby-Boom South:
Interpreting Political Cartoons (various		A
scattered through the text)		Memoir and Cartoon Retrospective (Kate Salley
US Government: Democracy In Action (2006, Glencoe)	<pre>http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/worksheets/cartoon.html</pre>	Palmer) Warbranch Press
Up for adoption: 2008	Learning By Cartooning:	http://www.warbranchpress.com/cartoonist.html
Media Smart Strategies for Analyzing Media	Lesson plans & links for teachers	Dr. Seuss Goes to War: The WW II Cartoons of
(DVD Chapter: Editorial		Theodor Seuss Geisel,
Cartoons) McDougal-Littell		New Press (2001)
	<pre>http://www.learningbycartooning.org/</pre>	Herblock: A Cartoonist's Life,
	Using Editorial Cartoons to Teach about Elections (Education World)	Three Rivers Press (1998) Arial View, The State Newspaper (1990)
	(Education world)	Ariat view, The State Newspaper (1990)
	<pre>http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/curr210.shtml</pre>	
	Lesson Plan	
	ReadWriteThink: Lesson Plan: Analyzing the Stylistic Choices of	
	Political Cartoons	
	<pre>http://www.readwritethink.org/lessons/lesson_view.asp?id=923</pre>	

## ADVERTISING: COMMERCIALS

Moving images,

such as televised/streamed commercials, offer rich material for young people
to

study. They contain "techniques of persuasion/propaganda" which are also found

in everyday life, not just advertising. Every day, we are exposed to literally

thousands of messages, many of which are advertising and marketing. From toy ads

to political candidate messages, to car and food ads: all are easily accessible via television and the web. These ads can be analyzed (read) and created (produced) by students. Like print advertisements, commercials offer teachers а chance to help young people better understand "media literacy" as well as the "techniques of persuasion/propaganda" and the "language of television ads." Ιf you have the equipment and know how, students can also be encouraged to create actual commercials. If you don't have it, your students can still create their own scripts and storyboards. Elementary Standards Reading: Understanding and Using Informational Texts Grade 5 Standard 5-2 The student will read and comprehend a variety of informational texts in print

and

nonprint formats.

Students in grade five read
informational (expository/persuasive/argumentative) texts of the
following types: essays, historical documents, informational trade
books, textbooks, news and feature articles, magazine articles,
advertisements, encyclopedia entries, reviews (for example,
book, movie, product), journals, and speeches. They also read
directions, maps, time lines, graphs, tables, charts, schedules,
recipes, and photos embedded in informational texts. In addition,
they examine commercials, documentaries, and other forms of
nonprint informational texts.

SC Textbook	Texts (grades 3-5)	Websites (grades	Videos (Grades
Correlation		3-5)	3-5)



#### **Standards**

Grade 6 Writing Producing Written Communication In A Variety of Forms 6-5.4 Create persuasive writings (for example: print advertisements and commercial scripts) that develop a central idea with supporting evidence and use language appropriate for the specific audience. Grade 6 Reading Standard 6.2 The student will read and comprehend a variety of informational texts in print and nonprint formats. 6-2.9 Identify propaganda techniques (including testimonials and bandwagon) in informational texts. 7-2.7 Identify the use of propaganda techniques (including glittering generalities and name calling) in informational texts. 8-2.7 Identify the use of propaganda techniques (including card stacking, plain folks, and transfer) in informational texts. E12.7 Analyze propaganda techniques in informational texts.

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SC Textbook	Videos	Websites	Texts/Periodicals
Correlations	(Grades 6-12)	(grades 6-12)	(Grades 6-12)
Up for Adoption	ETV Streamline:	Scriptwriting In	Texts:
2008:	Advertising Images (4:24) segment from Discovering Language	The Classroom (PSAs, Commercials, News, Film)	Media Literacy: Thinking Critically
Media Smart	Arts: Viewing.		About Advertising,
Strategies for	Television and	http://www.frankwbaker.com/scriptwriting_in_the_classroom.htm	
Analyzing Media	film are full of images meant to convey a viewpoint, through which media	Print Advertisement	Publisher: J Weston Walch
(DVD Chapter:	professionals attempt to appeal to people's interests and desires.	(HRM Elements of Language)	
Star Wars-	Images of attractive people can be used as tools to sell clothing,		http://www.walch.com/product/909
Episode III Ads)	beauty products, and athletic wear. (Teacher Guide available)	http://go.hrw.com/eolang/medscope/module2.htm	Made You Look: How Advertising Works And Why You Should Know
McDougal-Littell	Ad-Libbing		(Annick
Media Smart	It_(22:03)		Press)
Strategies for	Ad-Libbing It is		
Analyzing Media	an irreverent look at how advertisers try to hook young people on		http://206.186.83.77/catalog/catalog.aspx?Title=Made+You+Look
(DVD Chapter:	cigarettes and alcohol.	Techniques of persuasion:	also
Daisy/America's	The Role of Television Advertising In Presidential Elections (1:10)		
Back) McDougal-		Deconstructing an Advertisement (Media Education Foundation)	http://www.annickpress.com/madevoulook/index.htm
Littell			Identifying Propaganda Techniques in Political Ads
Media Smart		http://www.mediaed.org/handouts/pdfs/DeconstructinganAd.pdf	pp 175-178
Strategies for Analyzing Media	Skills for Healthy Living: Analyzing Media Influences	Propaganda	Building Literacy in Social Studies (2007, NCSS) Political Campaigns & Political Advertising: A Media Literacy
(DVD Chapter:	(27:35)	http://www.propagandacritic.com/	Guide, Greenwood Press, November 2008
Advertising In	Understand how	The Language of Advertising Claims	
The Jazz Age)	different media affect the way we feel about ourselves and influence the		http://www.greenwood.com/catalog/GR4755.aspx
McDougal-Littell	health choices we make.	<pre>http://sunset.backbone.olemiss.edu/~egjbp/comp/ad-claims.html</pre>	
		Analyzing Presidential Candidates TV Commercials	
			Advertising: Opposing Viewpoints
	English	http://www.frankwbaker.com/media_politics.htm	Publisher: Greenhaven Press
	Composition: Writing for An Audience	Political TV Advertisement (HRW, Elements of Language)	Periodicals
	(streamed online)		(also available online):
	Program Title:	http://go.hrw.com/eolang/medscope/module1.htm	Advertising Age
	#17 Persuasion	Critical Television Viewing Skills	
		-	http://www.adage.com
	http://www.learner.org/resources/series128.html		Ad Week
	Available from ITV: (contact your media specialist or DELC operator)	http://www.frankwbaker.com/critical_tv_viewing.html	
	Voices in Democracy HS Edition Program #10 Media & Elections	The Language of	http://www.adweek.com
	Other Videos (Online and Available or purchase)	TV/Film: (techniques of video production)	
	TV Confidential		
	(Grades 6-8)	http://www.frankwbaker.com/tvl.htm	
	(uraues 0-8)	http://www.trankwoaker.com/tvt.nth	
	http://www.rmpbs.org/resources/files/programs/kids/tv_confidential/index.html	The Grammar of TV & Film	
		The Grammar of IV & Film	
	Selling Children: How Media Affects Kids (Connect With Kids)		
		http://www.aber.ac.uk/media/Modules/TF33120/	
	http://www.connectwithkids.com/products/sellingchildren.shtml		
		Semiotics & Conventions of Television	
	Merchants of Cool FRONTLINE/PBS (streamed online)		
		http://130.18.140.19/mmsoc/chapter5.html	
	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/cool/		
	The Persuaders	Storyboarding	
	FRONTLINE/PBS		
	(streamed online)	http://torres21.typepad.com/flickschool/2007/12/storyboard.html	
		Create a Storyboard (Knowitall.org)	
	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/persuaders/		
		http://www.knowitall.org/sites/artopia/media/studio/storyboard/index.html	
		Blank Storyboard form:	
		http://www.frankwbaker.com/Blank_Storyboard_Form.pdf	
		usig://www.trankwoaker.com/blank_storyooarg_rorm.pdf	

#### Motion Pictures: Understanding the Language of Film

Students love the movies and for the most part can talk intelligently about them. But many students don't fully understand that films are also texts, which

need to be read too. Films are rich texts with many layers to study and appreciate. Even elementary students should be asked: how are films made? Film

makers have at their disposal a number of technical/production tools that comprise the languages of film: cameras, lights, sound/music, editing, set design, etc. Students should be encouraged not only to analyze (deconstruct) films, but also to create and produce their own PSAs, videos, or films (provided

your school has video production and editing capability.) Photo Story 3 (Windows) is free, user-friendly software that allows students to create their

own productions by adding narration or sound to their images-thus making a "movie." iMac computers come fully loaded with easy-to-use movie creating software. If you don't have access to software, students can still create

scripts, screenplays and storyboards for visual productions. Students can also

learn how to write film reviews.

Elementary Standards

Grade 3 Research Applying the Skills of Inquiry & Oral Communication

3-6.2 Use print sources (for example, books, magazines, charts, graphs, diagrams, dictionaries, encyclopedias, atlases, and thesauri) and nonprint sources (for example, pictures, photographs, video, and television) to access information.

5.1 The student will read and comprehend a variety of literary texts in print and nonprint formats.

SC Textbook	Websites (3-5)	Texts/Periodicals	Video (3-5)
Correlation		(3-5)	
NA	Teacher's Guide to	Texts:	Available for
	Making Student Movies (Scholastic)	Coming Distractions:	purchase
		Questioning Movies	Making Grimm
	<pre>http://content.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=6758</pre>	(Capstone Press: 2007	Movies (companion to From The Brothers Grimm series
	How We Make A Movie	FactFinders Media	by Davenport Films)
	(Pixar Animation)	Literacy series)	sixty-minute video divided into three parts
		What Is Art?	
	<pre>http://www.pixar.com/howwedoit/index.html</pre>	Movies	<pre>http://www.davenportfilms.com/pages/main_mgmpage.htm</pre>
		Age Level: 04-08	
	Media Arts Studio	Barron's	
	(Knowitall)	Educational Series	
		(February 2004)	
	http://www.knowitall.org/sites/artopia/media/studio/index.html	Film: Media	
		Wise	
		(Smart Apple Media	
		2004)	
		Periodical:	
		Reeling With	
		Words (Writing	
		Magazine, Feb/March	
		2007)	

Standard Grade 6 Reading Standard 6. 2 The student will read and comprehend a variety of informational texts in print and nonprint formats. Understanding and Using Informational Texts

6-2.4 Create responses to informational texts through a variety of methods

(for example, drawings, written works, oral and auditory presentations, discussions, and media productions). Grade 8 Reading Understanding and Using Informational Texts Standard 8. 2 The student will read and comprehend a variety of informational texts in print and nonprint formats. From the standards: Students in grade eight read informational (expository/persuasive/argumentative) texts of the following types: essays, historical documents, research reports, contracts, position papers (for example, persuasive brochures, campaign literature), editorials, letters to the editor, informational trade books, textbooks, news and feature articles, magazine articles, advertisements, encyclopedia entries, reviews (for example, book, movie, product), journals, and speeches. They also read directions. schedules, and recipes embedded in informational texts. In addition, they examine commercials, documentaries, and other forms of nonprint informational texts.

SC Textbook Correlation	Video Resources	Other Book Recommendations (6-12)	Website resources
(6-12)	(6-12)		(6-12)



Note: the author maintains the Media Literacy Clearinghouse web site,

www.frankwbaker.com at which teachers can locate additional resources/lesson
plans/activities/books related to all of the above topics.