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.

### Timeline

- **2013**: ELA Guidebooks framework and text sets developed
- **2014**: ELA Guidebooks 1.0 released
- **2015**: ELA Guidebooks 2.0 piloted with 10 districts
- **2016**: ELA Guidebooks 2.0 released statewide
- **2018**: Grades 3–8 Additional Supports for Diverse Learners released statewide

WHAT SUCCESS HAS ELA GUIDEBOOKS HAD IN LOUISIANA & NATIONALLY?

**IN THE NEWS**

“**Louisiana Offers Its Homegrown Standards-Based Lessons to Teachers Nationwide: EdWeek**”

“**Teacher-Made Lessons Make Inroads**”

“**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 9–12. Working with teachers and experts, the Department will develop additional units which will include supports for diverse learners. The Department will continue to offer professional development for teachers around ELA Guidebooks through the Content Leader initiative, including a new track to support diverse learners.

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