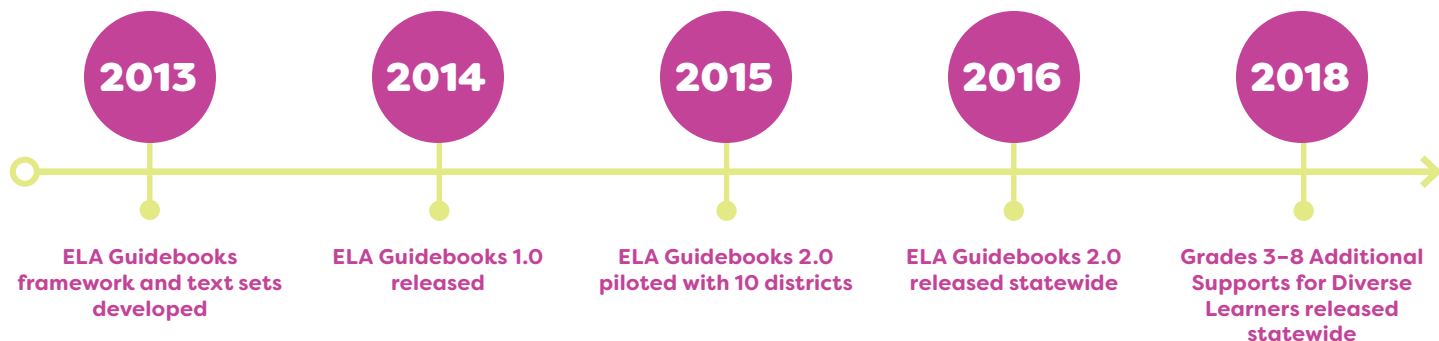


WHAT IS ELA GUIDEBOOKS?

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.



WHAT SUCCESS HAS ELA GUIDEBOOKS HAD IN LOUISIANA & NATIONALLY?

IN THE NEWS

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

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2016/07/01/louisiana-offers-its-homegrown-common-core-lessons-to.html>

“Teacher-Made Lessons Make Inroads”

<https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2017/03/29/teacher-made-lessons-make-inroads.html>

“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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