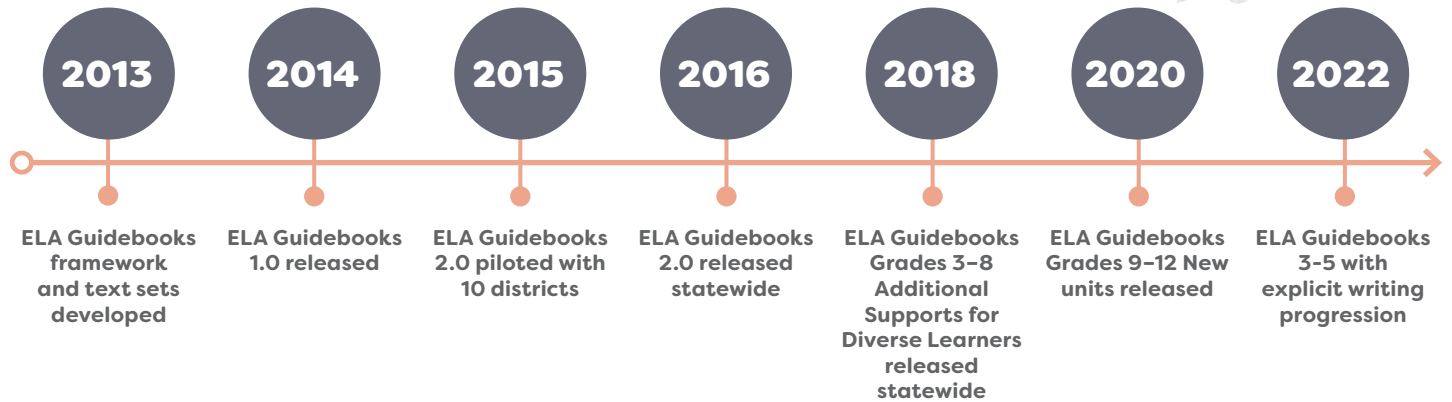


## WHAT IS ELA GUIDEBOOKS?

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](#) (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 3-5. Working in partnership with [The Writing Revolution](#), the Department will incorporate an explicit writing progression utilizing The Hochman Method®. The Department will continue to offer professional development for teachers around ELA Guidebooks through the Content Leader initiative.

