Let's look at the tools INFOhio has to help with:

- Text Complexity
- Literacy
- Research
- College and Career Readiness



These five areas that are each important in the Common Core (text complexity, literacy across the curriculum, research, college and career readiness and mathematical practices) align with the INFOhio resources and show the rigor that the databases bring to student learning. It is ok to use Google and Wikipedia, but where can you find verified, qualified, higher level thinking information and informational text, but in a database.

Text Complexity and Informational Text



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Text complexity is our first area of the Common Core from ELA that we will be covering. Text complexity is very well defined in the Common Core ELA standards and is important for both teachers and librarians to understand. Text complexity leads to higher quality, rigorous informational texts.

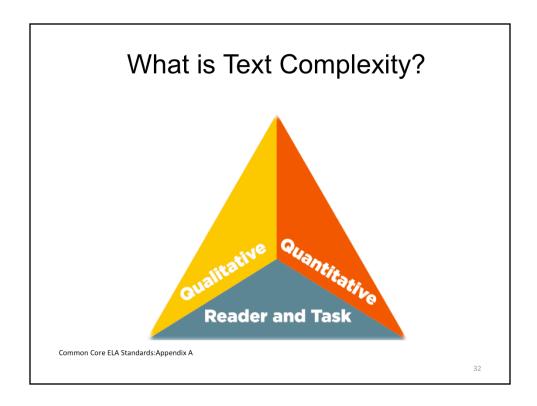
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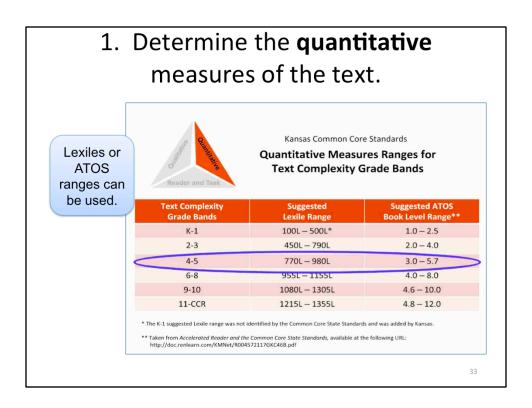
English Language Arts

Range of reading and level of text complexity

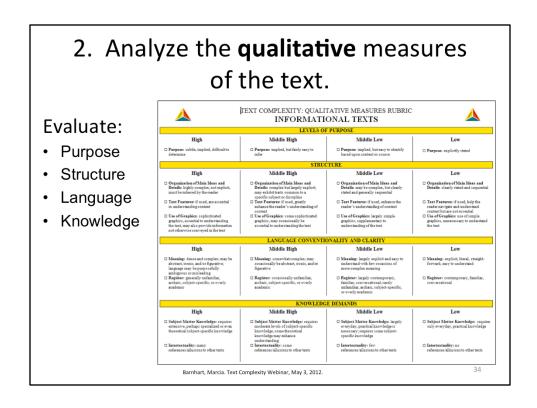
 $\sqrt{}$ Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.



Text complexity is a three prong stool that covers qualitative, quantitative and reader and task definition.



For the quantitative measure you can use either a lexile score or an ATOS score for Accelerated Reader programs.



This rubric is used as a qualitative measure of a text.

3. Reflect upon the **reader and task** considerations.

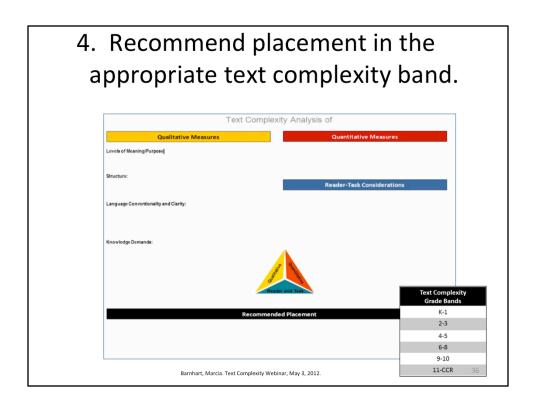
- Prior knowledge and experience.
- Content and theme concerns.
- Complexity of associated tasks.
- Cognitive capabilities.
- Reading Skills.
- Motivation and engagement with task and text.



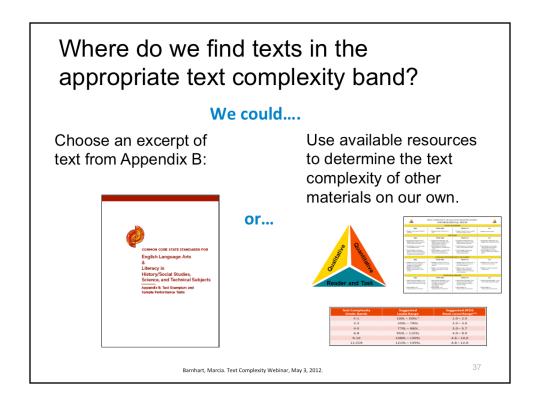
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This is done by the teacher or librarian based either on the class or the grade level.



The text is recommended in the text complexity band on the grade band chart.



(Even choosing excerpts from Appendix B is less effective because it removes the reader and task considerations from the equation.)

Want to learn more?



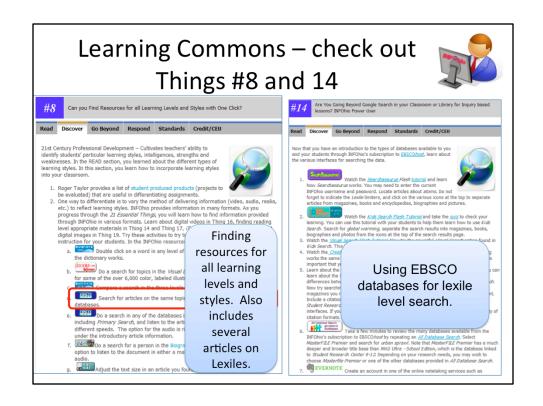
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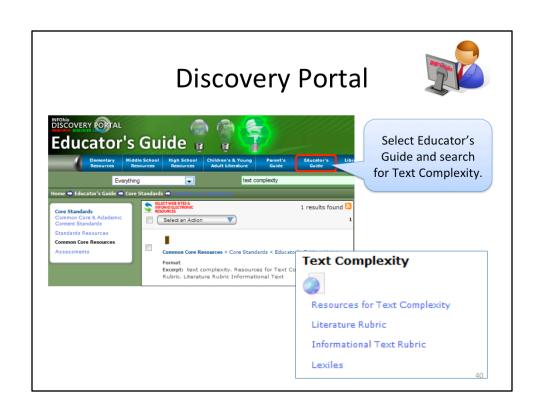
Text Complexity: The Common Core State Standards - New Process for Determination

The Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts require that educators give attention to selecting texts based on their level of text complexity. In this webinar, the new process for determining text complexity will be examined and a sample determination of a text will be demonstrated. Resources to support librarians and teachers in this practice will be provided.

Presenter: Marcia Barnhart, Consultant, Former Assistant Director of Professional Development for the Ohio Department of Education

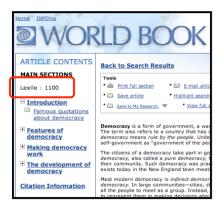
- Recorded Webinar
- Session PPT [PPT]
- KBC Discussion Group: Inquiry and the Common Core

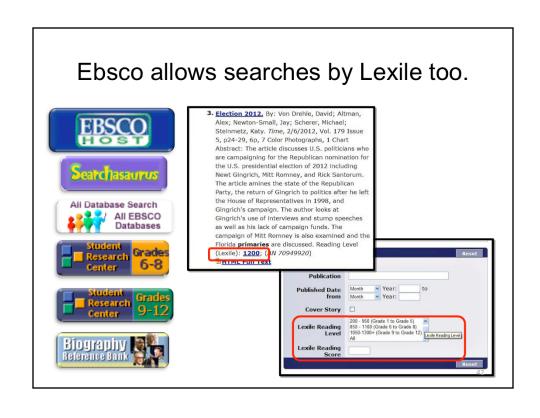




These databases include Lexiles for their articles.

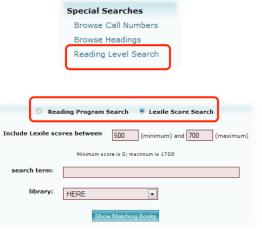


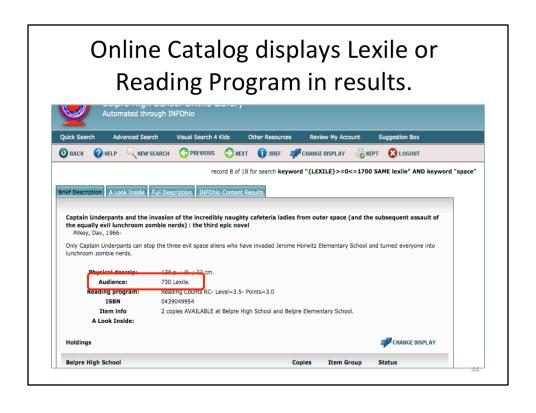




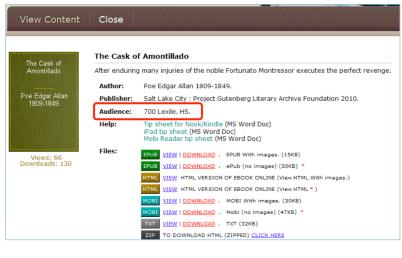


- Select Reading Program for AR or Lexile search.
- Enter a score range.
- You can enter a subject term or leave it blank to see all titles at that level.





The INFOhio eBook Collection contains Lexiles when available.



Literacy – across the curriculum



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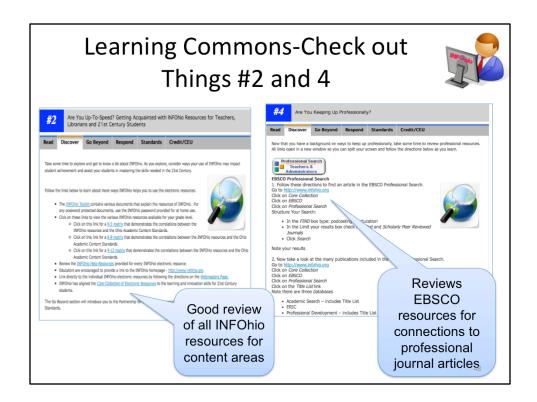
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The Common Core Literacy Standards for History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical

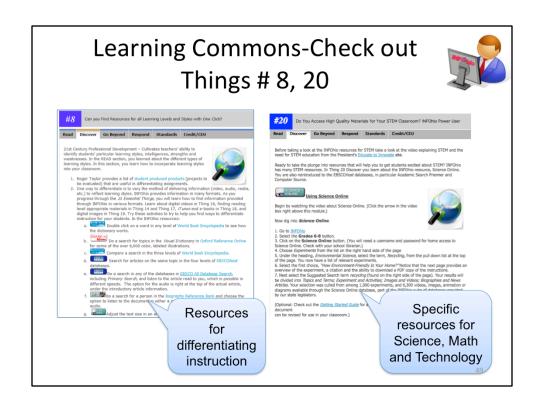
This session will provide an overview of the Common Core Literacy Standards that were adopted by Ohio in June 2011. Questions to be addressed include: What are the Literacy Standards? Where are Conto in Surie 2011. Adesistors to be aducted several include. What are the Literacy Standards: Which content area teachers are responsible for teaching the Literacy Standards? How can educators across the content area implement the Literacy Standards? How can librarians/media specialists support content area teachers in implementing the Literacy Standards?

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- Webinar Recording
 Handouts for Webinar [PDF]
- Webinar PPT [PPT]
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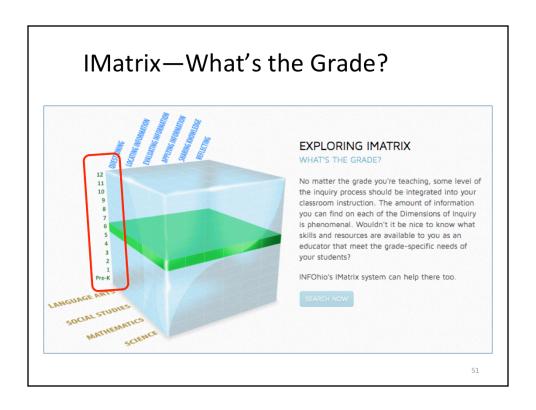
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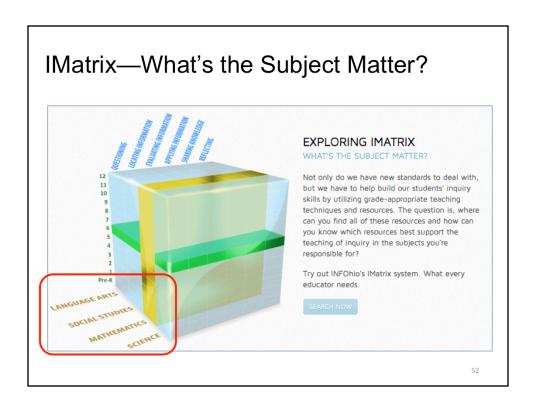
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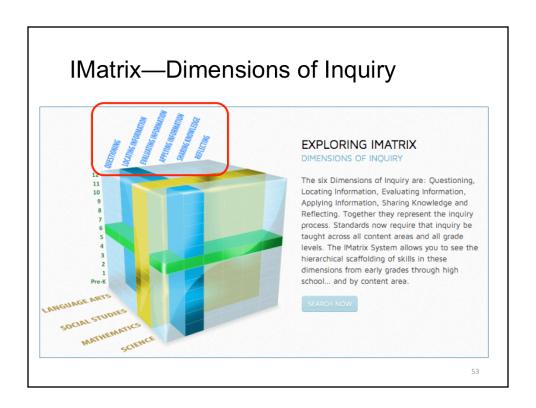
Keeping up with the changing standards? Are you confident about teaching your students the inquiry process? Wish you knew how to get started? Don't worry, you're not alone. Many educators are in your position and are looking for a quality solution. INFOhio's IMatrix system will help you understand inquiry and offer you a variety of materials for classroom instruction... and everything is directly tied to your standards. The IMatrix cube represents how the system works. The layers are the grade levels—Pre-K through 12 (green). The cube is four rows deep with each row representing a major content area (yellow). If you slice the cube from left to right you will see the six Dimensions of Inquiry—each representing a group of skills and steps in the inquiry process (blue).



No matter the grade you're teaching, some level of the inquiry process should be integrated into your classroom instruction. The amount of information you can find on each of the Dimensions of Inquiry is phenomenal. Wouldn't it be nice to know what skills and resources are available to you as an educator that meet the grade-specific needs of your students?

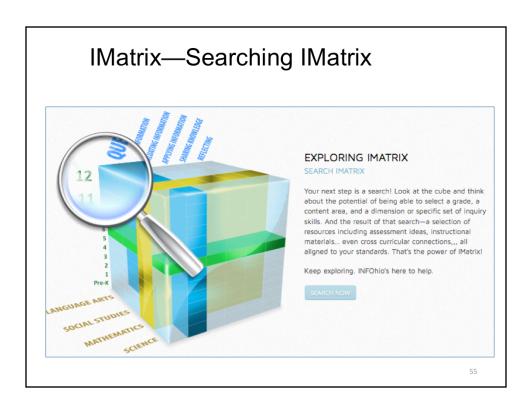


Not only do we have new standards to deal with, but we have to help build our students' inquiry skills by utilizing grade-appropriate teaching techniques and resources. The question is, where can you find all of these resources and how can you know which resources best support the teaching of inquiry in the subjects you're responsible for?



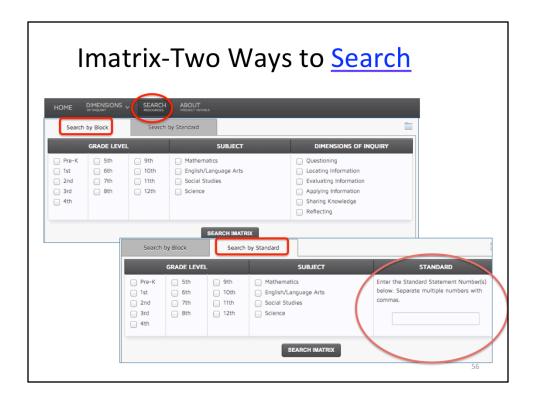
The six Dimensions of Inquiry are: Questioning, Locating Information, Evaluating Information, Applying Information, Sharing Knowledge and Reflecting. Together they represent the inquiry process. Standards now require that inquiry be taught across all content areas and all grade levels. The IMatrix System allows you to see the hierarchical scaffolding of skills in these dimensions from early grades through high school... and by content area.



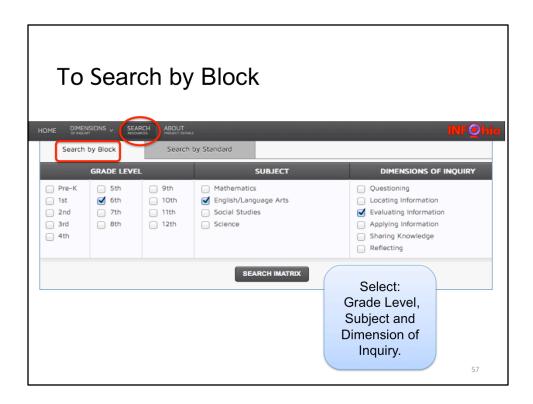


Your next step is a search! Look at the cube and think about the potential of being able to select a grade, a content area, and a dimension or specific set of inquiry skills. And the result of that search—a selection of resources including assessment ideas, instructional materials... even cross curricular connections,,, all aligned to your standards. That's the power of IMatrix!

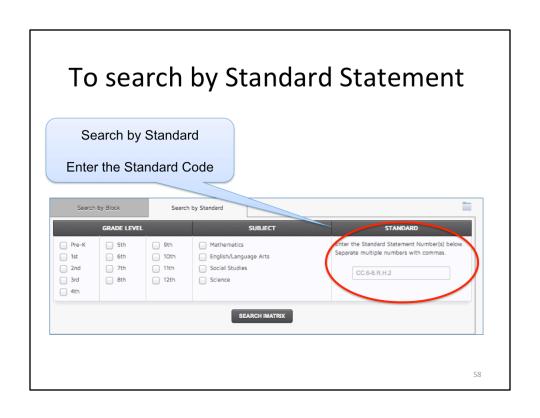
Keep exploring. INFOhio's here to help.

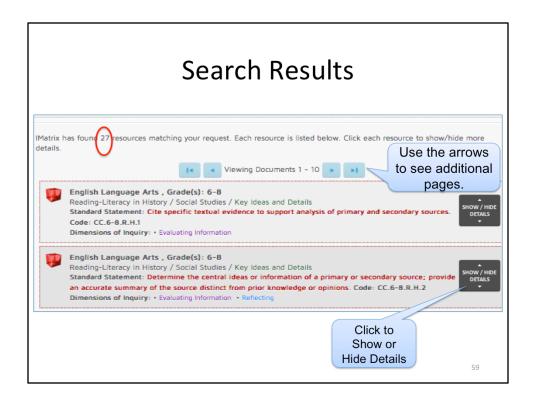


Two types of search strategies are available in IMatrix. If you search by block, you will search selecting a grade level, subject and dimension of inquiry. If you search by the standard, you only need to put in the standard code that your looking for. This type of search is more narrow.

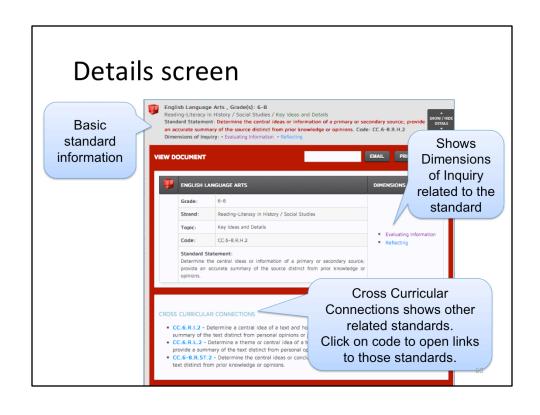


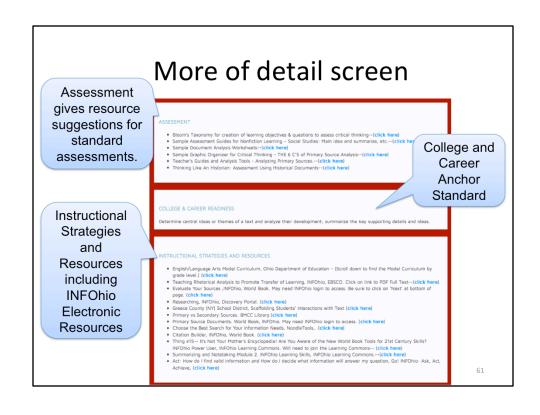
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The Results tell you the number of resources found as well as gives you the ability to look further into the resources to see cross curricular connections, assessments and instructional resources.







These resources all can contribute to literacy across the curriculum.