



Resources

READ, WRITE, DISCUSS EVERY DAY!

6th-8th Grade

1. ELA 6-12 Curriculum Webpage <https://www.ccssoh.us/English6-12>

This is the main site for CCS Secondary English teachers. By using the links at this site, teachers can access each of the following: Ohio's Learning Standards with Clear Learning Targets; Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Language Strand Resources; CCS Instructional/Curriculum Resources including Curriculum Maps & Novel Guides; Text, Novel, and Literacy Tool Access Information & Trainings; Course Descriptions; Standardized Test Information & Preparation Resources; Secondary English Weekly Newsletters; Discipline Literacy & Career Connections Resources; Google Tools & Blended Learning Guides; Plagiarism & Style Guides; Read 20 Toolkit; and Principal and Parent Resources.

Adopted Resources

2. Pearson Prentice Hall Literature: Language and Literacy Grades 6-8 (2010 Edition)

These are traditional English textbooks with units/lessons that bundle reading/writing/speaking & listening/ language skills. They contain whole and excerpted literary and informational texts. (Access through book person.)

3. Pearson SuccessNet Online <http://pearsoneasybridge.com> (may be expired)

This is the online companion to the Pearson English textbooks with digital versions of the readings in the text, unit videos, interactive grammar lessons, etc. For login information, go [HERE](#) or click on "Pearson Online Text Access" after hitting the "Text & Novel Access" Quick Link on the [ELA 6-12 Webpage](https://www.ccssoh.us/English6-12), <https://www.ccssoh.us/English6-12>.

4. Write Source: A Book for Writing, Thinking, and Learning Grade 6-8

These texts focus solely on writing skills. The online portal no longer works. (Access through book person.)

5. Novels in District Warehouse

These novels are available in the warehouse and accessed through your book person. They are used by teachers as a tool to help students master standards. Each one has/will have a curriculum/teacher guide on the [ELA 6-12 Webpage](#) at the "Curriculum/Instructional Resources 6-8" Quick Link and resources on [TeachingBooks](#). Additional suggested novels for Grades 6-8 can be found in the [Appendix B](#) of Ohio's Learning Standards.

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> by William Shakespeare (No Fear Shakespeare Edition)	<i>The Crossover</i> by Kwame Alexander	<i>The Taming of the Shrew</i> by William Shakespeare (No Fear Shakespeare Edition)
<i>Hello, Universe</i> by Erin Kelly	<i>The Haunted House</i> by Plautus	<i>Chains</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson
<i>The House of Dies Drear</i> by Virginia Hamilton	<i>Cathedral: The Story of Its Construction</i> by David Macaulay	<i>Nothing But the Truth</i> by Avi
<i>Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott</i> by Russell Freedman	<i>Of Beetles and Angels: A Boy's Remarkable Journey from a Refugee Camp to Harvard</i> by Mawi Asgedom	<i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i> by Frederick Douglass
<i>The Great Fire</i> by Jim Murphy	<i>The Watsons Go To Birmingham--1963</i> by Christopher Paul Curtis	<i>Night</i> by Elie Wiesel
<i>Hoot</i> by Carl Hiaasen	<i>The Giver</i> by Lois Lowry	
<i>Journey</i> by Patricia MacLachlan		



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Intervention Resources

6. Achieve3000 Access through Clever at [clever.com/in/columbuscity](https://www.clever.com/in/columbuscity).

This literacy tool is earmarked for use in the College and Career Ready intervention classes but may be used in Core Enrichment or at other building-designated times. Targeted use by students reading two or more grade levels below their current grade level can increase their Lexiles and reading skills. It can also be used by all teachers to access Lexile-leveled, nonfiction passages for use with any students. Login information can be found [HERE](#) and by clicking on the "Curriculum/Instructional Resources 6-8" Quick Link on the [ELA 6-12 Webpage](https://www.ccssoh.us/English6-12) (<https://www.ccssoh.us/English6-12>).

NOTE: Student Lexiles are measured by MAP tests during BOY, MOY, and EOY. A breakdown of the grade-level Lexile bands for determining if a student is reading on, above, or below grade level can be found [HERE](#) or in the "MAP Assessments" section of the "Standardized Testing" Quick Link on the [ELA 6-12 Webpage](https://www.ccssoh.us/English6-12) (<https://www.ccssoh.us/English6-12>).

Supplemental Resources

7. *Units of Study in Argument, Information, and Narrative Writing* by Lucy Calkins.

Each middle school has two sets of this product for teachers to utilize. This resource uses writing workshops to help students master the three writing types in Ohio's Learning Standards. You can access a Google Folder with product information (including how to get the product digitally), user tutorials, and support documents at <https://tinyurl.com/UofSWriting>. You can also find this Google Folder on the [ELA 6-12 Webpage](https://www.ccssoh.us/English6-12) (<https://www.ccssoh.us/English6-12>) by clicking "Units of Study Writing Workshops (Tutorial/Access Guides & Videos)" at the "Curriculum/Instructional Resources 6-8" Quick Link.

8. Mini-Qs for Literature

Each middle school teacher/student has access to [Mini-Q Volume 3](https://tinyurl.com/MinQContents) (<https://tinyurl.com/MinQContents>) online through [Clever](https://www.clever.com/in/columbuscity) ([clever.com/in/columbuscity](https://www.clever.com/in/columbuscity)) and one hard-copy binder through the ELA Curriculum Liaison for their building. This resource pairs readings on a topic or novel with culminating writings. It mirrors standardized testing and meets many learning standards.

9. Scholastic or Lakeshore Publishing Classroom Libraries

Each middle school and 6th grade classes in elementary buildings received classroom libraries, either in 2013 or 2016. The novels can be used for literature circles, student choice readings in workshop, or independent reading.

10. CommonLit Access through Clever at [clever.com/in/columbuscity](https://www.clever.com/in/columbuscity).

This online literacy tool contains literary and informational passages with standard-aligned questions, a guided reading mode for struggling readers, annotation tools, lesson plans, and paired texts among its features. It can be used in the same manner as a textbook. It can also be used by TBTs for common assessments targeting particular standards, by teachers/buildings for standard mastery diagnoses and monitoring, for simulating AIR assessments, for finding quality pairings for novels or themes, etc. Principals, department chairs, and coaches have access to building-wide data from this tool. Login by selecting the CommonLit Icon through the [Clever](#) portal.

11. TeachingBooks ([TeachingBooks.net](https://www.teachingbooks.net)) Access through any Clever or any CCS computer.

This online library of novel and author resources is free to all teachers and librarians. Among the resources are lesson plans, author interviews, videos, text complexity charts, etc. Anything on the site can be shared with students and parents in varied ways such as Google Classroom, QR code, email, or bookmark. The lists of novels available in both the CCS warehouse (adopted) and the 6-12 ELA curriculum office (supplemental) can be found here by clicking on "Your Reading Lists" at the top, left slide-out menu on the CCS TeachingBooks Home Page (<https://www.teachingbooks.net>). (Use "columbus" as the username and password, if prompted). A new video tutorial will soon be posted at the "Curriculum/Instructional Resources 6-8" Quick Link on the [ELA 6-12 Webpage](https://www.ccssoh.us/English6-12) (<https://www.ccssoh.us/English6-12>).

12. Novels in ELA 6-12 Curriculum Office-Southland Center (Email Carla Mae Phillips to request copies.)

There are currently over 300 titles for loan from the ELA 6-12 Curriculum Office. You can see the list of them by clicking on "Your Reading Lists" at the top, left slide-out menu on the CCS TeachingBooks Home Page (<https://www.teachingbooks.net>) or use this link: [CCS Novels Available in the English 6-12 Curriculum Office](#). You can also access the list of novels by using the "Text & Novel Access" Quick Link on the [ELA 6-12 Webpage](https://www.ccssoh.us/English6-12) (<https://www.ccssoh.us/English6-12>). The number of copies available is shown in the add/share buttons under each novel. To get copies, request them from Carla Mae Phillips, cphillips3865@columbus.k12.oh.us.