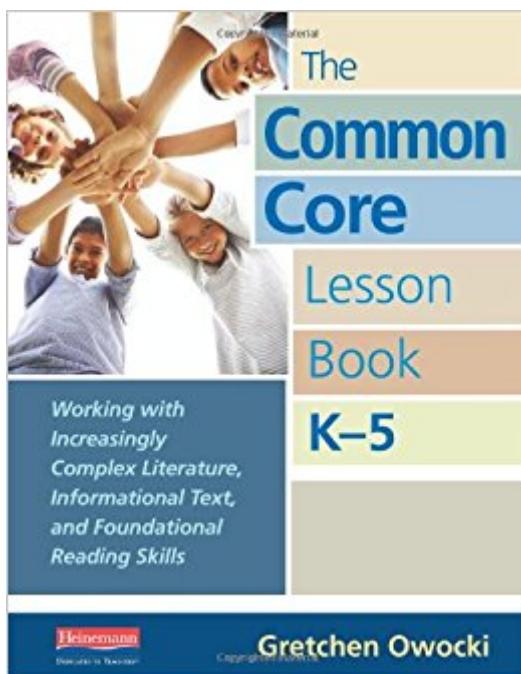


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# The Common Core Lesson Book, K-5: Working With Increasingly Complex Literature, Informational Text, And Foundational Reading Skills



## Synopsis

"To reach their potential, children need an engaging environment and a reason to learn. This book is aimed at helping teachers implement quality Common Core instruction around this principle."

-Gretchen Owocki The quality of instruction is the most important factor in helping students meet the Common Core Standards. That's why Gretchen Owocki's Common Core Lesson Book empowers teachers with a comprehensive framework for implementation that enhances existing curriculum and extends it to meet Common Core goals. "Children," writes Gretchen (author of The RTI Daily Planning Book), "need teachers who believe in the power of meaningful reading as a context for instruction." She breaks the CCSS reading standards into manageable chunks that emphasize engaged, authentic reading and differentiated teaching. For each standard, she offers: a clear description of what it asks from students an instructional decision tree that connects assessment to planning instructional strategies that gradually release responsibility to students techniques for intensifying instruction when readers need more support. "In implementing the standards," writes Gretchen, "we want children to deeply engage with multiple forms of reading. I wrote this book to offer encouragement to stay grounded in meaningful instruction, and to offer a set of strategies that emphasize meaningful reading." Respond to the Common Core with The Common Core Lesson Book-you'll help students meet the standards, and so much more.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gretchen Owocki powerfully demonstrates the importance of bringing meaningful instruction to not only traditional reading-instruction topics like comprehension, but also to contemporary issues such as Common Core and RTI. In the bestselling titles *The Common Core Writing Book, 6-8*; *The Common Core Reading Book, 6-8*; *The Common Core Lesson Book, K-5*; *The Common Core Writing Book, K-5*; and *The RTI Daily Planning Book*, she masterfully breaks down instructional issues and strategies into manageable chunks that help teachers differentiate instruction, meet curricular goals, and improve as practitioners. For more than 15 years, she has helped teachers find researched-based practices that improve learning by letting students experience curriculum as part of their own development. In other Heinemann titles such as *Comprehension; Make Way for Literacy*; and *Time for Literacy Centers*, she shares teaching that engages students through authentic, meaningful tasks and challenges them to grow as readers and writers. A professor at Saginaw Valley State University, Gretchen is a Heinemann Professional Development Services provider. » Read Gretchen's article "Setting a Course to Maximize the Potential of CCSS" in the Heinemann PD Journal.

I rarely write reviews for the professional materials that I purchase but this is well worth the effort. I am the Common Core crazy person in my school. I have tons of resources on the Common Core but this one gives practical strategies for each of the standards. What I really like about the book is that it has strategies for ELL students and intensive work for students that need the reinforcement. Do you probably use some of these strategies? Yes, but the book will help you organize and focus on a specific standard. I love the graphic organizers. The ONLY thing that would make this book even better would be examples of how the author uses the graphic organizers. While Lucy Calkins' book can give you overall information on the Common Core this book is practical and teacher friendly.

*The Common Core Lesson Book* is a great introduction to lesson planning for the CCSS. It also has some assessments build in by grade span which is a great tool for teachers who are implementing CC for the first time. I would recommend this book to all new teachers also, as it breaks down CC for the lay person and gives your great lesson ideas and strategies for teaching CC aligned material. Tons of printable pages inside which is a godsend for anyone designing a Scope and Sequence for the first time.

None of the ideas/worksheets are mind-blowing and something 'I've never thought of,' but I like the way everything is organized by standard and grade level. Very easy to use and copy (spiral binding). If you are new to Common Core (like me) this have been very helpful and worth every penny.

I am one year away from retiring and needed some type of quick fix for the demands of conforming to Common Core and the paperwork 3rd Grade Guarantee entails in the Primary Grades. This book saved my sanity and was an excellent source of documentation and information needed for writing the pages upon pages of paperwork that was required for the documentation.

I bought this book with high hopes of getting some really great resources. If you are familiar with the Common Core Standards, then this book probably wouldn't be helpful. If you are completely new to the standards, have no materials (mainly graphic organizers), you may like this. The book just provided a lot of graphic organizers that looked like something for third grade and over. They give you ideas, but nothing I found to be out of the box or to meet the needs of the rigor. I returned this book.

I was looking forward to reading this book. I don't have a lot of time, so I was disappointed in the organization of the book. While the author examines each key piece of CC, it was confusing to implement quickly. This was a book that needs more time to figure out. I was looking for something more comprehensive and reader friendly. If I wasn't teaching full time, maybe I would have the time to figure out this book.

Not that great of a book considering how outdated the material is. In all fairness, education standards/common core is constantly changing so it is difficult to make the changes. As a teacher, I find it easier to find what I need in regards to teaching to the standards online where things are constantly updated. This is a good book to get some helpful ideas from however.

I teach first grade and have found many useful things in this book. A wealth of printable pages that help with main idea, beginning-middle-end, etc. They make great exit slips and help keep my instruction focused. I've used things from the book in large group instruction, small group instruction and literacy centers. I would highly recommend this to fellow elementary educators.

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