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# Transformative Literacy, Grades K-12

- ✓ Text Complexity
- ✓ Building Knowledge
- ✓ Usability



ARC Core® is a high-quality curriculum designed to improve outcomes for students and teachers. A carefully structured project-based learning process ensures students are ready to meet the demands of college (or career) through extensive reading (both as a class and independently), multiple extended writing projects, and daily practice discussing both ideas and texts with peers.

## Watch ARC Core in Action

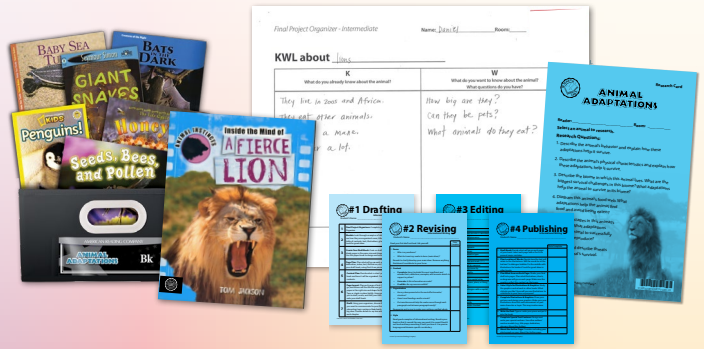
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Organized into thematic units, ARC Core provides flexibility for each district to customize its scope and sequence.

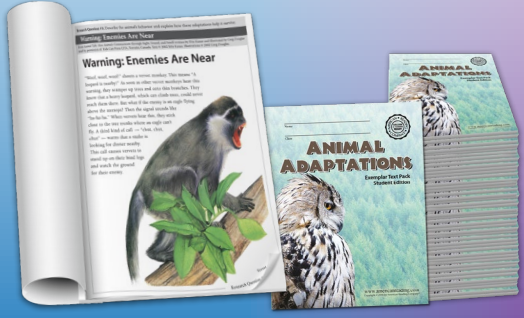
## Grade Level Skills

Rubric for Writing a Proficient Informational/Expository Text		Reading Informational/Expository Text Rubric Grades 3-4	
1 pt	<b>Introduction</b> I introduce my topic clearly.	1 pt	<b>Introduce the text.</b> The main topic of ___(text)___, by ___(author)___, is...
1 pt	<b>Main (Central) Idea(s)</b> I state my main idea(s) with a topic sentence.	1 pt	<b>Identify a main idea.</b>
1 pt	<b>Details</b> I use facts, definitions, examples, and details to support my main idea(s).	1 pt	<b>Identify the details that best support this main idea.</b>
1 pt	<b>Organization</b> I group information into paragraphs or sections that make sense.	1 pt	<b>Explain how each of these details support this main idea.</b>
1 pt	<b>Elaboration</b> I use illustrations to help the reader understand important details/ ideas.	1 pt	<b>Include at least one direct quote.</b>
1 pt	<b>Formatting</b> I include text features to make my text easy to follow.	1 pt	<b>Conclude by summarizing.</b> These ___(examples, comparisons, etc.)___ show that ___(main idea)___.
1 pt	<b>Transitions</b> I use transition words and phrases (e.g., ___(also, another, and, more, but, for example, because)___) so the reader can follow my thinking.	6 pts	<b>Proficient Answer</b>
1 pt	<b>Word Choice</b> I use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to demonstrate my expertise on my topic and keep the reader engaged/entertained.		
1 pt	<b>Conventions</b> I use correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation.		
1 pt	<b>Conclusion</b> My writing has a conclusion that includes a concluding statement and that is related to the information presented.		
10 pts	<b>Proficient Answer</b>		

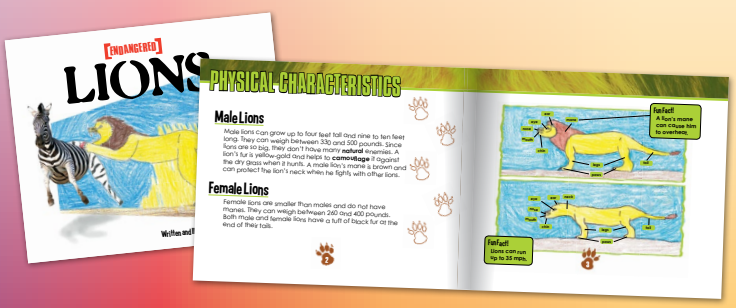
## Independent Practice



## Complex Text



## Meaningful Writing Tasks



PreK	Kindergarten	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 & 10	11 & 12				
RTM	1-3Y	1G	2G	1B	2B	1R	2R	Wt	Bk	Or	Pu	1Br	2Br	Si	Gl

Materials shown are a representative sample—titles subject to change based on availability.

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## Benefits of an *ARC Core Partnership*

- 1.** Build a teacher culture of collaborative inquiry and continuous improvement.
- 2.** Create a system where struggling readers succeed in the same classrooms as their on-level peers.
- 3.** Increase teacher capacity to teach reading to any student, at any reading level, K–12.
- 4.** Solve the Foundational Skills gap once and for all.
- 5.** Fill schools with a river of multicultural, multiperspective, high-interest trade books.
- 6.** Make an avid reading lifestyle the norm in every classroom and every home.
- 7.** Close the engagement gap with a thematic inquiry, student-centered curriculum, K–12.
- 8.** Nurture biliteracy through an authentic Language Arts curriculum in Spanish, K–5.
- 9.** Use the right data, in real time, to locate positive variance and replicate success.
- 10.** Support school and district leadership teams with a Learning to Improve framework.

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