



Content Area Reading Sets

Unboxing Guide

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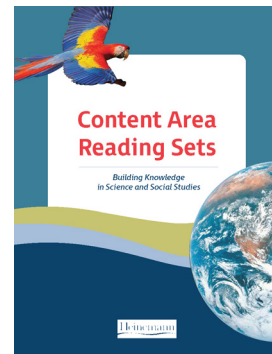
Welcome to knowledge building! Content Area Reading Sets help you integrate literacy, science, and social studies together so students read with purpose and discover meaningful connections. This quick-start guide walks you through introducing Content Area Reading Sets in your classroom—step by step, with confidence.

STEP ONE



Plan Your Instruction

- ✓ Start by reading the Getting Started Guide for quick tips and best practices to smoothly launch Content Area Reading Sets in your classroom.
- ✓ Follow the instructions in the Getting Started Guide to log in and explore your online resources—the convenient digital platform gives you access to everything you need, all in one place.
- ✓ Review these online resources:
 - **Standards Alignments:** Check the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) or C3 Framework for Social Studies State Standards for your chosen science or social studies theme.
 - **Book Lists with Summaries:** Browse the book summaries of your Content Area Reading Set, identify the titles that best match your instructional goals, and easily plan how to integrate them into your literacy block or lesson plans.
 - **Sample Weekly Schedule:** Map out your pacing for read-alouds, small groups, and independent reading.
 - **Supporting Multilingual Learners:** Review for tips to intentionally support multilingual learners and foster a more language-rich, inclusive classroom for all students.



STEP TWO



Launch Your Whole-Class Read-Aloud

- ✓ Select one of the 8 engaging read-aloud books.
- ✓ Use the online resource **Teaching with the Read Aloud Text** to guide your whole-group instruction.

STEP THREE



Extend Learning Throughout the Day

- ✓ Introduce the 12 student titles to your class. Share brief summaries or highlights to spark interest and help students make informed choices for independent reading.
- ✓ Encourage students to apply what they've learned during read-alouds by exploring related concepts in these texts—deepening content knowledge and reinforcing cross-curricular connections.
- ✓ To support small-group reading, you can group students by interest and then match them with a correlating student title.

Kindergarten Bonus! Have students access the digital audio books to support listening comprehension, partner reading, and fluency for early kindergarten readers.

STEP FOUR



Deepen Comprehension and Knowledge

- ✓ Review the online resource **Teaching with the Student Response Sheets** to guide discussion, comprehension, and vocabulary development.
- ✓ Help students practice building literacy skills using these digital **Student Response Sheets**:
 - Learning new vocabulary
 - Learning new information
 - Identifying supporting details and big ideas
 - Answering short constructed-response questions
- ✓ Reinforce these skills during read-alouds, small-group or independent work to strengthen comprehension across subjects.
- ✓ Use the online resource **Additional Book Recommendations** to expand on student interests with books that complement the science and social studies themes.

Tip! The sample weekly schedule includes how to introduce each sheet across the week for consistent practice.

STEP FIVE



Celebrate & Reflect

- ✓ At the end of each week, bring students back together to discuss what they learned.
- ✓ Highlight new vocabulary and reinforce critical thinking skills by revisiting the read-aloud and connecting it with the student books.
- ✓ Connect their reading to your science or social studies lessons, helping them see how knowledge builds across texts.
- ✓ Celebrate student discoveries and growth!



Help every student become a confident reader!

Bring the power of content-rich instruction into your classroom to boost comprehension and deepen student understanding, all while saving time on prep.

Explore the *Content Area Reading Sets*

