

# Strengthening Your High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) Criteria



Empowering Writers deepens the impact of High-Quality Instructional Materials by combining explicit instruction, standards alignment, and text-based writing—the core components districts prioritize when selecting curriculum.

## What HQIM Requires

### Standards-Aligned Instruction

### Writing from Source Text

### Explicit Teaching of Foundational Skills

### Coherent, Scaffolded Design

## How Empowering Writers Delivers

**Explicit, skill-based lessons aligned to current standards, text-based writing tasks and comprehensive literacy tasks** which support the development of critical reading and writing skills, speaking, listening, language and vocabulary.

Clear strategies for **evidence-based responses** that **strengthen both reading and writing** with content rich, comprehensive instruction that help students develop strong communication skills ~ oral and written.

**Step-by-step instruction empowers teachers with “how to” teach** so students learn how to write, not just what to write through **modeling, guided practice, and independent application** supporting frequent engagement in **comprehensive instruction**.

**Structured routines** that **build skills progressively** and **support all learners** to support a consistent and rigorous academic experience **across all grades and classrooms** allowing adaptability, differentiation and customization.

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### Student Independence

Tools and strategies students apply independently **across content areas** through various embedded supports that can be used **whole class** and **support a diverse student audience** ~ tier one, special education, emergent language, to gifted and talented.

### Assessment Alignment

Prepare students for constructed response and state assessments with **frequent progress monitoring through embedded assessments** from baseline to ongoing check points. Both analytic and holistic rubrics establish expectations and **provide detailed feedback** in the language of instruction for summative and formative purposes.

### Usability for Teachers

**Practical, classroom-ready approach** that is **easy to implement immediately** through **effective lesson structure and pacing**, to “Making it Your Own” to weave into content and thematic instruction at grade level suitability.

## The Result?

**Stronger writers. Stronger readers.  
Instruction that works in real classrooms.**

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