

Sample LDC Argumentative Writing Assignments

The sample modules available here come from the LDC Real Works Curriculum ©. Each LDC Real Works module is made up of:

- A rigorous, standards-aligned **performance task** in which students produce authentic, discipline-specific writing in response to reading complex, authentic texts.
 - Each task includes an aligned, standards-driven **rubric** (validated by SCALE) used for scoring the resulting student work and for providing feedback to students.
- An **instructional plan** (ranging from one-to-three weeks in length) that aids the teacher in carefully scaffolding the work of the performance task, while also providing formative assessment opportunities.
 - Each instructional plan includes all student handouts and other resources that are needed.

In an ideal LDC Real Works implementation, all K-12 students complete 3-4 modules in each primary discipline—ELA, Science, and Social Studies—each year. This dosage ensures that they get sufficient practice on and are sufficiently assessed on the most important reading and writing standards across the disciplines as they progress from grade-to-grade, while also ensuring they get deeply and consistently exposed to authentic disciplinary texts and writing products.

This kind of implementation also provides a great deal of cross-discipline and cross-grade alignment to teachers, which helps schools and districts to provide consistency with respect to professional development, curriculum planning, and student work analysis.

A full LDC Real Works implementation can fit into existing curriculum maps, greatly improving them. Each LDC Real Works module is an important "anchor" within a larger curriculum.

Click on any button to display the sample assignment that is listed.