

Common Core



Whether you work with first-graders or seniors, The Storymatic can help you with Common Core Standards.

The booklet that comes with each Storymatic has lots of writing and drawing prompts, kinesthetic activities, and practical suggestions. Below are a few examples and some of the standards they hit.

Click on the standards to download PDFs of the specific standards and the correlated activities.

Word Up!

Word Up is an easy, fun warm-up activity that involves everyone equally and contributes to a healthy class dynamic. Before you talk about a particular text or topic, make a story together and establish a baseline of expectation that everyone participates in class discussions, everyone listens, and everyone works together.

2.SL.1: Speaking & Listening: Comprehension and Collaboration

Word Up is in the booklet that comes with the Colonial Williamsburg Edition. It's called Word by Word in The Storymatic Kids.

Shake It Up

Throughout the Standards, students are asked to exercise their creative-writing muscles. All Storymatic prompts and activities can help with this, of course. In particular: Storymatic Classic, Add to It, XYZ, Whatchoo Want, Shake It Up, and Obstacle. But really, any of the activities in The Storymatic booklets are useful—helping people with creative writing and thinking is the point of The Storymatic, after all.

4.W.3: Writing: Text Types and Purposes

Shake It Up is in the booklet that comes with The Storymatic Classic and the Colonial Williamsburg Edition.

XYZ

People learn by doing, and when students have experience constructing their own plots, episodes, characters, and resolutions, points of view and narrators, they are better equipped to discuss them in literature. The Storymatic prompt XYZ gives them this opportunity. It is an easy-to-explain activity that cuts straight to the heart of how a narrative works.

6.RL.3: Reading and Literature: Key Ideas and Details

6.RL.6: Reading and Literature: Craft and Structure

XYZ is in the booklet that comes with The Storymatic Classic.

Add to It

The Storymatic round-robin storytelling prompt Add to It hits hundreds of core standards. It is an ideal activity to begin every Language Arts class. Add to It builds a healthy, cooperative class dynamic, as well as introducing and reinforcing dozens of skills that create the very backbone of the Standards.

8.RL.1-3: Reading and Literature: Key Ideas and Details

Icebreaker

Throughout the Standards, students are expected to compare and contrast characters, texts, structures, genres, points of view, etc. When viewed in the abstract, this can be difficult-- not just for students to learn, but also for teachers to teach.

However, by activating students' curiosity in each other's work, Icebreaker makes comparing and contrasting a natural, fun activity with low risk and high return. Icebreaker is a foundational activity that can be used in every grade.

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