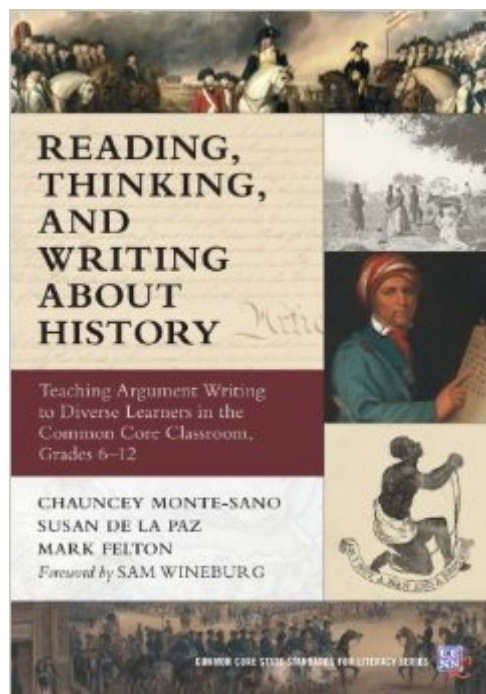


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# Reading, Thinking, And Writing About History: Teaching Argument Writing To Diverse Learners In The Common Core Classroom, Grades 6-12 (Common Core State Standards For Literacy)



## Synopsis

"The C3 Framework for Social Studies State Standards and the Common Core State Standards challenge students to investigate complex ideas, think critically, and apply knowledge in real world settings. This extraordinary book provides tried-and-true practical tools and step-by-step directions for social studies to meet these goals and prepare students for college, career, and civic life in the 21st century."--Michelle M. Herczog, president, National Council for the Social Studies

Although the Common Core and C3 Framework highlight literacy and inquiry as central goals for social studies, they do not offer guidelines, assessments, or curriculum resources. This practical guide presents six research-tested historical investigations along with all corresponding teaching materials and tools that have improved the historical thinking and argumentative writing of academically diverse students. Each investigation integrates reading, analysis, planning, composing, and reflection into a writing process that results in an argumentative history essay. Primary sources have been modified to allow struggling readers access to the material. Web links to original unmodified primary sources are also provided, along with other sources to extend investigations. The authors include sample student essays from each investigation to illustrate the progress of two different learners and explain how to support students' development. Each chapter includes these helpful sections: Historical Background, Literacy Practices Students Will Learn, How to Teach This Investigation, How Might Students Respond?, Student Writing and Teacher Feedback, Lesson Plans and Materials.

**Book Features:**

- \* Integrates literacy and inquiry with core U.S. history topics.
- \* Emphasizes argumentative writing, a key requirement of the Common Core.
- \* Offers explicit guidance for instruction with classroom-ready materials.
- \* Provides primary sources for differentiated instruction.
- \* Explains a curriculum appropriate for students who struggle with reading, as well as more advanced readers.
- \* Models how to transition over time from more explicit instruction to teacher coaching and greater student independence.

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I work for the UCLA History-Geography Project which requires me to provide professional development and academic support to social studies/history teachers in various districts throughout Southern California. The majority of my work is at school districts serving minority populations and populations that tend to struggle with reading comprehension and analytical, argumentative writing. As a former social studies/history teacher (12 years) I understand the concerns that many teachers have about the Common Core and the use of primary sources with students who struggle with secondary sources. This is why I recommend this book. Monte-Sano provides a research-based curriculum that will help teachers better serve their students. She achieves this by: 1. Providing ready-to-use handouts that will help students (including EL's) annotate primary sources (the IREAD strategy) and write evidence supported, argumentative essays (the How to Write strategy). This is half the battle for social studies/history teachers. 2. Providing a theoretical framework that is research-based and easy to understand. 3. Providing SIX, yes SIX lessons that will help teachers better understand how to create an inquiry question, choose primary sources, teach a lesson, and assess their student's learning. 4. Providing real examples of student work which allows the reader to see the progress made by students using these strategies. 5. Emphasizing the importance of "Modeling", or what Monte-Sano refers to as "Cognitive Apprenticeship" I can't emphasize enough how important this is. I've seen teachers use these strategies in class, but fail to model how to use them and the lesson has fallen flat.

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