2014 Instructional Material Summer Review Institute

Grade 9-12: English Language Arts; Reading; CORE Reading Intervention; Modern, Classical and Native Languages

**Review Team Appraisal of Title – English Language Arts**

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| Text Title: | Pearson Common Core Literature, The British Tradition | 12 |  |
| Course: | English Language Arts | SE ISBN: | 9780133268560 |
| Publisher: | Pearson Education, Inc. | TE ISBN: | 9780133268614 |

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| **SECTION 1 – Common Core State Standards** |
| Reviewer # and Section 1 Total: 1. #16 TOTAL 338 2. #17 TOTAL 342 3. #18 TOTAL 332 Average Score: 337 Reading Standards for Literature and Informational Text (1-17):      Writing Standards (18-28):      Speaking and Listening Standards (29-34):      Language Standards (35-40):      * Anthology of texts allow for variety and choice for teacher.
* As in the case with all the other grade editions, the publishers ubiquitously achieve standards by rebadging them as tasks.
* A workhorse book.
* Range of performance tasks with some explanation.
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| **SECTION 2.A – Other Relevant Criteria** |
| Reviewer # and Section 2.A Total: 1. #16 TOTAL 225 2. #17 TOTAL 230 3. #18 TOTAL 233 Average Score: 229 Text Selection (42-64):      Construction and Design of Material (68-69):      Student Edition (72-79):      Teacher Edition and Resources (80-89):      * Tasks were clear but often not rigorous enough to encourage higher level critical thinking.
* This hefty tome seems capable both of withstanding abuse or dishing it out.
* Robust English/Brit Lit text choices, although there was only one full length play and no full length novel.
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| **SECTION 2.B – Summary Standards** |
| Reviewer # and Section 2.B Total: 1. #16 TOTAL 180 2. #17 TOTAL 166 3. #18 TOTAL 170 Average Score: 172 LITERATURE - Range of Reading/Level of Text Complexity (90):      INFORMATIONAL TEXT - Range of Reading/Level of Text Complexity (91):      * Excellent range of texts—less tied to the traditional canon of Brit Lit.
* The book presents a panoply of engaging texts.
* Virginia Woolf for both fiction and informational text—good choice for complexity.
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| **Reviewer Comments** |
| Reviewer #: 16 Reviewer Background: Seven years teaching, Level II, Speech & Debate, AP L&C, English 10 Comments:      * A workmanlike book that is an excellent anthology.

Reviewer #: 17 Reviewer Background: Eight years teaching, Level III, English 11, AP L&C Comments:      * An instructor using the materials in the fashion laid out has ample capacity to trek successfully to proficiency.

Reviewer #: 18 Reviewer Background: Ten years teaching, Level III, English 11, AP Lang and Lit Comments:      Reading and performance tasks are consistant, if somewhat traditional. |