3–6 COMMON CORE STANDARDS

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*Next Step Guided Reading Assessment* is an Assess-Decide-Guide system that supports students’ growth as readers of increasingly complex texts.
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*TG: Teaching Guide; AFB: Assessment Forms Book*
### Reading: Foundational Skills

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| **RF4.3** Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.  
  a. Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context. | Developmental Word Knowledge Inventory (TG pp. 29–35; AFB pp. 15–19) | Guided Reading Lesson Plans:  
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| **RI4.3** Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text. | Comprehension Assessment (TG pp. 36–41; AFB pp. 38–55)
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| **RI4.5** Describe the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text. | Comprehension Assessment (TG pp. 36–41; AFB pp. 38–55)
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### Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

| **RI4.7** Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears. | Comprehension Assessment (TG pp. 36–41; AFB pp. 38–55)
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### Range of reading and Level of Text Complexity

| **RI4.10** By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 4–5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. | Comprehension Assessment (TG pp. 36–41; AFB pp. 38–55)
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| **RL4.2** Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text. | Comprehension Assessment (TG pp. 36–41; AFB pp. 38–55)
Reading Assessment Conference (TG pp. 42–60) | Guided Reading Lesson Plans:
Transitional (TG pp. 103–118; p. 137)
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| **RL4.3** Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character’s thoughts, words, or actions). | Comprehension Assessment (TG pp. 36–41; AFB pp. 38–55)
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### Craft and Structure

| **RL4.4** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., Herculean). | Comprehension Assessment (TG pp. 36–41; AFB pp. 38–55)
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**RL5.1** Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

**RL5.2** Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text.

**RL5.3** Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact).

### Craft and Structure

**RL5.4** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative language, such as metaphors and similes.

**RL5.6** Describe how a narrator’s or speaker’s point of view influences how events are described.

### Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

**RL5.10** By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, at the high end of the grades 4–5 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

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Reading: Informational Text

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RI6.1 Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
RI6.2 Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

Assessment
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Craft and Structure
RI6.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.
RI6.5 Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas.
RI6.6 Determine an author’s point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text.

Assessment
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Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
RI6.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

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Reading: Literature

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Craft and Structure
RL6.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
RL6.6 Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.

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Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
RL6.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

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