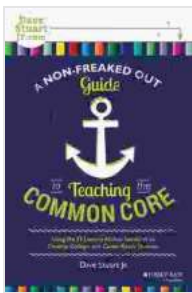


# The Non Freaked Out Guide to Teaching the Common Core

If you're a teacher, you've probably heard about the Common Core. It's a set of standards that has been adopted by most states in the United States. The Common Core is designed to ensure that all students are learning the same material at the same time, regardless of where they live.



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This can be a daunting task for teachers, especially if you're not familiar with the Common Core. But don't worry! This guide will provide you with everything you need to know to teach the Common Core, without freaking out.

## What is the Common Core?

The Common Core is a set of standards that describes what students should know and be able to do in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics at the end of each grade. The standards are organized into domains, which are broad areas of study. In ELA, the domains are reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language. In mathematics, the domains are number and operations, algebra, geometry, and measurement and data.

The Common Core standards are based on research about how students learn best. They are designed to be rigorous and relevant, and they are aligned with the needs of colleges and careers.

### **Why is the Common Core important?**

The Common Core is important because it ensures that all students are learning the same material at the same time, regardless of where they live. This levels the playing field for students and helps to ensure that all students have the skills they need to succeed in college and career.

The Common Core also helps teachers to focus their instruction on what is most important. The standards are clear and concise, and they provide teachers with a roadmap for what to teach and how to teach it.

### **How do I teach the Common Core?**

The best way to teach the Common Core is to use a variety of instructional strategies that are aligned with the standards. This means using a variety of teaching methods, such as direct instruction, small group instruction, and independent work. It also means using a variety of resources, such as textbooks, online resources, and manipulatives.

When planning your instruction, it is important to keep the following in mind:

\* The Common Core standards are not a curriculum. They are a set of expectations for what students should know and be able to do. You will need to develop a curriculum that is aligned with the standards and that meets the needs of your students. \* The Common Core is not one-size-fits-all. You will need to differentiate your instruction to meet the needs of all of your students. This means providing support for students who are struggling and challenging students who are ahead. \* The Common Core is a work in progress. The standards are constantly being revised and updated. You will need to stay up-to-date on the latest changes to the standards.

### **What resources are available to help me teach the Common Core?**

There are a number of resources available to help you teach the Common Core. These resources include:

\* The Common Core website: <https://www.corestandards.org/> \* The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM): <https://www.nctm.org/> \* The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE): <https://www.ncte.org/> \* The College Board: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

These organizations provide a variety of resources, such as lesson plans, professional development, and online courses.

### **How do I know if I'm teaching the Common Core effectively?**

The best way to know if you're teaching the Common Core effectively is to assess your students' learning. This can be done through a variety of

methods, such as formative assessments, summative assessments, and self-assessments.

Formative assessments are assessments that are used to check students' understanding of the material during the learning process. Summative assessments are assessments that are used to measure students' learning at the end of a unit or course. Self-assessments are assessments that students use to reflect on their own learning.

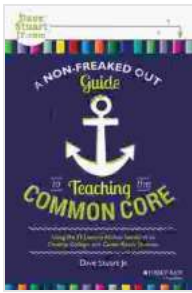
By using a variety of assessment methods, you can get a clear picture of how your students are learning and what areas need improvement.

Teaching the Common Core can be a daunting task, but it doesn't have to be. By following the tips in this guide, you can teach the Common Core effectively and without freaking out.

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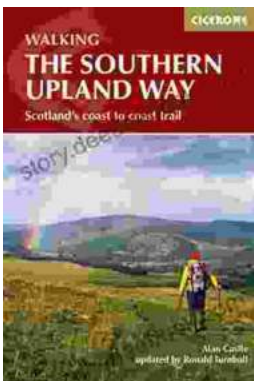


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