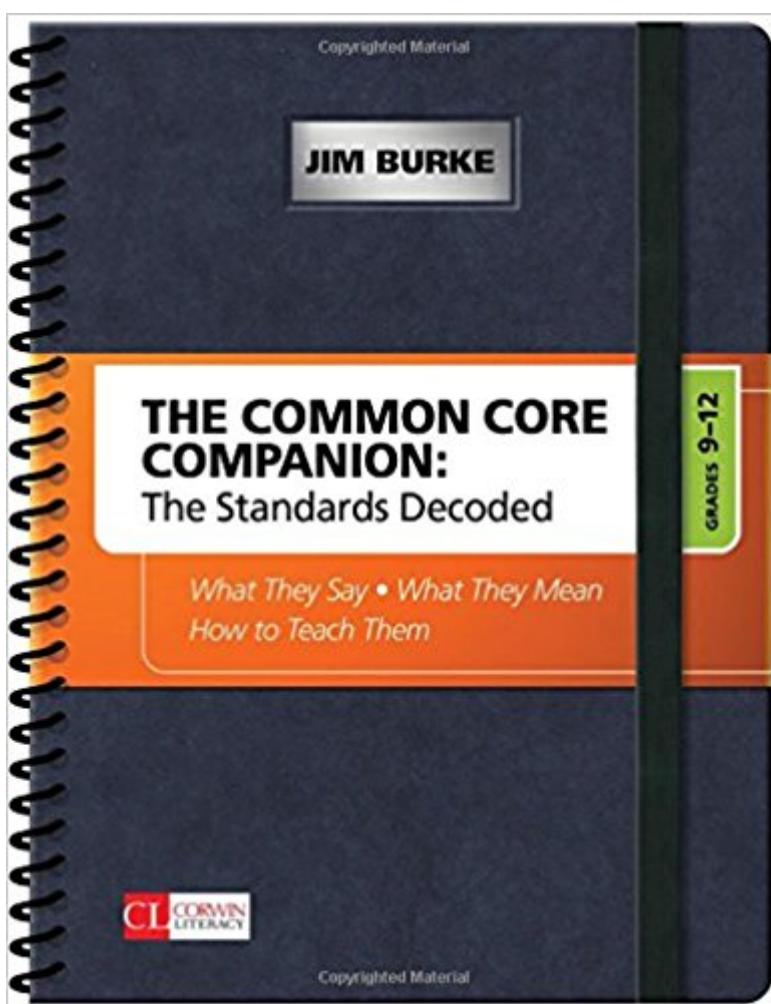


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# The Common Core Companion: The Standards Decoded, Grades 9-12: What They Say, What They Mean, How To Teach Them (Corwin Literacy)





## Synopsis

That version of the 9-12 standards you wish you had If you're a high school teacher, no need to despair. Jim Burke has created a Common Core Companion for you, too. This time positioning the grades 9-10 standards alongside 11-12, it's every bit the roadmap to what each standard says, what each standard means, and how to put that standard into practice across subjects. Jim clearly lays out: Key distinctions across grade levels Different content-area versions of each standard Explanations of each standard, with student prompts Content to cover, lesson ideas, and instructional techniques Glossary and adaptations for ELL students

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This book also can help Special Ed Teachers when they write their IEP goals. My school district provide each SPED teacher a copy. Waiting for the Math version to come out for 9-12 grades.

If I ever host another student teacher again, this is the book that I would make sure to require them to use for their lesson planning verbiage.Overall, this contains great ideas, and has all core subjects making the cross curricular approaches a bit more manageable.I will get great use from this book.UPDATE: 3/19/2015I just ordered this again. the woman that I share my classroom with loved this book so much that I gave her mine and then ordered a new one for myself. Yes. It was worth buying twice. Yes. It was worth sharing. I do wish the price tag was a bit lower, but this book is really

worth it. :)

This book really helped me to understand some of the Common Core Standards more clearly. This book spends time clearly breaking down each standard and HOW that standard would look in the classroom. It does not provide any lesson plans or activities, but it's a great resource to use when building lessons or activities focused on Common Core.

The ideal go-to-guide for teachers to truly understand the language and intentions of the Common Core Standards, this resource "unpacks" the Standards from both the teacher and student perspectives. Explanations of the academic vocabulary of the Standards and suggestions for approaching each make this the ultimate resource for truly understanding the expectations of the Common Core. I've used it as a guide in creating standards-based lessons and assessments, as well as in professional development workshops. The side-by-side format of ELA and History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards makes content connections easy to see. Straight-forward and easy to use -- one of the best Common Core investments I've made.

As an educator this was okay for me. It doesn't do anything spectacular except give "suggestions" for each standard. Examples, websites, potential supplemental readings would have been great, but it failed to provide any of that. Much, if not all, of the material in the book can be found online.

I've been to countless "in-services" and numerous presentations about the Common Core - all of which left me empty of understanding about how to proceed with the common core. Thankfully, Mr. Burke has come to the rescue with this book, and none-too-soon. When it arrived, I opened it, and immediately began to devour its contents. Now, I am enlightened, not "in the dark," and I can confidently plan for the core's implementation. Endless thanks, again, Jim!

I thought the book was actually a spiral bound cover with elastic band. It's just a picture--there's no band. Also, Alabama standards are essentially Common Core, but are broken down into Reading Lit and Reading Nonfiction, making twice as many standards, with different numbering, so this book is hard to use as a diary-type piece. It might be good for a new English teacher who could use the ideas for how to teach certain standards in the classroom. Jim Burke always know what he's talking about!

Clearly presents the standards by breaking down the language of the standard. A must have for all teachers and administrators.

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