# 6-12 ELA Curriculum Adoption

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### Why the Change?

- Current book nearly 20 years old
- Teachers were struggling to find relevant resources
- Research on what's best has changed
  - Ohio's push for science of reading based programs
- District data has shown a plateau in student achievement

### **Our Vision**

Rossford students are effective communicators who purposefully read, write, and speak across multiple disciplines. Students express ideas and knowledge through a variety of modalities. Students engage with diverse high-quality texts and digital media to develop comprehension, active listening, and discussion skills. Students are critical thinkers who identify problems, find solutions, and analyze outcomes in service of becoming productive citizens.

#### **Our Process**

- Months of research using reliable sources
  - EdReports & Ohio Materials Matter
- Science of Reading training by Lori Bolone (ESC)
- Heard presentations from six companies
- Piloted four programs
  - Two last year and two this year
- Reached out to area districts for input

#### Consensus

- Amplify ELA was determined to be the best fit for our <u>junior high</u> students.
  - It was originally designed for the middle school student.
  - Best suited to prepare students for high school.
  - Texts were complex, engaging and relevant.
  - Top-rated by EdReports.
  - Best incorporation of strategies supported by the science of reading.
  - Rigorous, but student supports provided.

## **Amplify ELA, 6-8**













## **Amplify ELA, 6-8: Resources**





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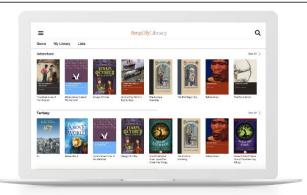


#### Interactive Quests

Quests are fun, week-long immersions into a specific, multilayered topic. They enable students to practice analytical reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills—all while building a strong classroom community.

### Digital library for independent reading

The expansive Amplify Library includes more than 650 digital fiction, nonfiction, classic, and contemporary titles.



### **Amplify ELA, 6-8: Intervention & Enrichment**

Boost Close Reading will give our students interactive graphic novels to increase comprehension, a key component of the science of reading.



#### Consensus

- Into Literature was determined to be the best fit for our <u>high</u> school students.
  - Authentic literature that will connect with our students.
  - Designed to make our students college and career ready.
  - Exclusive texts by a wide variety of authors.
  - Top-rated by EdReports.
  - Program emphasizes key pieces of the science of reading.
  - Well-integrated writing program.

### **Into Literature, 9-12**

















### **Into Literature, 9-12: Resources**

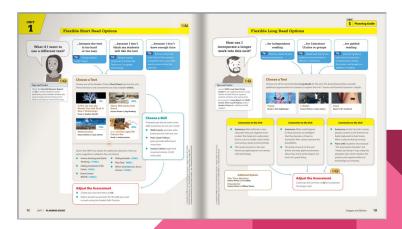


#### **Student Edition**

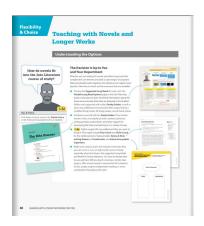
Available digitally and in print.

### Teacher's Edition

Makes planning for all learners manageable.



### **Into Literature, 9-12: Resources**

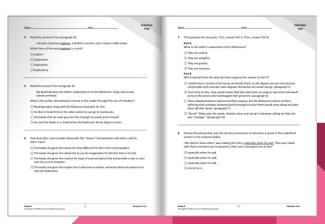


#### **Available Novels**

Teachers have the option to teach with recommended novels or to use them for honors classes.

### **Assessments**

High quality tests available and daily lessons incorporate test practice.



## **Next Steps**

Once approval is received, our focus will turn to how we best support our teachers in the implementation of these new programs. This typically includes an introductory training to get them going followed by one to two years of follow-up support.

#### Students **High-Quality** Acquire the Instructional Materials knowledge and skills Act as a common language and to be successful platform for engaging all through a partners in students' standards-aligned educational experience. instructional foundation. Districts and Schools Provide professional learning that is Educators grounded in high-quality Engage in job-embedded instructional materials professional learning to be and increase educators' critical consumers of materials ability to support to make the best local each student to learn instructional decisions. and grow.