

## 3.6 Samples of Exemplars and Learning Expectations/Standards of Performance

See 3.1 Curriculum Guides, Curriculum Frameworks, and Grading Parameters

# APPENDIX M

## Success Criteria for CFA 2.0 Design Teams

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- EQ:** Essential Question
- LP:** Learning Progression
- QPC:** Quick Progress Check
- PS:** Priority Standards
- SS:** Supporting Standards
- SSC:** Student Success Criteria
- ULI:** Unit Learning Intention
- UPS:** “Unwrapped” Priority Standards

### SUCCESS CRITERIA FOR POST-CFA

#### Step 1: Identify the Unit Priority Standards and Supporting Standards (Chapter 4)

- ✓ List full text of PS in bold type preceded by proper coding
- ✓ List full text of SS in regular type preceded by proper coding
- ✓ Limit total number of standards to sharply focus unit instruction and assessment

*Comments*

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### Step 2: “Unwrap” the Priority Standards and Create a Graphic Organizer (Chapter 5)

- ✓ Underline teachable concepts (nouns, noun phrases) and CAPITALIZE skills (verbs)
- ✓ Create graphic organizer for “unwrapped” concepts, skills, and levels of cognitive rigor:
  - ✓ Make connections explicit between skills and concepts (e.g., ANALYZE author’s point of view; SOLVE real-world mathematical problem)
  - ✓ Assign approximate level of the revised Bloom’s Taxonomy (1–6) and Webb’s Depth of Knowledge (1–4) to each concept–skill pair
  - ✓ Include *all* “unwrapped” concepts and skills from PS only

#### Comments

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### Step 3: Determine the Big Ideas and Essential Questions (Chapter 5)

#### Big Ideas:

- ✓ Three to four key understandings students discover on their own
- ✓ Topical statements specific to unit UPS, not broad generalizations
- ✓ Derived from UPS, not curriculum materials
- ✓ Written as sentences, not phrases
- ✓ Convey long-term benefit for learning
- ✓ Represent desired student responses to teacher’s EQs

#### Essential Questions:

- ✓ Represent comprehensive list of ULIs and SSC for unit of study
- ✓ Require higher-level thinking skills to answer
- ✓ Written as “one-two punch” questions when appropriate
- ✓ Engaging for students
- ✓ Will lead students to discover corresponding BIs

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#### **Step 4: Write the Unit Learning Intention as Student Success Criteria (Chapter 6)**

- ✓ Review the PS, SS, UPS, EQs, and BIs on the design template; confirm these as your comprehensive set of ULIs
- ✓ Confirm the unit vocabulary as part of your ULIs
- ✓ Write the comprehensive set of ULIs as SSC in a three-column SSC chart on the design template:
  - ✓ Write EQs under provided performance statement in Column 1
  - ✓ Write UPS under provided performance statement in Column 2
  - ✓ Write unit vocabulary under provided performance statement in Column 3
- ✓ Add student-friendly version of the UPS in middle column, if needed
- ✓ Confirm SSC represent *all* unit ULIs to be assessed on CFAs

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#### **Step 5: Create the Post-Assessment Questions (Chapter 7)**

- ✓ Include blend of selected-response questions (multiple-choice) and constructed-response questions (short-response, extended-response, Big Idea responses)
- ✓ Directly align all questions to UPS and levels of cognitive rigor on graphic organizer
- ✓ Include proper academic vocabulary, not simplified terms

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- ✓ Write multiple-choice questions to include stem, correct/best answer, and three distracters
- ✓ Provide distracter analysis for each multiple-choice question
- ✓ Write appropriate number of short-response questions
- ✓ Provide commentary or solution statement for each question
- ✓ Create one extended-response question that aligns to most, or all, SSC Provide commentary or solution statement for extended-response question Write directions for students to provide BIs in response to EQs
- ✓ Double check: make sure all questions collectively address all SSC

### *Comments*

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### **Step 6: Construct the Scoring Guides (Chapter 8)**

- ✓ Prepare answer key for selected-response questions
- ✓ Decide number and names of performance levels
- ✓ Write criteria for “achieving” and “exceeding” performance levels
- ✓ Use objective wording only; no vague, subjective terms open to multiple interpretations
- ✓ Include combination of quantitative and qualitative criteria
- ✓ Write criteria directly matched to directions in assessment question
- ✓ Create *task-specific* scoring guides for short-response questions
- ✓ Create *task-specific* scoring guide for the extended-response question
- ✓ Create *generic* scoring guide for students’ BI responses to EQs

### *Comments*

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### **Step 7: Create the Pre-Assessment Questions and Scoring Guides (Chapter 8)**

- ✓ Decide whether pre-CFA will be aligned or “mirrored”
- ✓ Select/copy questions from post-CFA or create new ones
- ✓ Decide whether to use same or different reading passage
- ✓ Decide whether to use same or different math problems
- ✓ Copy/create answer key for selected-response questions
- ✓ Copy/create scoring guides for constructed-response questions

#### *Comments*

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### **Step 8: Evaluate and Revise Assessment Questions for Quality (Chapter 9)**

- ✓ Confirm direct alignment of questions to all unit SSC
- ✓ Confirm direct alignment of questions to UPS and levels of cognitive rigor
- ✓ Check questions for validity, reliability, and absence of bias
- ✓ Ensure all questions meet established guidelines for quality; revise as needed
- ✓ Check questions for clear, concise language
- ✓ Confirm questions will produce credible evidence of student learning
- ✓ Confirm student feedback will yield accurate inferences about student learning
- ✓ Ensure proper academic vocabulary, not simplified terms
- ✓ Confirm alignment to formats, language, vocabulary of external, large-scale assessments

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### Step 9: Determine the Learning Progressions and Instructional Sequence (Chapter 10)

- ✓ Confirm that LPs reflect Popham’s four steps for determining learning progressions:
  - Step 1: Acquire a thorough understanding of the target curricular aim.
  - Step 2: Identify all requisite precursory subskills and bodies of enabling knowledge.
  - Step 3: Determine whether it’s possible to measure students’ status with respect to each preliminarily identified building block.
  - Step 4: Arrange all building blocks in an instructionally defensible sequence.
- ✓ Review each set of LPs leading to a specific ULI; revise as needed
- ✓ Review the *number and size* of LP “building blocks” planned for each ULI; revise as needed

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### Step 10: Plan Quick Progress Checks to Coincide With Learning Progressions (Chapter 10)

- ✓ Review each QPC to ensure it matches related LP; revise as needed
- ✓ Reconfirm insertion points of QPCs within each set of LPs
- ✓ Make sure each QPC clearly states what students are to do
- ✓ Confirm that student responses to QPCs will make accurate inferences possible and inform instructional next steps

*Comments*

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Most of the criteria have been met. Please note that check mark (✓) indicates criteria achieved. Yellow highlighting indicates criteria needs to be addressed in the CFA

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- ✓ Assign approximate level of the revised Bloom’s Taxonomy (1–6) and Webb’s Depth of Knowledge (1–4) to each concept–skill pair
- ✓ Include *all* “unwrapped” concepts and skills from PS only

### Comments

*All criteria have been met. Bulleted graphic organizer makes the content to be taught and assessed very clear.*

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- ✓ Require higher-level thinking skills to answer
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- ✓ Will lead students to discover corresponding BI
- ✓ Engaging for students

### Comments

*The Essential Question you have crafted seems most relevant to encompass two of the three branches of government. Could you also include the judicial branch? It might also be helpful to have a BI and an EQ for each standard.*

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**Confirm the unit vocabulary as part of your ULIs**

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### Comments

*You have noted many vocabulary words. Are there more you might derive from the standard?*

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- ✓ Include proper academic vocabulary, not simplified terms
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Double check: make sure all questions collectively address all SSC

#### Comments

*You have an excellent start on the assessment. Just be sure to make sure you address all the priority concepts and skills in the assessment. Use the “unwrapping” as a way to check off this in your assessment and be sure to match the rigor.*

*Be sure to include student directions that will also be reflected in the scoring guides.*

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#### Comments

*At this point in time, you have holded the correct responses for selected response*

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#### *Comments*

*Once the post assessment is completed, this will be your next task. The remaining steps in the appendix will also provide guidance.*

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