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| Module 1Facilitator Guide | Focus on Instructional Shifts |

Activity 5

Connecticut Core Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy

Grades 6–12

*Systems of Professional Learning*

# Session at-a-Glance

### Activity 5: Bringing it All Together –Using the EQuIP Rubric to Assess Alignment

(50 minutes) In mixed grade table groups, coaches will view and reflect on an entire video lesson and lesson plan for evidence of alignment using the EQuIP Rubric.

##### Supporting Documents:

* Directions
* America Achieves instructional video and sample lesson plan
* EQuIP Rubric

##### PowerPoint Slides:

* 59–61

# Session Implementation

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| This slide introduces Activity 5. Before participants begin make sure everyone knows where the Activity directions are located for using the Practice Guide. |
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	2. Key areas of focus: 1) content-rich text; 2) reading closely; 3) purposeful writing; 4) academic language
	3. Instructional supports: engagement; variety of opportunities to engage with challenging text; scaffolding for all learners
	4. Assessment: observable evidence that students are working towards proficiency on specified standards; use of aligned rubrics to assess writing

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