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Non fiction text sets for student success

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How can educators teach all content areas while increasing student exposure to literacy? Text sets are here to help us! cross-curricular instruction allows educators to teach core science and social studies concepts through texts. Educators can create text sets over specific science or social studies themes so that students can deepen their understanding about non fiction concepts during literacy instruction. Professional development for pre-service and novice educators over text set components and creation is key for future student success. Text sets include links to podcasts, websites, articles, blogs, and videos to provide students with the most current information. When developing a text set it is important to include fiction and nonfiction texts, so readers can discover how different genres support each other. A complete text set includes grade level materials as well as materials above and below grade level. The presenters will share experiences of procedures and processes, as well as the benefits and challenges of implementing both print and digital nonfiction text sets. Sample text sets will be shared with attendees.