



McGraw Hill appreciates the opportunity to learn from and respond to the Johns Hopkins Institute ELA Knowledge Map™ Report for *SRA Open Court Reading*.

We were pleased to see recognition of strengths across many domains of literature, as noted in this excerpt from the report.

[I]n the Regional Literature domain, the topic of 'Characteristics of genres' is covered in depth at all grade levels, revealing the wide variety of texts used in the curriculum. Specific topics within the Science and American History domains are also covered in depth, a reflection of the focus of the curriculum's unit themes and the connection texts available throughout. Most evaluated domains achieve either strong or moderate coverage scores, suggesting that a wide breadth of topics are discussed and built upon throughout this curriculum.

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Through engaging unit themes and topics that stretch across grade levels in *SRA Open Court Reading*, students learn about universal truths such as kindness and friendship, as well as about cross-curricular subject areas such as life science and government. Genres vary among grade levels but include informational articles, songs, plays, persuasive essays, poems, and more. The literature and nonfiction selections are found in both student and teacher print and digital components.

SRA Open Court Reading contains a diverse collection of selections designed to challenge, engage, and inspire students to be independent, self-directed readers. McGraw Hill is pleased to see reviewers noticed *SRA Open Court Reading* "incorporates high-interest, engaging texts to foster a love for reading in students." Each unit is built around a theme students use as a foundation for connecting ideas and building new ways of thinking. The focus of each theme varies across units to include cross-curricular topics as well as social topics students can relate to.

In addition to recognition of strengths in literature domains, reviewers noted "[t]he curriculum presents robust knowledge building in several domains and additional topics" and that "knowledge domains exhibit patterns of strength in specific topics across grade bands. These patterns reveal additional topical reinforcement across the curriculum." By carrying overarching motifs across grade levels, *SRA Open Court Reading* offers opportunity for content knowledge building throughout grades K-5, with a spiral curriculum helping teachers to reinforce and build on concepts, themes, and skills each school year.

Positive student outcomes are the primary measure to which McGraw Hill holds itself and its programs. We are proud of our *SRA Open Court Reading* program and its decades-long history of research-based pedagogy, efficacy, and success for learners across the country. We encourage teachers and administrators to review the *SRA Open Court Reading* program. For more information regarding the program, its research basis, and its history of success, please visit opencourtreading.com.