Nashoba Regional School District June 25 and 26, 2015

Writing Matters

III D. Looking at Work In Our District

1. Unpacking Rubrics—Things to Consider

· Identified Goals

· Common Elements—Gaps and Overlaps

· Instructional Elements

· Impact On Assignments

2. Assignments, Questions to Consider

· What is Being Assessed?

· Clarity of Expectations

· Instructional Supports

· Strengths/Weaknesses of Assignment

Example: Mission Happier, Grade 12,

3. Student Work—Grade 1 Fun Activity

Our example begins on P. 13.

When you look at an assignment, you want to consider three key elements:

What Students **Know**, What they **Do**, and What they **Understand**

v The following chart may be helpful

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|  | BEFORE THEY BEGAN | DURING THE ASSIGNMENT | AFTER THE ASSIGNMENT |
| THE STUDENT KNEW |  |  |  |
| THE STUDENT WAS SKILLED AT |  |  |  |
| THE STUDENT UNDERSTOOD |  |  |  |

4. Student Work by Grade Bands

Options

A. Common Grading of An Assignment—Select a Rubric, Use one of the Starred Assignments and Grade— See if there is consistency among teachers at the same grade level

B. Take one of the rubrics in your grade band and independently come up with an assignment and see how similar your tasks are on the same topic (piece of writing/historic topic/looking at a primary source/open response to a text selection) –compare results

C. Select a sample of student work from your grade band.

Use one of the LASW Protocols on my website to guide your work

<http://mattersofeducation.org/workshop_materials/nashoba/>

pw: Nashoba15

Suggested Student Work and Assignments in Each Grade Band are Noted with a Star

Rubrics are also noted by title but usually at the bottom of each grade band’s folder

D. Look at MA ELA Writing Standards (also on the website, broken down by Grade Bands) for your grade level. Evaluate the work in your folder. How do you exceed/meet/fall short of the State Writing standards?

SOME POSSIBLE SOURCES FOR VERTICAL CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

MA Population and the Electoral College, 1789-2010

<http://maps.bpl.org/sites/default/files/Massachusetts_Population_and_Electoral_College.jpg>

Maury Whale Chart, 1851

<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Whale_chart_(2710798884).jpg>

Uncle Sam’s Family Tree, 1900 <http://maps.bpl.org/id/12971>

Slave Distribution Map, 1861

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/placesinhistory/archive/2011/20110318_slavery.html>

Imperial Federation Map, 1886, <http://maps.bpl.org/id/m8682>

Anthony Burns Lithograph, <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/resource/pga.04268/>