



College Readiness Assignments for Texas

Getting Started Guide

Welcome to CRAFTx.org!

We are excited that you are interested in learning more about College Readiness Assignments (CRAs)! To introduce you to the CRAs and other resources available to you, we created this Getting Started Guide. If you have any questions along the way, please feel free to contact us at craftxcontact@gmail.com.

Learn about the CRAFT Project and our philosophy of Readiness

Click the [‘About’ tab](#). View the short video, and read a brief introduction and history of the CRAFT project.

Click the [‘Resources’ tab](#). View the ‘Defining College Readiness’ video.

Get to know CRAFTx.org

Click the [‘Resources’ tab](#). View the ‘Navigating CRAFTx.org’ video. This will introduce you to the layout and content of the website.

After you view the video, explore the website a little on your own. We encourage you to create a free login account so you can participate in discussions and leave comments on the CRAs and blog posts.

Get to know a College Readiness Assignment (CRA)

Click the [‘Resources’ tab](#); then view the ‘Anatomy of a CRA’ video.

Get to know a Scoring Guide

Also on the [‘Resources’ tab](#), view the ‘Anatomy of a Scoring Guide’ video.

Explore a CRA

Click the [‘CRAs’ tab](#); then click the name of a subject area that interests you. Skim the CRA descriptions, locate one that sounds interesting or applicable to your area, and click on it. At the bottom of each CRA’s page you will find links to download PDFs of the CRA and Scoring Guide. Once downloaded, open and read the PDFs (you’ll need the free Adobe Acrobat Reader software or Preview on a Mac). Refer back to the ‘Anatomy of a CRA’ and ‘Anatomy of a Scoring Guide’ videos if needed to clarify the purpose and content of the sections.

Explore an Independent Study CRA

Click the [‘CRAs’ tab](#); then click the ‘Independent Study CRAs’ button. These 10 CRAs, adapted from the Classroom Use CRAs, are fully-online and require minimal instruction.

They are perfect for assigning students as extra credit or for self-study. Skim the CRA descriptions, and locate one that sounds interesting or applicable to your area. Then, click through the activities to see how the CRA is presented online.

Now that you’re more familiar with the purpose, structure, and content of the CRAs, we encourage you to explore the CRAs available and consider ways they fit into your curriculum. As you make plans to implement the CRAs, we recommend you check out the videos under the ‘Pedagogy and Classroom Practice’ section of the Resources page. Thank you for all you do for Texas education!