SRA Reasoning and Writing

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Levels

- Level A For students in a beginning reading program and qualify under placement test
- Level B For students who read at a beginning second grade level and qualify under placement test
- Level C For students who read at least second grade level and qualify under placement test
- Level D For students who read at least fourth grade level and qualify under placement test.

Level A Skills

- Higher Order Thinking
 - If/then
 - All/some/none
 - Sequencing
- Preparation for Reading/Writing
 - Comprehension
 - Sequencing
 - Classification
 - Reasoning

Level B Skills

- Higher Order Thinking
 - Comprehension skills
- Preparation for Reading/Writing
 - Following and writing instructions
 - Constructing deductions and drawing conclusions
 - Clarity
 - Time, Rate & Distance
 - Writing

Level C Skills

- Writing process
- Subject-Predicate, Grammar, & Punctuation
- Clarity
- Organization
- Editing

Level D Skills

- Compare/Contrast
- Narrative writing
- Figures & Maps
- Statements & Claims
- Arguments
- Summaries & Critiques

Application

- Students don't just answer questions, they do things to create changes
- Clue games
- Make corrections
- Complete and construct displays to create if/then possibilities
- Pictures for each story
 - Students point or change a part of the picture based on the comprehension question asked

Question/Answer

Review curriculum in grade/ability leveled groups

