



We are pleased that the Texas Resource Review (TRR) of English Language Arts and Reading materials review has recognized the high quality of the *Texas Wonders* curriculum.

*Texas Wonders* provides access to complex, grade level content and skills by employing research based instructional strategies developed by many of our authors, including Diane August, Jana Echevarria, Doug Fisher, Tim Shanahan, and Donald Bear. Our theory of action is grounded in the belief that a high-quality equitable solution provides all students with opportunities to access and fully engage with rigorous, grade-level standards. Each student receives access in a comprehensible way to both grade-level content and concepts in each unit of instruction, including reading, writing, speaking, listening, and critical thinking.

In addition, *Texas Wonders* provides access for all in a culturally responsive learning environment enriched with authentic, diverse texts that provide students with opportunities to develop greater understandings of various cultures. Since this materials review was conducted, *Texas Wonders* now includes additional Culturally Responsive Lessons for select anchor texts in the program which provide more opportunities for students to explore and discuss diverse perspectives. These lessons are available digitally in the online Teacher Workspace. Teachers are provided the support to work with students to build community, collaboration, and mutual respect through collaborative conversations. The texts in *Texas Wonders* introduce students to a diverse range of voices, races, and experience. The texts in *Texas Wonders* are organized by Essential Questions. Many of the texts focus on relevant issues, examples, and real-world problems, along with prompts and questions that encourage students to engage and think critically about how they would address a similar problem or issue. Students engage in tasks that are worthwhile and challenge and expand their thinking.

We are also excited that TRR has acknowledged the wealth of student opportunities that *Texas Wonders* provides, including opportunities to practice and develop fluency and accuracy; analyze and integrate knowledge; use text evidence; make connections within and across texts; build academic vocabulary; extend and differentiate learning; develop composition skills; gain proficiency in speaking, listening to, reading, and writing English; and achieve grade-level mastery of skills. Our development team and our expert authors believe that these opportunities for practice, application, and mastery of skills and strategies are critical elements of a strong literacy curriculum.