

provides a clear road map for teachers to follow, which meets the needs of new and veteran teachers. Although the lesson plans provided at the beginning of each unit tend to be quite structured, there is room for teachers to incorporate their own creative ideas into the structure of subsequent lessons. The program strives to bring out the teachers' creativity which teachers claim is often subdued during the standards-based reform.

By giving teachers a guideline to follow, they will have the opportunity to design subsequent lesson plans of their own, commensurate with their individual teaching styles. The lesson plans within the program, equipped with behavioral and conceptual objectives, are designed to meet the needs of students at all levels of ability. The literacy integration component allows teachers to maintain a developmental approach to their students' learning processes, as writing is often used as a means of assessing knowledge and an understanding of skills and concepts.

Each chapter begins with the following components:

How to Use the TPS Curriculum Materials

