

## Lesson 1: What does it Mean to be "College and Career Ready"?

### Introduction

Yes, it's me again! Don't worry; I'm not going to keep talking your ear off. I'm just going to take a moment to orient you to the structure of the lessons so you know what to expect — then, you're on your own for a while.

Each lesson has some features in common and others that are unique to that particular topic. You can expect every lesson to have an introduction, a set of learning objectives, and a quiz at the end to help reinforce what you've learned. Most lessons also have activities that will require you to do exercises like matching or putting items into proper categories. Some will require you to go online and look for specific information. Most lessons also have features called "Stop and Thinks." These are opportunities for you to take a break and consider how the information you are learning applies to you, your teaching, your school, and your students. All lessons are divided up by sub-topic to make them easier to follow.

I already gave you a sneak preview of Lesson One, so you know that this lesson will introduce you to the Four Keys, or the college and career readiness model we'll use throughout the course. You may want to have a pencil ready to take notes; this lesson is the foundation for a lot of important discussions we'll have later.

Are you ready to get started? Here we go!