**Strong Teaching Tasks are:**

* Are worthyof 2, 3 or 4 weeks of instruction
* Ask students to grapple with important content to the discipline
* Target grade specific Common Core literacy standards and content standards
* Evolve from a rigorous text-dependent question directly related to the content or standard(s)being taught
* Provide opportunities to read informational text of appropriate text complexity and content specific to the grade level
* Have students working in the most effective mode of discourse/text structure to demonstrate understanding and new knowledge
* Involve products written for an authentic audiences
* Stay true to the wording of the template task

**Important Note:**

When looked at cumulatively, strong teaching tasks engage students in a balanced set of rich writing tasks over the course of the year.