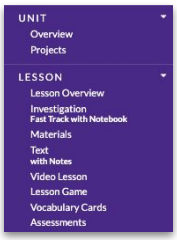
Getting Started with Your TCI Science Teacher Account

Welcome! We are thrilled to show you around your TCI Teacher Account. This guide will help you explore the features available in your account. In addition to this guide, watch for in-app support including **Alert Bars** at the top of key pages, **Explore This Page tours**, and **What's New** notifications with the latest TCI updates. You can also visit our **Help Center** for answers to frequently asked questions.

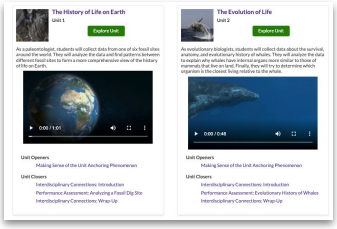
Navigating TCI

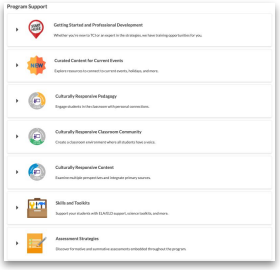
- You and your students can quickly access the TCI resources using the purple Sidebar.
- The resources and the arrangement of the purple Sidebar will vary across elementary, and middle school programs.
- Curious to know what your students see? Sign in as a student from the Program Dashboard.



Program Content

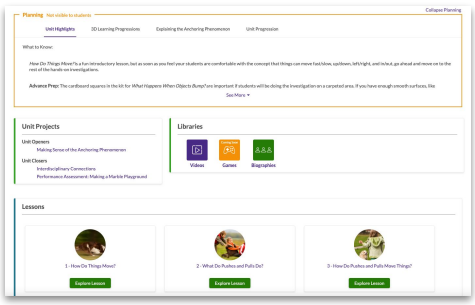
- The **Program Content** page highlights all the units within the program, giving you and your students a quick access to the unit projects, which include the Unit Openers and Unit Closers.
- Maneuver through your school year like a TCI expert with **Program Support**. Whether you are a new teacher or a veteran with years of teaching experience under your belt, you will find useful program resources on this page.





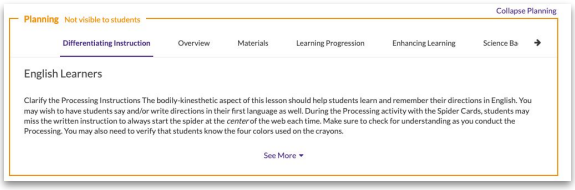
Unit Overview

- Get a bird's-eye view of the whole unit with the Unit Overview page.
- The Unit Page shows you the **Lessons**, **Unit Projects**, and **Libraries** you need for big-picture planning.
- The Planning area gives you an overview of the **Unit Highlights, 3D Learning Progressions, Exploring the Anchoring Phenomenon,** and **Unit Progression.**



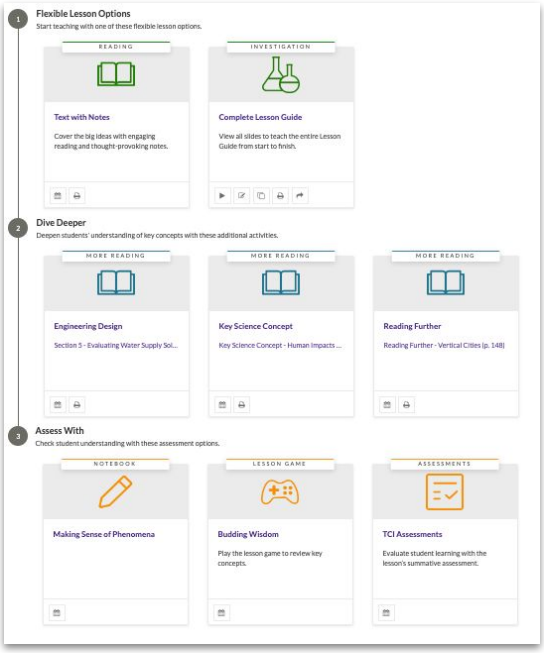
Lesson Planning

- Lesson planning is as simple as 1-2-3. The Planning area gives you a quick overview of the lesson, **Materials** needed, **Differentiating Instruction** to meet all students' needs , **Enhancing Learning**, **Learning Progression**, **Science Background**, and more!



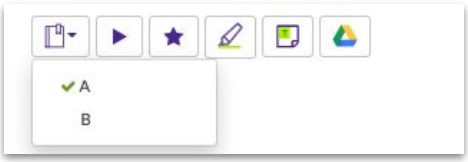
Flexible Lesson Options

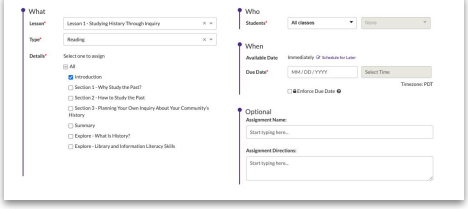
- The Lesson Page will show different ways to teach the content. Start by choosing one of the flexible lesson options.
- Easily share resources with students.
- Want to dive deeper? Pick one of the enrichment resources available for the lesson.
- Finally, check for understanding by choosing from a variety of tools—from games to summative assessments.



Student Text Support

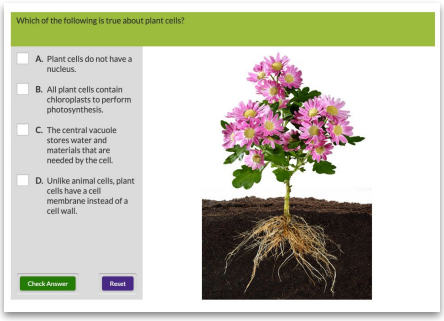
- Meet student needs with the **Reading Level** option:
  - **Level A** text is within the grade-level Lexile range
  - **Level B** text is in a range two grades below grade level
- **Highlight** text, save **notes**, and reveal **Main Ideas.**
- Download the Text to **Google Drive** or **print** it out as needed.
- **Assign** the Text to students via your district LMS.





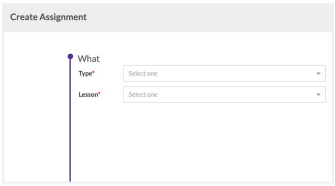
Notebook

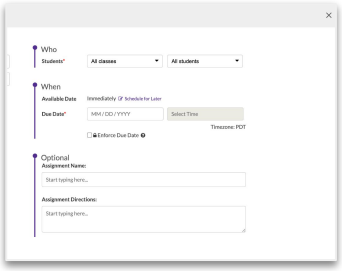
- Have students demonstrate their grasp of content and skills throughout the lesson in their auto-saved **Notebooks**.
- The Check for Understanding activities motivate students to engage with content in a variety of creative ways and self-assess by receiving immediate non-graded feedback.



Flexible Assignments

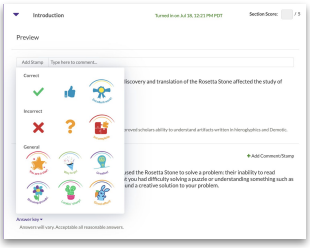
- Use the “What” area to assign only the **specific content** your students need access to.
- In the “Who” area, **assign to individual students** or entire classes.
- Get as granular as you need in the “When” area. Control **access down to the minute.**
- Need a place to write specific instructions for the assignment? Add it in the “Optional” area before assigning.

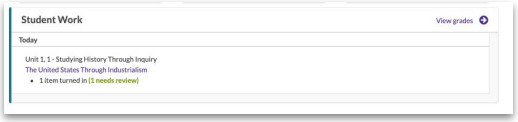




Flexible Grading

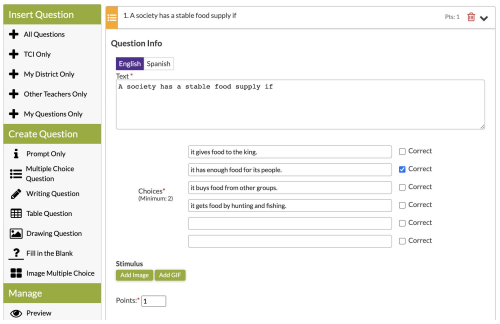
- Who says grading has to be tedious? Choose **view by student** if you want to see how well a student understands the content, or choose **view by question** if you wish to speed through the grading process.
- Want to see students’ responses even though their work is still in progress? Toggle to **“answered”** to filter out the unanswered questions.
- You can also **add comments** or **stamps** as you work your way down the questions and change the default score to meet your needs.
- Stay on top of **Student Work** from the Program Dashboard.





Customizable Assessments

- Use TCI's default tests, tests created by teachers from your district, or get creative and craft your own!
- See a question that you really like in the Notebook? Add it in from our **Question Bank**. Want to test your students' knowledge in a way that's unique to your class? Make your own questions using any of our question types: multiple choice (can have more than one answer!), writing, table, drawing, fill-in-the-blank, or multiple image choice.



Interactive Lesson Games

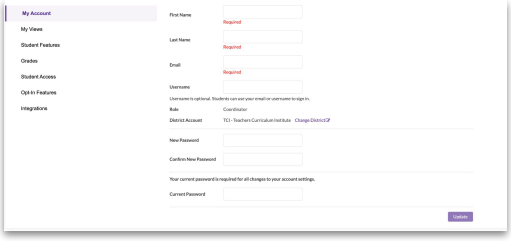
- TCI's **Lesson Games** help students review key concepts and skills while helping you with formative assessment.
- Individual **Lesson Game** results and overall class trends are available to help you know which topics you might need to give more coverage.

Reference

- In the **Reference** area of the **Sidebar**, you'll find teacher-only tools like our **Pacing Guide** and **Correlations**.
- You can also access the learning libraries to easily find **Videos** and **Biographies**.
- The **Reference** area is also where students can access any notes they've made in the Text.

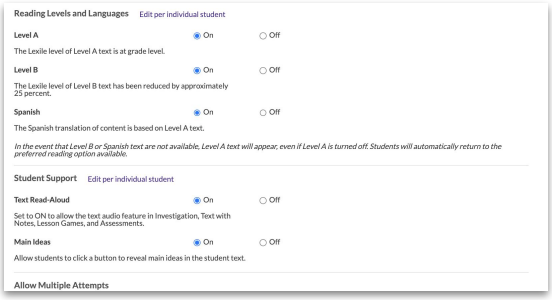
Settings

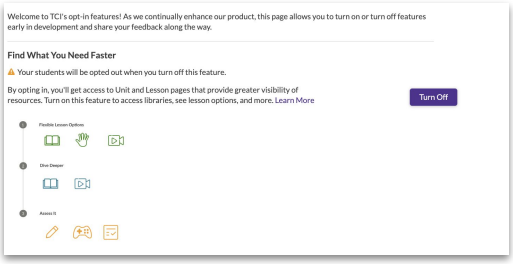
- The **Settings** page gives you complete control over your account and what your student can access.
- Change your TCI account credentials anytime with the **My Account** tab.



Settings (Continued)

- Control what students can access with the **Student Features** tab. Students see all of the Notebook sections and Lesson Games by default.
- Select your default points per Notebook or what results you want highlighted from the **Grades** tab.
- Select what students can see during and after a test and what content they can have access to from the **Student Access** tab.
- Explore and enable new features from the **Opt-In Features** tab.
- Connect and check the status of your LMS integration from the **Integrations** tab.





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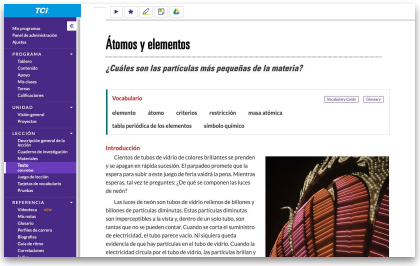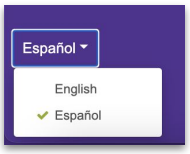
- With our Spanish Immersion View feature, you and your students can view TCI program content in Spanish, including the navigation, labels, and buttons.
- Spanish content can be viewed using the toggle button at the bottom of the online account.
- You can control all your students' access to the feature from the **Student Features Settings** page.