

Course Description

The 4th grade Language Arts curriculum integrates reading, writing, speaking, listening, and the study of vocabulary and grammar in a way that engages today's learners and supports them in building a broad and diverse set of literacy skills. Students study classic literature as well as more contemporary forms, including media and multimedia products. Writing assignments in semester A focus on narrative and persuasive modes and emphasize the use of reasoning and details to support opinions. Each writing assignment spans several lessons and guides students through a writing process that begins with prewriting and ends by emphasizing one or more aspects of conventions of standard written English. Students also learn how to participate in collaborative discussion and peer review sessions. In each lesson, engaging and relevant models and step-by-step instruction guide students toward mastery and appreciation of 21st century communication in all its forms and functions.

Module	Lesson Title	Objectives	Assessments
1	Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain what literature means to people and society. • Name some reasons why people read. • Describe your own reading preferences and habits. • Explain when and why correct spelling is important. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction Lesson Quiz • Writer in Training Assignment
	Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe some strategies for reading well. • Define decoding and test y. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Quiz • How Do You Read? Assignment
	Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the stages of the writing process and explain how each stage helps you write well. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Quiz
	Standard English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define standard English and explain when it's needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard English Quiz • Processes Independent Reading Assignment
	Making Inferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define detail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Inferences Quiz

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	Collaborative Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take part in a collaborative discussion. Support an opinion with reasons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborative Discussion Quiz
	Multiple Meanings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain how speakers and writers use words with multiple meanings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple Meanings Quiz Module 1 Exam Inferences Independent Reading Assignment
2	Parts of a Plot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name the basic elements of a story, and the parts of a plot. Explain how plots are different in short stories, compared to novels. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parts of a Plot Quiz
	Growing as a Reader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify some goals for your own growth in reading. Use the "progressive" verb tense to write about events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growing as a Reader Quiz Reading Goals Assignment Novel Plots Assignment
	Verb Tense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the "progressive" verb tense to write about events. Understand how verb tense effects the story. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verb Tense Quiz Plot Independent Reading Assignment
	Conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the conflict in a story, and relate conflict to plot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conflict Quiz
	Context Clues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use context clues to figure out what a word means. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Context Clues Quiz Conflict in Novels Assignment
	Relative Adverbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select good topics and plan ideas for a narrative writing assignment. Use relative adverbs to describe events in your narrative. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relative Adverbs Quiz Ideas for Your Short Story Assignment Practice Using Relative Adverbs Assignment Conflict Independent Reading Assignment
	Setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and describe the setting in a story. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting Quiz

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	Setting Context Clues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the context clues in a story's setting to learn new words. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Context Clues Quiz
	Prepositional Phrases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use prepositional phrases to develop setting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepositional Phrases Quiz Build Your Story's Setting Assignment Module 2 Exam Setting Independent Reading Assignment
3	Character Traits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe a story's characters in terms of character traits. Identify and use several methods for communicating a character's traits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Character Traits Quiz
	Developing Characters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and use several methods for communicating a character's traits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing Characters Quiz Develop Your Characters Assignment
	Precise Verbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distinguish between precise and imprecise verbs. Edit writing to make the verbs more precise. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precise Verbs Quiz Novel Characters Assignment
	Characterization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize direct and indirect characterization. Use direct and indirect characterization to develop a character. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Characterization Quiz Characters Independent Reading Assignment
	Dialogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Punctuate dialogue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dialogue Quiz Writing Dialog Assignment Checking Punctuation Assignment

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	Word Endings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use what you know about word endings to figure out what words mean. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Word Endings Quiz Characterization Independent Reading Assignment
	Points of View	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the effect of point of view on a story. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Points of View Quiz
	Paraphrasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paraphrase someone else's comments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paraphrasing Quiz
	Relative Pronoun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use relative pronouns to describe a character. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relative Pronoun Quiz Relative Pronouns Practice Assignment
	Writing Point of View	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose the best point of view for your story. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing Point of View Quiz Choose Your Narrator Assignment Module 3 Exam Point of View Independent Reading Assignment
4	Analyzing Narrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze and describe the narrator of a story. Select a narrator for your short story. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzing Narrators Quiz
	Introducing Narrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce a story's narrator in a way that is interesting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing Narrators Quiz Who's Your Narrator? Assignment
	Using Direct Quotes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use commas and quotation marks to punctuate a direct quote. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using Direct Quotes Quiz Introducing Your Narrator Assignment Narrators Independent Reading Assignment
	Defining Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define theme. Explain the difference between theme and plot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining Theme Quiz

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	Sentence Fragments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write a short story based on your prewriting ideas. Apply strategies for deciding if a sentence is complete. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sentence Fragments Quiz A Good Ending Assignment Theme vs. Plot Independent Reading Assignment
	Finding Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the themes in a story, based on events and details. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finding Themes Quiz
	Writing Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write the theme of a story and support it with reasons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing Themes Quiz Finding Themes in Novels Assignment Writing Themes Assignment
	Themes and Titles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain how a story's title and theme are sometimes related. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Themes and Titles Quiz
	Clarifying Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify questions that help a discussion by clarifying what others have said. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarifying Questions Quiz Module 4 Exam Finding Themes Independent Reading Assignment
5	Common Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the themes that two stories have in common. Give reasons supported by facts and details. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common Themes Quiz Finding Common Themes Assignment
	Reviewing Discussion Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review key ideas expressed in a discussion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing Discussion Ideas Quiz
	Idioms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define and recognize examples of idioms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Idioms Quiz Comparing Themes Independent Reading Assignment
	Myths, Fables, and Folk Tales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare and contrast forms of short fiction. Use academic words related to the study of fiction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Myths, Fables, and Folk Tales Quiz

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	Claims and Opinions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write an opinion paper about something you've read. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claims and Opinions Quiz
	Writing Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain what makes a good conclusion to an opinion paper. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a Claim Assignment Adding a Conclusion Assignment
	Forms of Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List and compare media forms used to tell stories. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forms of Fiction Independent Reading Assignment Forms of Media Quiz
	Paraphrasing in the Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paraphrase ideas presented in media other than written text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paraphrasing in the Media Quiz Paraphrase It Assignment
	Transitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link opinions and reasons using transition words and phrases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transitions Quiz Tag It Assignment
	Checking for Commas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply rules for using commas after transitional tags. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Checking for Commas Quiz Module 5 Exam Forms of Media Independent Reading Assignment
6	Analyzing Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze a story delivered in media other than written text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzing Media Quiz Analyze This Assignment
	Analyzing Stereotypes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the written work of peers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzing Stereotypes Quiz Analyze Stereotypes Assignment
	Peer Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the written work of peers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer Review Quiz

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	Revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise a story to help readers follow a sequence of events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision Quiz Revising Your Short Story Assignment
	Editing for Commas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edit sentences with comma errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Editing for Commas Quiz Analyzing Media Independent Reading Assignment
	Mythological Characters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify key characters from various cultures' myths. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mythological Characters Quiz
	Allusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define and identify examples of an allusion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allusions Quiz
	References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use reference materials to confirm allusions to mythology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> References Quiz Researching Narcissus Assignment Mythology Independent Reading Assignment
	Comparing Myths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare and contrast myths from different cultures. Write and support a claim comparing and contrasting two myths. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparing Myths Quiz Comparing (Cat/Horse/Dragon) Myths Assignment
	Backing up Claims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back up claims made about different cultures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Conclusion Assignment
	Latin Roots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define words with Latin roots based in mythology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Latin Roots Quiz Module 6 Exam Comparing Myths Independent Reading Assignment