

Digital Guide

A Step-by-Step Guide to Getting Started Online



Welcome to StudySync Digital

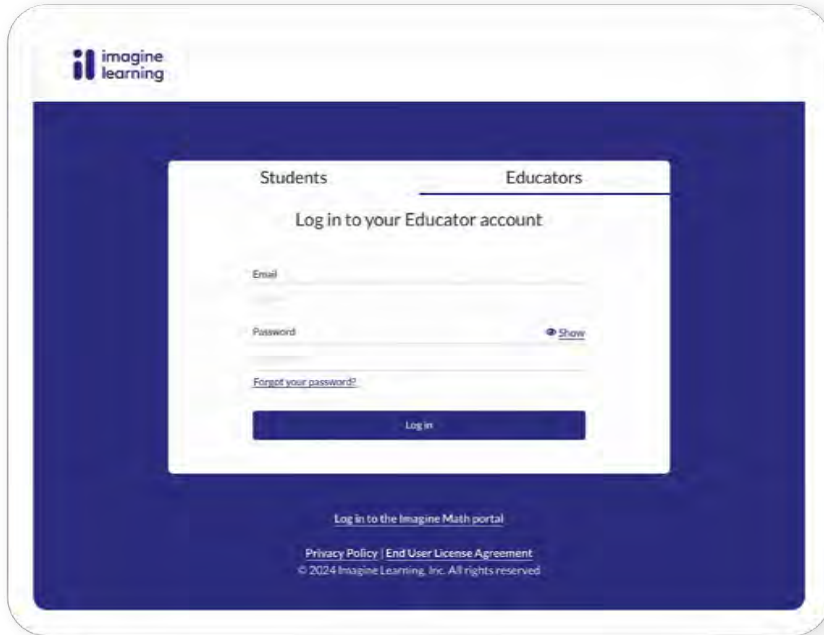
Grounded in the latest literacy and learning science research, **StudySync** supports every teacher in reaching every learner. With instruction centered around text-based knowledge building, integrated writing, and flexible delivery models, educators are empowered to teach with confidence, while a robust text library and unparalleled student-facing differentiation ensure all students see themselves in what they're reading and discover a love of literature.

Bring literature to life with StudySync,
a comprehensive ELA curriculum for grades 6–12.

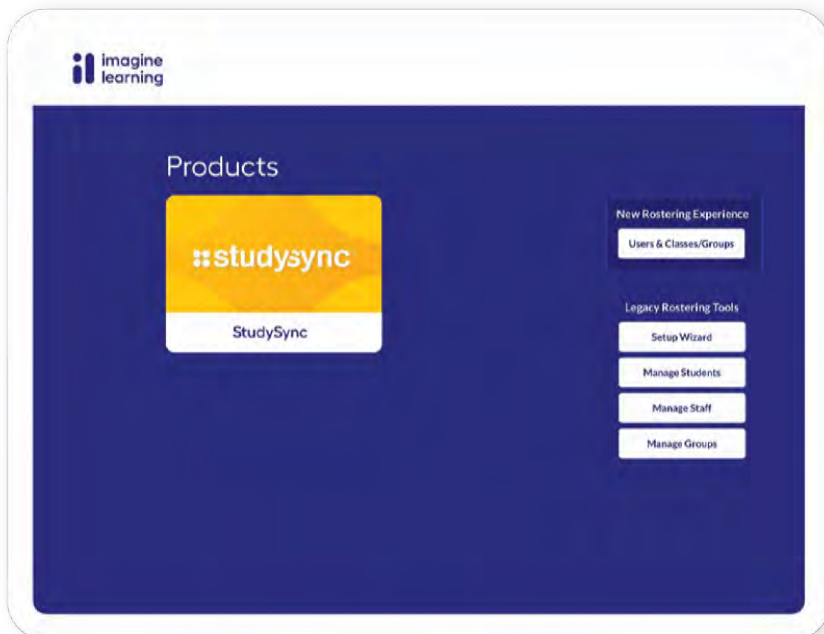




Get Started Online



- 01.** Visit login.imaginelearning.com to log in. Use the username and password provided to you.



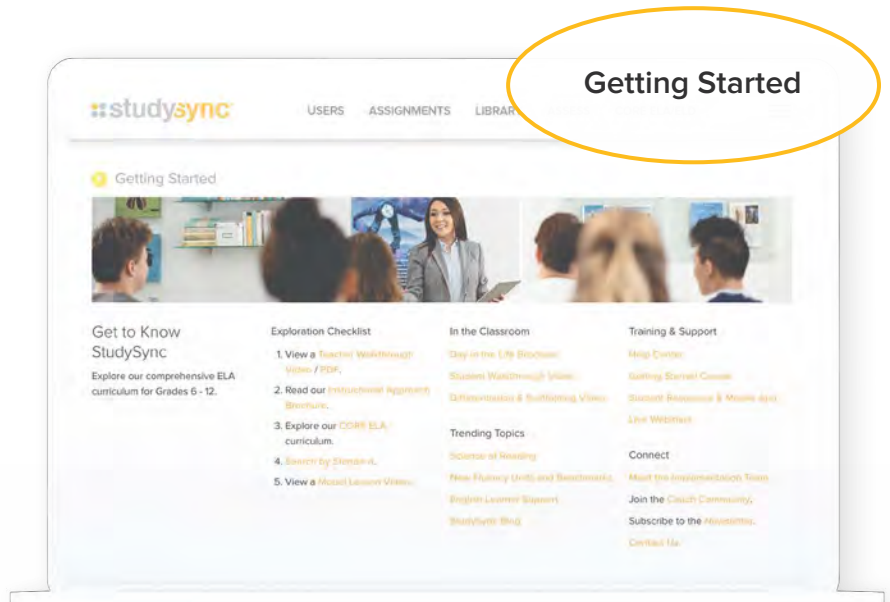
- 02.** Select the **StudySync** Teacher Edition.

Your StudySync Homepage

Your review begins at the StudySync homepage. For a guided review experience, head to Getting Started. If you're interested in diving right into the content, click on CORE ELA in the top navigation. When you're ready, continue your review by following the instructions in this guide.

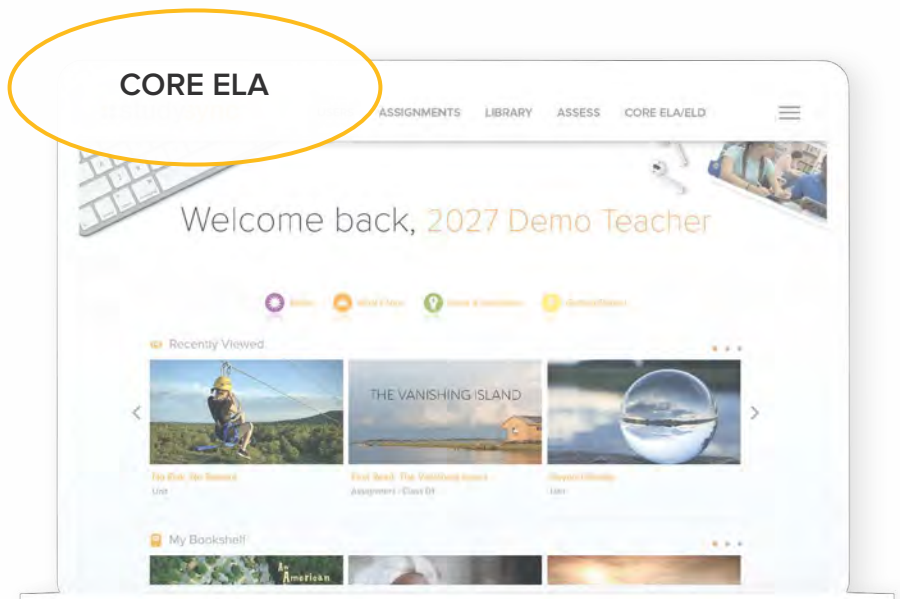
Start your review here!

Head to **Getting Started** for a tour of our digital platform and an instructional approach overview. Then, go deeper to learn about standards alignment, science of reading, LMS integration options, and more.



Just show me the content!

Click on **CORE ELA** at the top of the navigation bar to get right into the curriculum. Find six Core ELA units per grade level, novel studies, and more.





ELA Curriculum and Instructional Path

For this walkthrough we will explore **Grade 9, Unit 1**. A StudySync subscription provides all of the ELA and ELL, also known as multilingual learners, lessons and resources for grades 6–12, no matter which grades you teach. Each grade level includes six Core ELA units.

To select Grade 9, Unit 1, begin by selecting the top level menu item CORE ELA, choose Grade 9, then select the poster for Unit 1: Divided We Fall.

The screenshot displays the StudySync Grade 9 ELA curriculum interface. At the top, the page is titled "Grade 9" with a subtitle: "Each Thematic and Novel Study option ensures full coverage of all standards in that unit...". Below this, there are two main columns: "Thematic Unit Options" and "Novel Study Unit Options".

Under "Thematic Unit Options", there are three units listed:

- Unit 1: Divided We Fall** (highlighted with a yellow circle). It features a photo of a diverse group of students. Below the photo is a blue button labeled "Unit 1: Divided We Fall".
- Unit 2: The Call to Adventure**. It features a photo of a person standing on a beach. Below the photo is a blue button labeled "The Call to Adventure".
- Unit 3: Declaring Your Genius**. It features a photo of a person standing on a cliff at sunset. Below the photo is a blue button labeled "Declaring Your Genius".

Under "Novel Study Unit Options", there are three units listed:

- American Born Chinese...**. It features a photo of a building with red lanterns. Below the photo is a blue button labeled "American Born Chinese...".
- Of Mice and Men**. It features a photo of a red barn. Below the photo is a blue button labeled "Of Mice and Men".
- The Hobbit**. It features a photo of a tree trunk. Below the photo is a blue button labeled "The Hobbit".
- Bless Me, Ultima**. It features a photo of an owl. Below the photo is a blue button labeled "Bless Me, Ultima".
- Animal Farm**. It features a photo of a pig. Below the photo is a blue button labeled "Animal Farm".
- Outliers: The Story of ...**. It features a photo of a house. Below the photo is a blue button labeled "Outliers: The Story of ...".

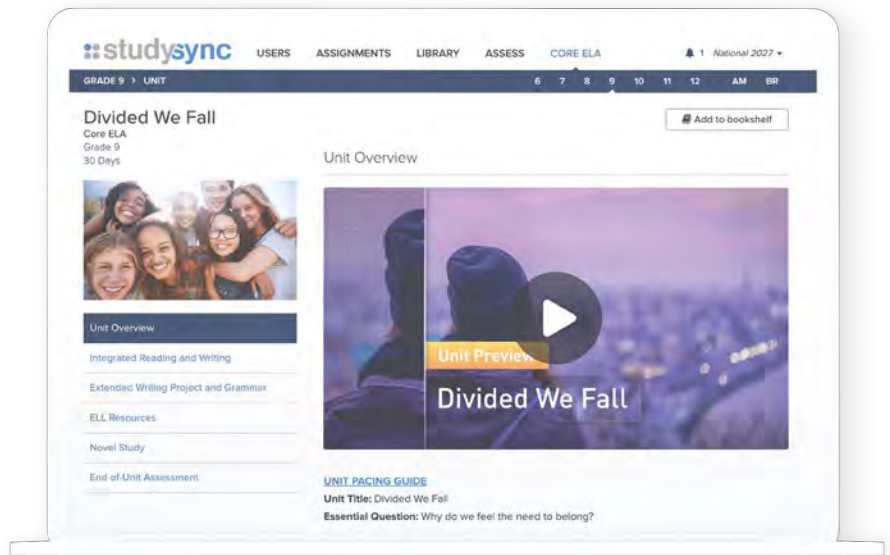
Each unit option includes a "Pacing Guide" link with a note "(Opens in a new tab)".

At the top of the interface, the labels "CORE ELA" and "GRADE 9" are circled in yellow, indicating the selection path.

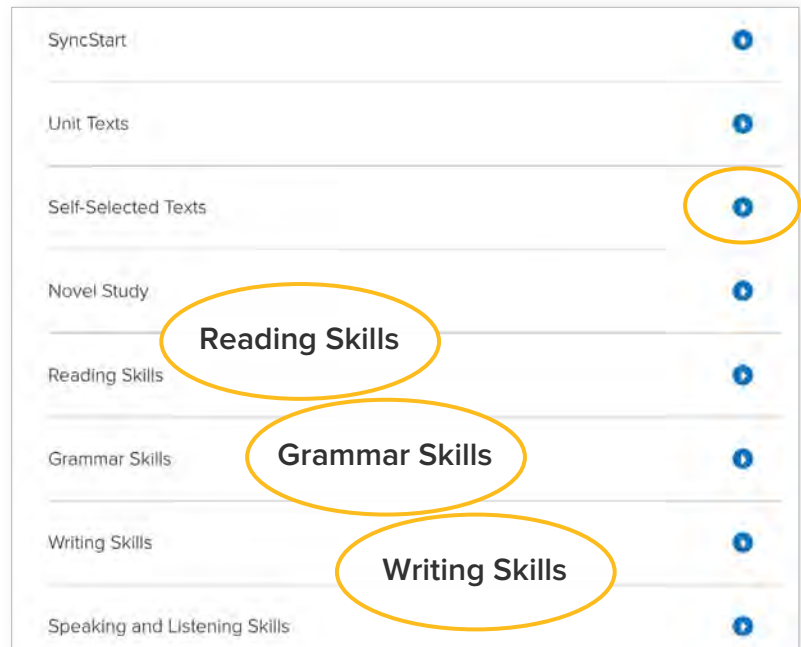
ELA Unit Overview

The Unit Overview contains a video preview introducing the theme and the Essential Question of the unit. Units also contain Integrated Writing and Grammar skills as well as the Self-Selected Text suggestions for independent reading and student choice.

01. Select the **Unit Overview** from the menu on the left.

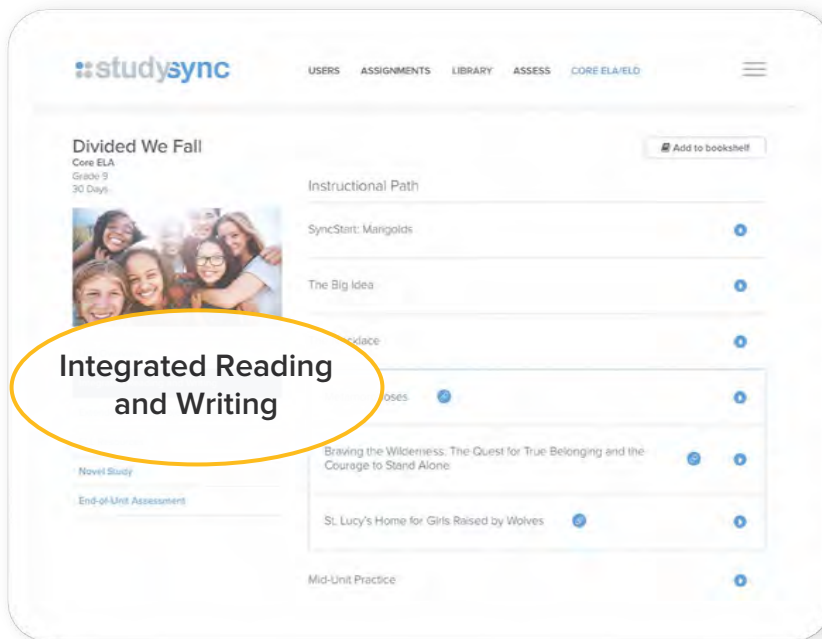


02. Scroll down to view lesson titles.
03. Click the arrows to reveal what each section covers.
04. Standards are also gathered in the Unit Overviews.

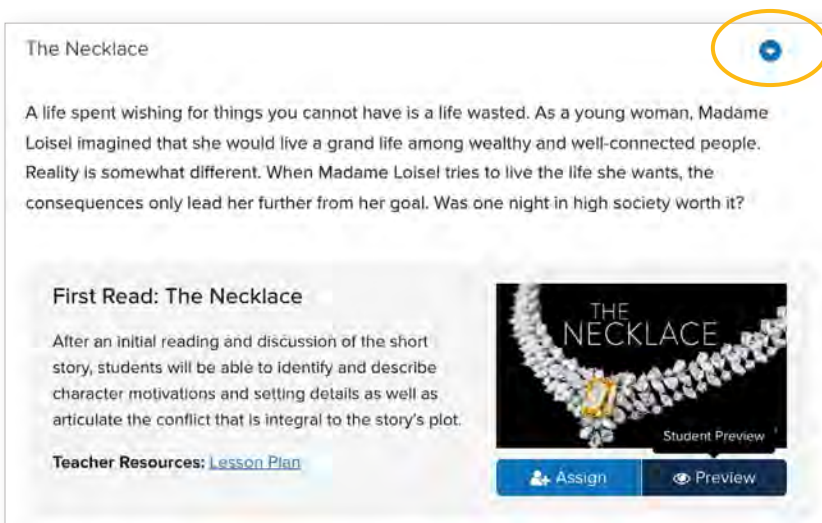




Integrated Reading and Writing



Click on the **Integrated Reading and Writing** blade to view the list of unit text selections, including opportunities to compare within and across genres. Each unit also includes independent reading selections.



Click the drop-down menu for each title to view the **reading routine**.

The Reading Routine

The reading routines for each text include a First Read, Skill Lessons, and a Close Read.

- ✓ **First Reads** help students understand what the text says.
- ✓ **Skill Lessons** explain how the text works.
- ✓ **Close Reads** show what the text means.

- 01.** Click the **Preview** button to experience the First Read lesson from the students' point-of-view.
- 02.** In addition to your print Teacher's Edition, **Lesson Plans** are just a click away at each step of the reading routine.
- 03.** Use the **Assign** button right from the instructional path to assign lessons to students for independent or collaborative work in class or for homework.

The screenshot displays a digital interface for a reading routine. It is organized into three horizontal sections, each with a title, a descriptive paragraph, and a 'Teacher Resources' link. The first section is 'First Read: The Necklace', the second is 'Skill: Theme', and the third is 'Close Read: The Necklace'. Each section includes a 'Preview' button. The 'Preview' button in the first section is circled in yellow. The 'Lesson Plan' link in the 'Skill: Theme' section is circled in yellow. The 'Assign' button in the 'Close Read: The Necklace' section is circled in yellow. The interface also features a 'syncskills' logo in the bottom right corner of each section.

First Read: The Necklace

After an initial reading and discussion of the short story, students will be able to identify and describe character motivations and setting details as well as articulate the conflict that is integral to the story's plot.

Teacher Resources: [Lesson Plan](#)

Preview

Skill: Theme

After rereading and discussing a model of close reading, students will be able to determine a theme or central idea in "The Necklace" and analyze in detail its development over the course of the story, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details, such as the characters' motivations and actions.

Teacher Resources: [Lesson Plan](#)

Assign **Preview**

Close Read: The Necklace

After engaging in a close reading and discussion of "The Necklace," students will be able to produce a short, written response that analyzes how a character develops over the course of the story and describes how the plot twist at the end contributes to the story's theme, citing evidence in the text.

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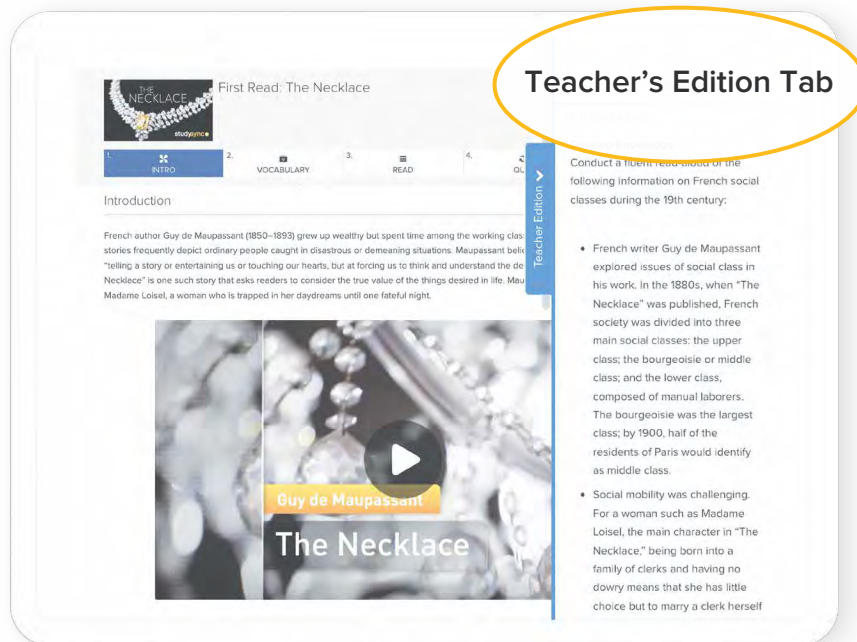
Assign **Preview**



First Read

Each First Read lesson includes an Intro, Read, and Think section for students. Comprehension questions are optional and controlled by the teacher.

- ✓ The **INTRO** sets the stage for the text selection with a dynamic preview video.
- ✓ The next step is for students to **READ** the text with available supports and scaffolds including audio and split screen options for simultaneous viewing of the assignment and the text.
- ✓ The **THINK** tab asks students to respond to questions to clarify their understanding of the text and specific vocabulary in each selection.



Teacher's Edition Tab

While viewing the student lesson, teachers can access the instruction and differentiation at any time.

Skill Lesson

Skill lessons offer a 4-step learning path for each skill: Define, Vocabulary, Model, and Your Turn. This is where you will find grammar lessons, including point-of-view, subject-verb agreement, capitalization, punctuation, academic vocabulary, and more.



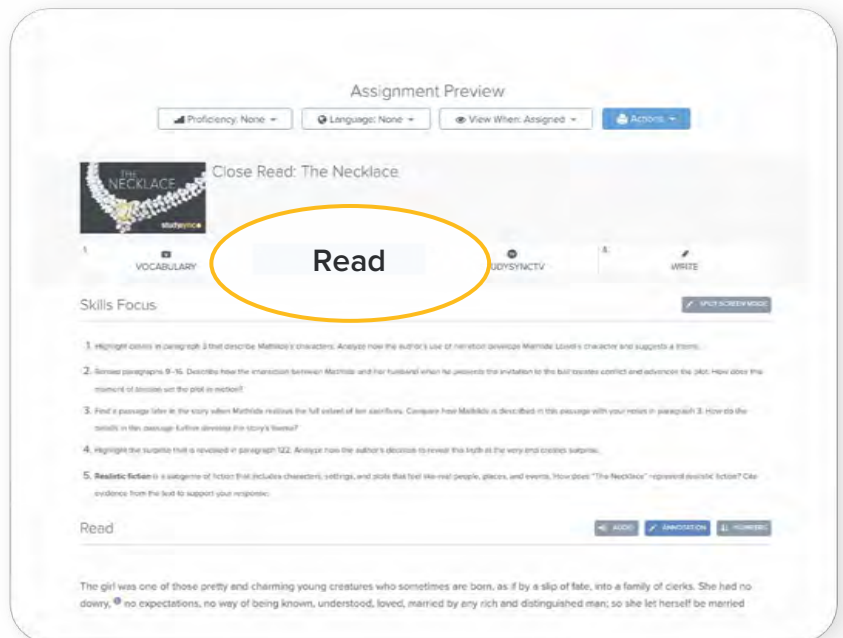
Close Read

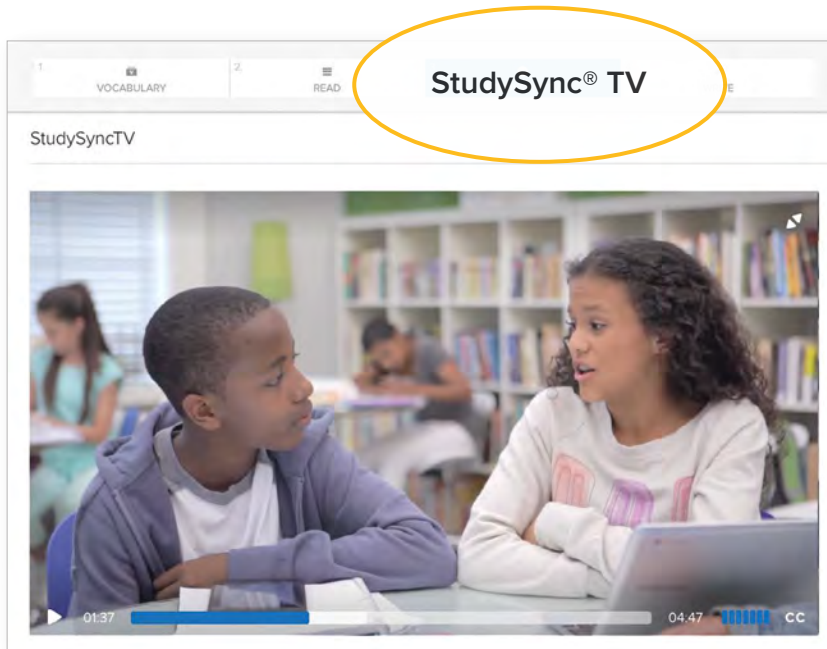
The Close Read gives students an opportunity to reread and analyze the text while applying the standards-based skills they just learned. Close Read sections comprise of Vocabulary, Read, a StudySync® TV episode, and Write which all offer audio tools and additional supports. WritePrecise helps students meet their writing goals by offering real-time feedback.

01. Click **Preview** to view the learning path of the Close Read: Vocabulary, Read, StudySync® TV, and Write.

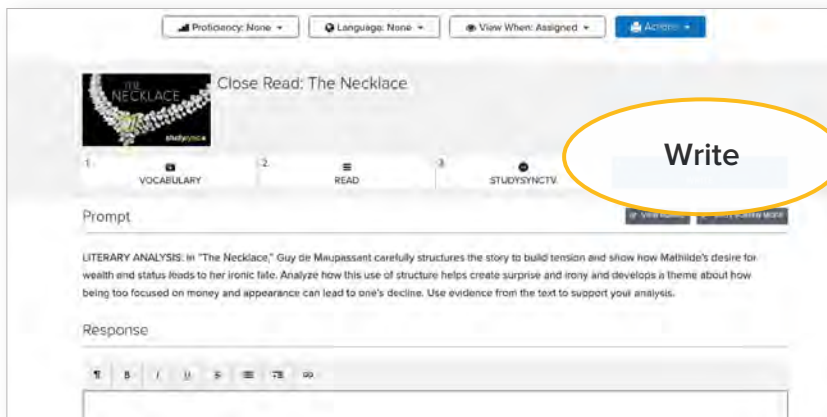


02. Click the **Read** tab to view the selection and the standards-based Focus questions.

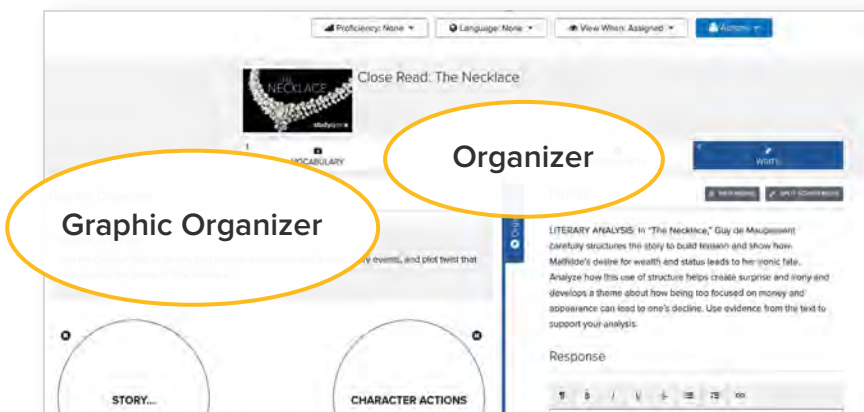




- 03.** Click the **StudySync® TV** tab and watch an engaging student-modeled collaborative conversation. By clicking the blue Teacher's Edition tab, you can scroll to find suggested stopping points with instruction and discussion suggestions.



- 04.** Click the **Write** tab.



- 05.** Next, click the blue vertical tab labeled **Organizer**.

- 06.** Scroll down to view the **Graphic Organizer** for the lesson.

Extended Writing Project

The Extended Writing Project in each unit focuses on different writing forms and covers lessons on the five steps in the process: Plan, Draft, Revise, Edit, Proofread and Publish. Blasts and Skill lessons, including Grammar, help students craft their final essays. WritePrecise, our enhanced automatic writing feedback tool, addresses standards and helps teachers spend less time grading and more quality time with their students.

Click the **Extended Writing Project** blade to view the lessons within the project.

Divided We Fall

Core ELA

Grade 9

30 Days



Unit Overview

Integrated Skills

Extended Writing Project and Grammar

Novel Study

End-of-Unit Assessment

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Instructional Path

Plan

Narrative Writing Process: Plan

After learning about genre characteristics and craft, students will analyze a sample Student Model and plan a meaningful narrative in response to a prompt.

Teacher Resources: [Lesson Plan](#)



AssignPreview

Draft

Skill: Organizing Narrative Writing

After reading and discussing a model of student writing, students will develop their drafts by organizing their narrative effectively.

Teacher Resources: [Lesson Plan](#)



AssignPreview



WritePrecise

Designed to save teachers time and maximize the revision phase of the writing process, WritePrecise provides immediate writing feedback directly aligned with the language and explicit objectives of state standards.



ELL Resources

Every lesson includes scaffolds at five levels. In addition, ELL lessons complement core activities by supporting and reinforcing concepts for English language learners.

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ELL Resources

Instruction

The Christmas Truce of 1914

In this short informational article, two enemies at war stop fighting for a brief time. Could the Christmas spirit make a difference in a dreadful war?

Skill: Sight Vocabulary and High-Frequency Words

CONTENT OBJECTIVE:
Students will be able to learn and recognize sight vocabulary and high-frequency words in English.

LANGUAGE OBJECTIVE:
Students will be able to recognize sight vocabulary and high-frequency words when listening and reading, and produce sight vocabulary and high-frequency words when speaking and writing.

Teacher Resources: [Lesson Plan](#)

01. Click the **ELL Resources** blade and click the orange drop-down arrow next to *The Christmas Truce of 1914* to view the lessons for this created ELL text.

First Read: The Christmas Truce of 1914

CONTENT OBJECTIVE:
Students will be able to perform an initial reading of a text using the strategy of seeking clarification.

LANGUAGE OBJECTIVE:
Students will be able to seek clarification and demonstrate comprehension by responding to questions using text evidence.

Preview

02. Scroll down and click on the **Preview** button for the First Read.

Proficiency Level

Assignment Preview

Language: None [View When Assigned](#) [Assign](#)

The Christmas Truce of 1914

Introduction

World War I was a disastrous war, full of unimaginable agony among the troops. However, early in the war, a remarkable truce occurred. What was it that made enemy troops, for a short while, stop fighting and become friends?

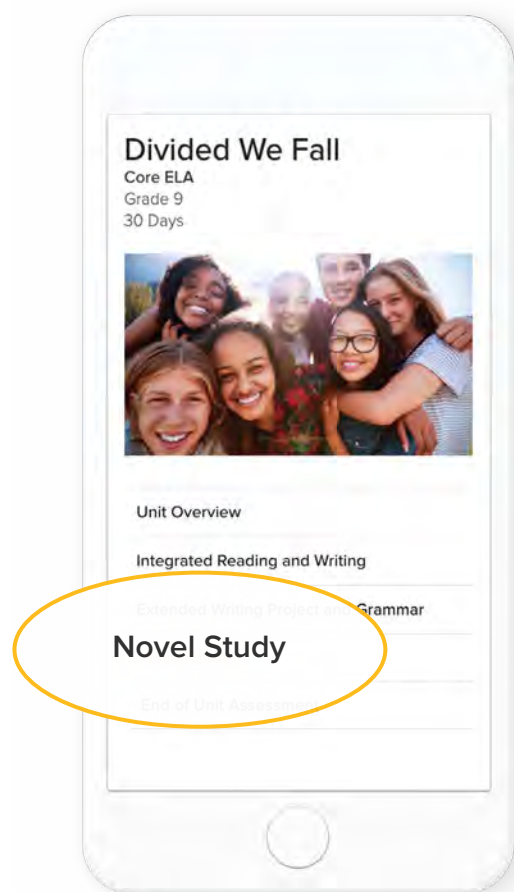
03. Then select a **Proficiency Level** at the top left. Scaffolds show on the **READ** tab on the left.

Novel Studies

Novel Studies offer students an important opportunity to transfer key reading, writing, and speaking and listening skills to longer complex texts.

In high school, Novel Studies can be taught in entire units complete with pacing guides and standards instruction.

The Novel Study Reading Guides identify key passages to help teachers guide students through an exploration of the essential ideas, events, and plot and character development in the novel. They also include close reading questions, key vocabulary, discussion prompts, and culminate in a writing assignment.





Practice and Assessment

StudySync's comprehensive assessment suite is built on the science of reading, offering everything from mid-unit checkpoints to performance tasks that guide instructional decisions. As students engage with StudySync, they're strengthening essential skills and developing the confidence they need for ongoing learning and high-stakes testing.

Mid-Unit Practice

Skill: Vocabulary Practice

After reviewing the meanings of the unit's content and academic vocabulary words, students will practice using them in a variety of contexts.

Teacher Resources: [Lesson Plan](#)

Assign Preview

Skill: Sentence Composition Practice

After explicit instruction on sentence-level composition, students will apply what they have learned to their writing.

Teacher Resources: [Lesson Plan](#)

Assign Preview

Mid-Unit Practice

Assessments challenge students to apply standards-aligned skills in fresh, meaningful contexts, reinforcing retention and driving deeper understanding.

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Assess

Assessment

End-of-Unit - Grade 9 - Unit 1

This assessment uses grade-level appropriate passages and writing prompts to assess student performance against the key reading, writing, and language standards covered in the unit.

Assign Preview

Unit Overview

Integrated Reading and Writing

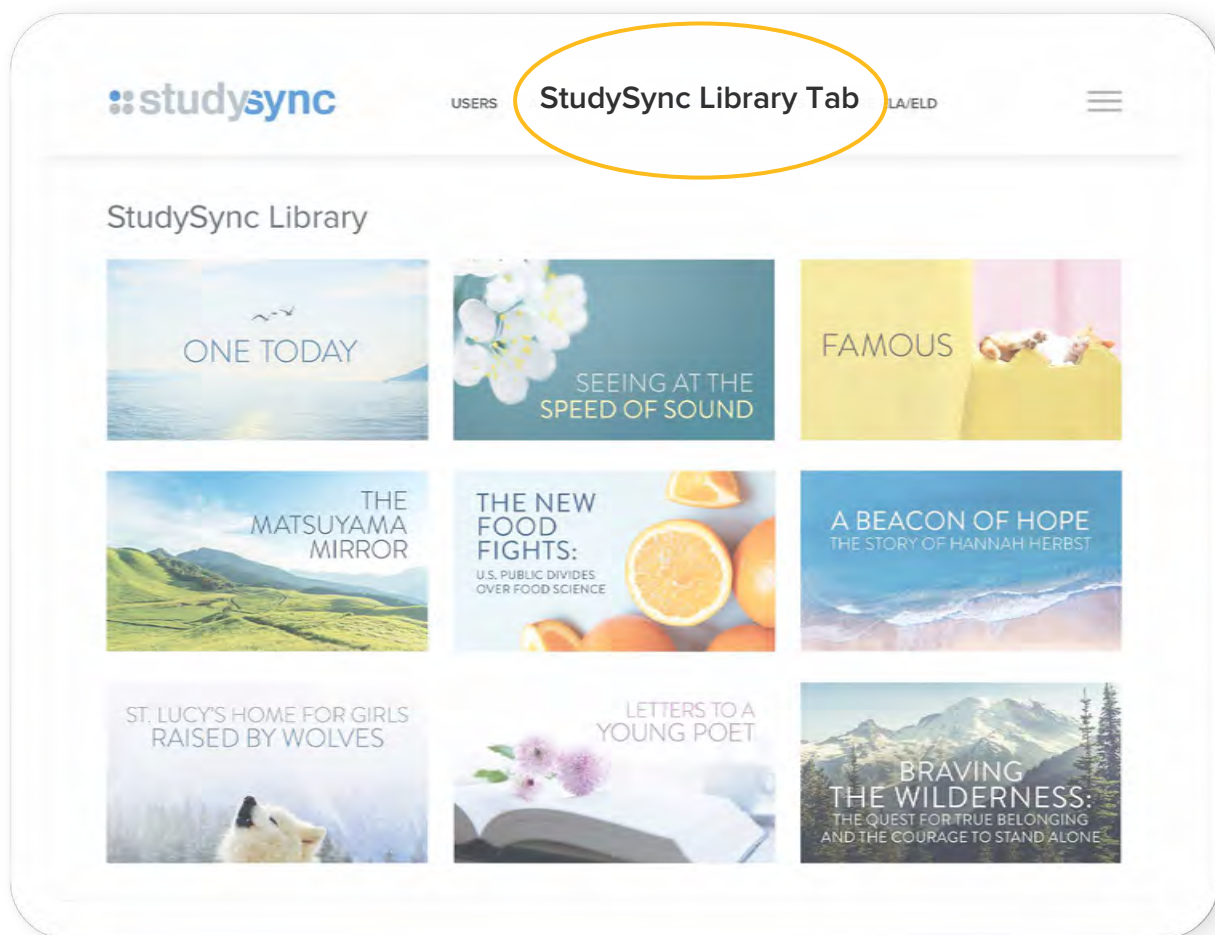
Extended Writing Project and Grammar

End-of-Unit Assessment

End-of-Unit assessments provide further clarity on how your students are progressing against standards mastery.

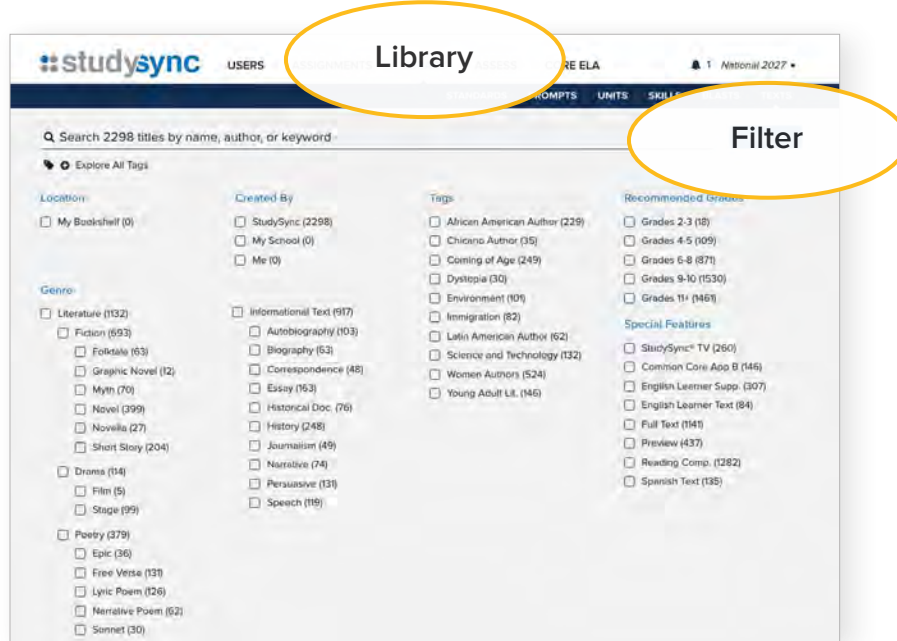
StudySync Digital Library

Beyond the core content, the StudySync Library contains more than 2,300 text selections, Blasts, Skills, Units, Prompts, and Standards.





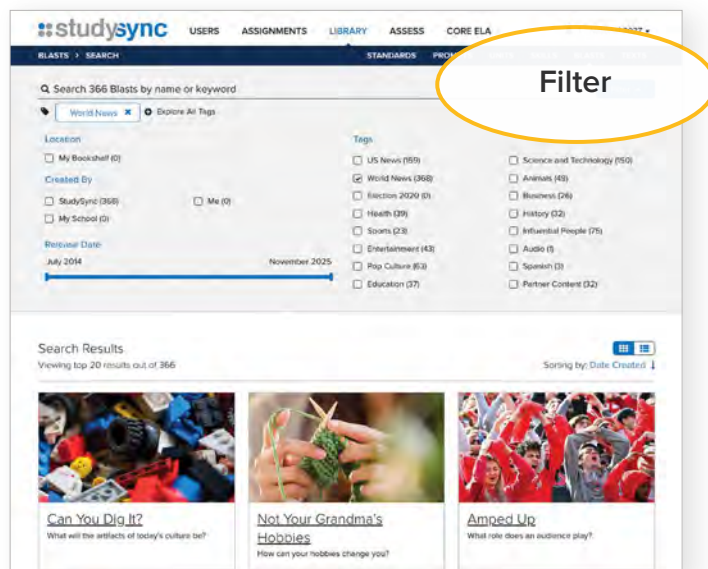
Texts



01. Click the **Library** tab and select the **Texts** button in the gray bar to start exploring fiction and nonfiction titles.
02. View all of the resources available. The library is always expanding — adding new content every week!
03. Use the Filter button to locate titles, authors, and topics within the 2,300+ library of texts.

Blasts Lessons – Current Events

Blasts are short read/write assignments covering current events and pop culture topics while offering leveled text for differentiation. Blasts are integrated throughout the Instructional Path of the units as well as accessible here in the Blasts Library. New Blasts are added **each school day!**



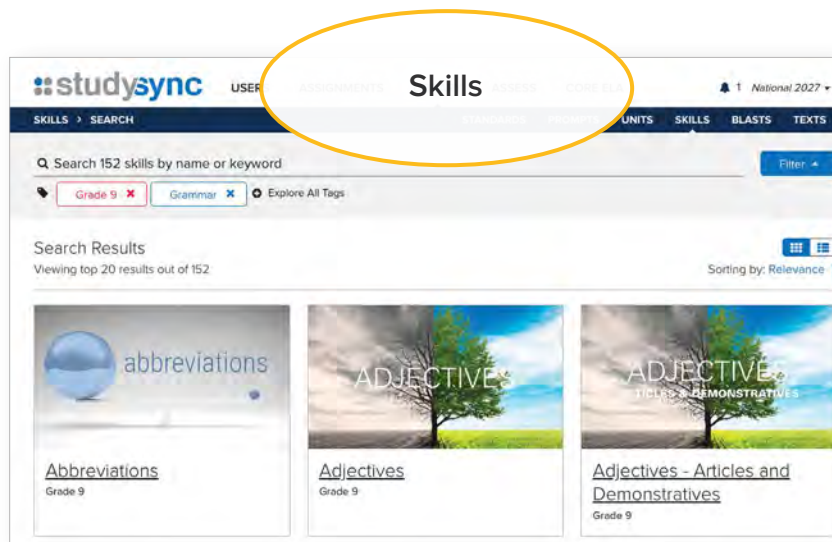
Within the Library, explore the Blasts tab. Use the filter to choose a category and scroll to select a Blast from the results.

StudySync's Blasts offer thought-provoking read/write activities, foster lively discussion in a social media-type environment, and empower students to synthesize and draw connections around complex ideas.

Also Found in the Library

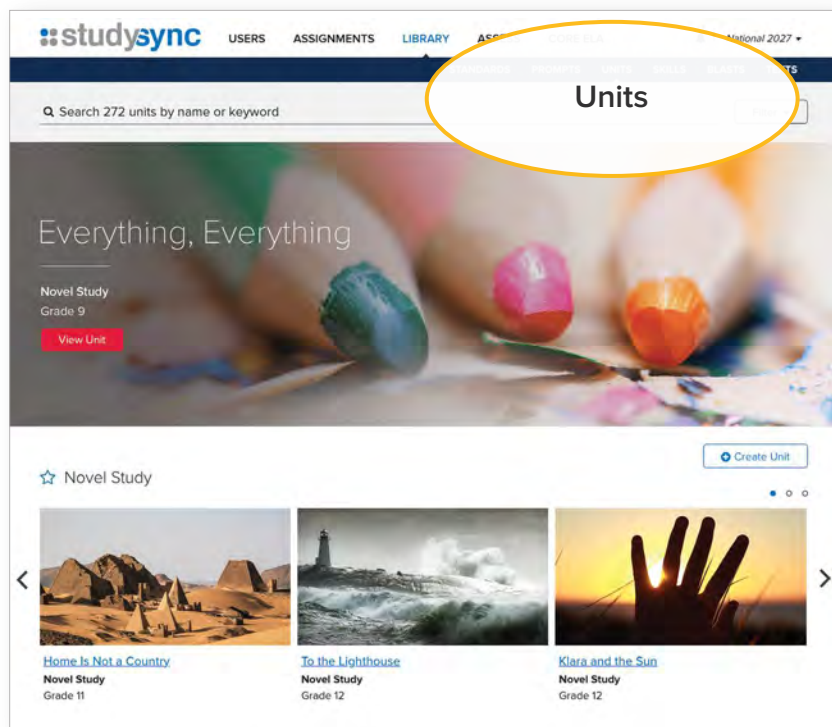
Skills

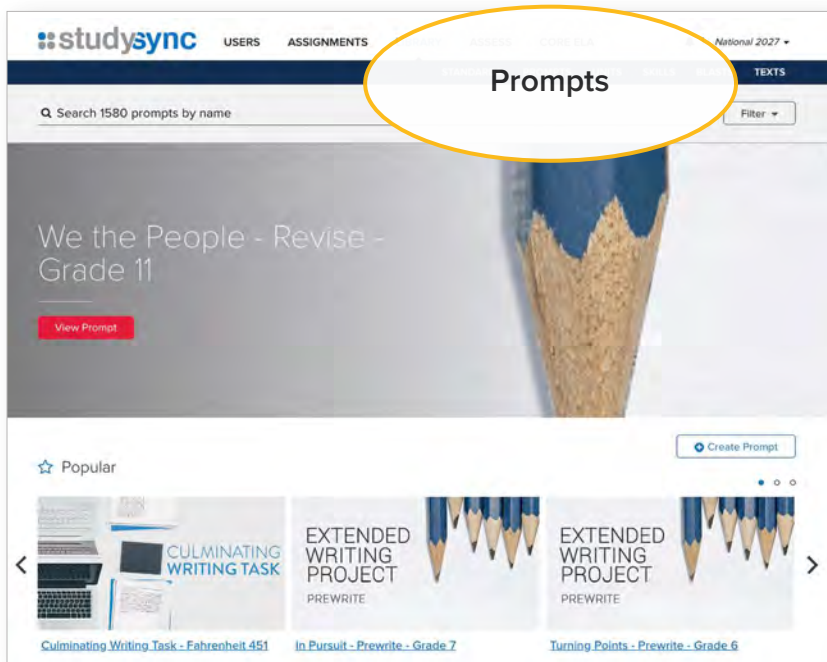
In the Skills tab, locate hundreds of lessons including grammar topics with lesson options for pre-teaching and re-teaching.



Units

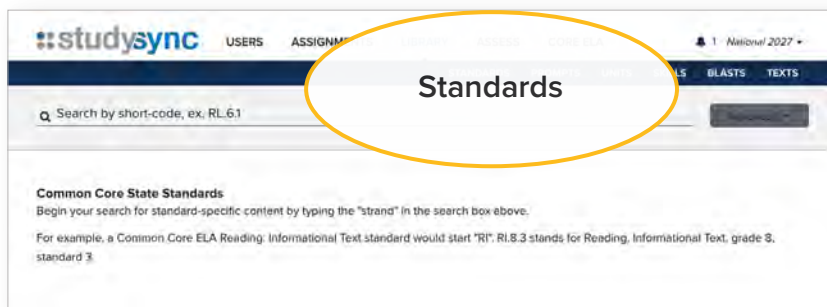
All available units, including Novel Study Units, are housed within the Units tab.





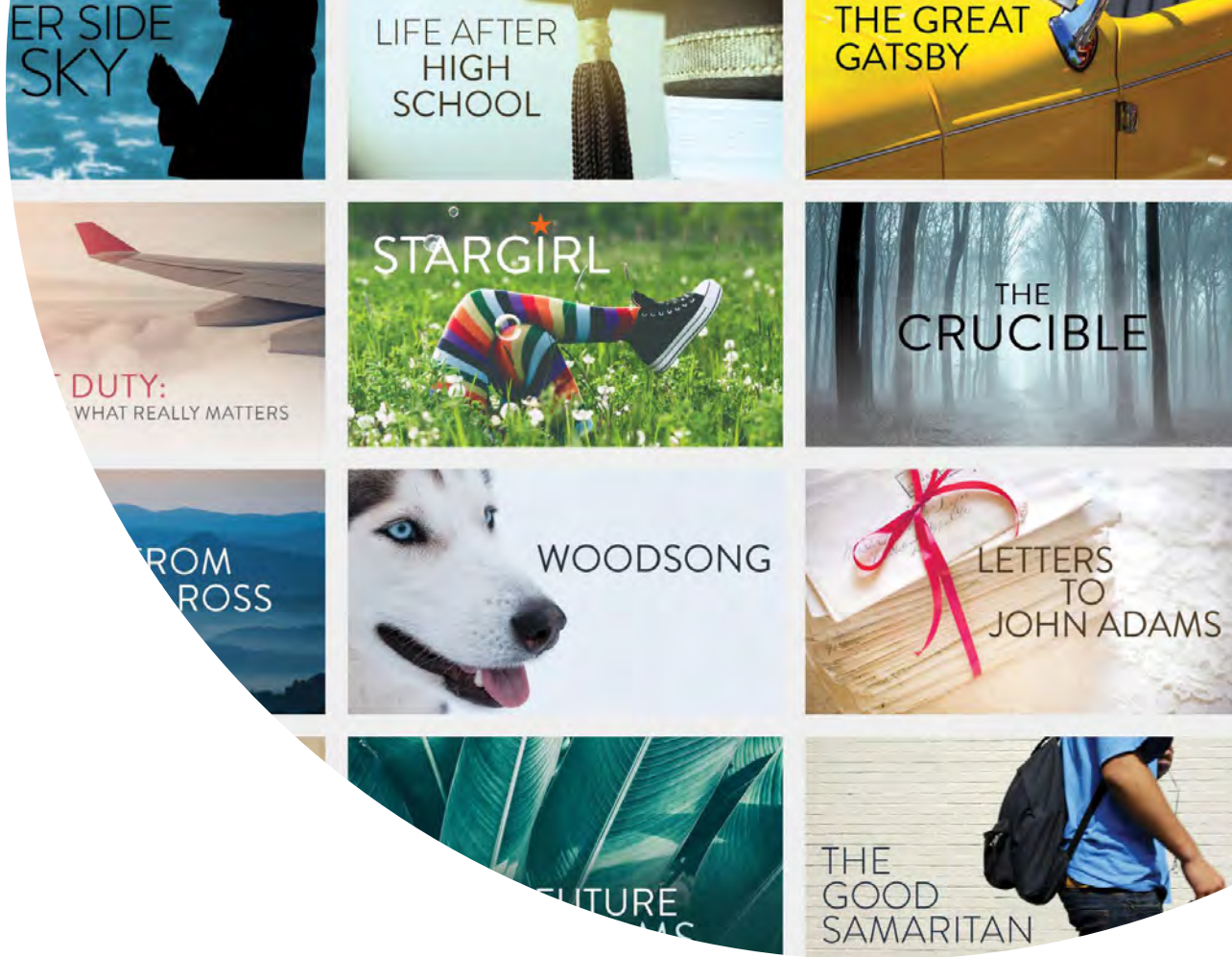
Prompts

Seeking writing prompts?
Visit this bank of prompts to
select for any assignment.



Standards

In the Standards tab, locate
lessons that match grammar,
reading, writing, and speaking
and listening standards.



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