English Language Arts and Reading Grade 7 is a two-semester interactive and feedback-rich course designed to build students' communication and reading comprehension skills. Reading comprehension lessons strengthen students' critical analysis skills as they study how nonfiction and literature can be used to share ideas. Writing lessons combine free-response exercises with drafting strategies and exemplars to help students communicate clearly and credibly in narrative, argumentative, and informational styles. Speaking and listening lessons guide students in developing skills specific to public discourse as they evaluate one another's speeches and adapt to different audiences and situations. In language lessons, students build foundational grammar skills they need to articulate their ideas and understand challenging words.

There are no required materials for this course.

Length: Two Semesters

Unit 1: Fiction and Fact

- Stories versus Accounts
- Characters versus People
- Themes versus Ideas
- Wrap-Up: Fiction and Fact

Unit 2: Form and Content

- Categorizing Stories
- The Content of Poetry
- The Form of Poetry
- Wrap-Up: Form and Content

Unit 3: Expository Writing

- Reading an Expository Essay
- Planning an Expository Essay
- Writing an Expository Essay
- Wrap-Up: Expository Writing

Unit 4: Narrative Writing

- Planning a Personal Narrative
- Writing a Personal Narrative
- Revising a Personal Narrative
- Wrap-Up: Narrative Writing

Unit 5: Semester Wrap-Up

- Semester Wrap-Up

Unit 6: Nonfiction

- Literary Nonfiction

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- Informational Texts
- Write an Informational Text
- Wrap-Up: Nonfiction

Unit 7: Persuasive Texts

- Conflicting Accounts
- Rhetoric
- Giving Speeches
- Wrap-Up: Persuasive Texts

Unit 8: Argumentative Writing

- Reading Arguments
- Research
- Writing as Craft
- Wrap-Up: Argumentative Writing

Unit 9: Media

- Evaluating Media
- Using Media
- Working in Groups
- Wrap-Up: Media

Unit 10: Semester Wrap-Up

- Semester Wrap-Up

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