



Curriculum Overview

Subject: Language Arts

Grade: 5

By the end of the year, you can expect your child to:

- Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text
- Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text
- Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact)
- Explain how a series of chapters, scenes, or stanzas fit together to provide the overall structure of a particular story, drama or poem
- Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described
- Analyze how visual and multimedia elements contribute to the meaning, tone or beauty of a text (e.g., graphic novel, multimedia presentation of fiction, folktale, myth, poem)
- Compare and contrast stories in the same genre (e.g. mysteries and adventure stories) on their approaches to similar topics and themes
- Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text
- Explain the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific information in the text
- Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 5 topic or subject area
- Compare and contrast the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in two or more texts
- Analyze multiple accounts of the same event or topic, noting important similarities and differences in the point of view they represent

- Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently
- Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text, identifying which reasons and evidence support which point(s)
- Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information
- Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly
- Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences