

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Language Arts 300



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Language Arts 300 Course Overview

Language Arts 300 focuses on the sequential development and integration of communication skills in four major areas: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Students are introduced to basic reading skills, as well as close reading strategies to use in short stories, a short play, poetry, and fables. Students learn to read digital text. Special attention has been paid to teaching students advanced word decoding skills. Students' understanding of sentence structure will lead to hands-on experience with complete sentences and writing complete paragraphs. Students will use graphic organizers to follow the writing process to write for a variety of genres. Students will be given the opportunity to use their verbal communication skills in a variety of projects, in addition to learning strategies for research and gathering information.

After completion of course assignments, student understanding will be deepened in the following ways:

- **Unit 1:** Display an understanding of the basic elements of reading and writing, including summarizing, sentence structure, and personal narratives
- **Unit 2:** Construct complete sentences and decode words using spelling rules and use understanding of story structure to interpret and replicate the style of a text
- **Unit 3:** Use parts of words to identify meaning, and find relationships between words and read and write fiction, in fables, folk tales, fairy tales, and personal experiences
- **Unit 4:** Classify parts of speech as part of a broader understanding of English grammar and use questioning techniques with texts and discussions including biographies
- **Unit 5:** Review grammar rules for capitalization and punctuation of sentences and analyze short stories
- **Unit 6:** Apply knowledge of poetry structure to write haiku poems and analyze digital media
- **Unit 7:** Identify and use parts of speech and use comprehension strategies while reading
- **Unit 8:** Use knowledge of word parts to identify and use parts of speech and read and interpret details in a story or play
- **Unit 9:** Use various strategies for reading non-fiction and fiction texts and follow the writing process to write an informational book report and different types of letters

Unit 1: Introduction to the Language Arts	
Language Arts 300	Assignments
	1. Course Overview
	2. Reading to Find the Main Idea
	3. Project: Learning a New Language
	4. Complete Sentences and Capitalization
	5. Project: Writing Paragraphs
	6. Quiz: Main Ideas and Language
	7. Grammar: Punctuation
	8. First Person Versus Third Person
	9. Prepositions
	10. Project: Personal Narrative
	11. Quiz: Person, Prepositions, and Punctuation
	12. Unit Review
	13. Special Project*
	14. Test
	15. Alternate Test*
	16. Glossary and Credits

Unit 2: Capitalization Rules and Story Context		
Language Arts 300	Assignments	
	1. Sentence Sense and Capitalization Rules	12. Quiz: Context, Order, and Writing a Story
	2. Capitalizing Holidays	13. Using Sentences Correctly
	3. Reading a Story About Sharing	14. Decoding Words Using Spelling Patterns
	4. Quiz: Capitalization and Sentence Sense	15. Spelling Words with Complex Consonants
	5. Alphabetical Order	16. Quiz: Spelling, Decoding, and Sentences
	6. Understanding Sequence and Context in a Story	17. Unit Review
	7. Context and Decoding Multi-syllable Words	18. Special Project*
	8. Vowels	19. Test
	9. Decoding With Vowel Digraphs and Diphthongs	20. Alternate Test*
	10. Project: Writing a Story	21. Glossary and Credits
	11. Project: Revising a Story	
Unit 3: Words and Meaning		
Language Arts 300	Assignments	
	1. Using the Dictionary	11. Synonyms
	2. Project: Making Your Own Dictionary	12. Capitalization Rules
	3. Conventions and Academic Language	13. Using Titles Correctly
	4. Quiz: Using a Dictionary and Academic Language	14. Project: Writing a Story about Pets
	5. Root Words and Prefixes	15. Quiz: Synonyms and Titles
	6. Suffixes	16. Unit Review
	7. Reading a Story with New Words	17. Special Project*
	8. Project: Fable, Folklore, or Fairy Tale Report	18. Test
	9. Antonyms	19. Alternate Test*
	10. Quiz: Word Parts and Reading for Meaning	20. Glossary and Credits
Unit 4: Grammar Practice and Biography		
Language Arts 300	Assignments	
	1. Nouns	14. Determining Shades of Meaning in Words
	2. Adjectives	15. Reading a Biography
	3. Quiz: Nouns and Adjectives	16. Project: Rules for a Classroom Discussion
	4. Verbs	17. Difference Between Spoken and Written Words
	5. Adverbs	18. Preparing for a Discussion
	6. Quiz: Verbs and Adverbs	19. Project: Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
	7. Punctuation Marks	20. Project: McCoy Today
	8. Using Capital Letters	21. Quiz: Reading and Discussing Biographic Stories
	9. Using the Dictionary	22. Unit Review
	10. Project: Biography Report	23. Special Project*
	11. Quiz: Capitalization and Punctuation	24. Test
	12. Reviewing Words and Word Parts	25. Alternate Test*
	13. Asking and Answering Questions	26. Glossary and Credits

Unit 5: Short Stories and Grammar Review		
Language Arts 300	Assignments	
	1. Practicing Grammar Knowledge	11. Identifying Theme in Fables
	2. Punctuation Marks	12. Analyzing a Plot
	3. Capitalization Review	13. Close Reading Strategies
	4. Project: Vowels	14. Quiz: Plot and Theme
	5. Quiz: Grammar Review	15. Unit Review
	6. Reading to Understand	16. Special Project*
	7. Reading a Longer Story for Meaning - Part 1	17. Test
	8. Reading a Longer Story for Meaning - Part 2	18. Alternate Test*
	9. Project: Animal Story Report	19. Glossary and Credits
	10. Quiz: Reading and Writing to Show Understanding	
Unit 6: Digital Communication in Fables and Poetry		
Language Arts 300	Assignments	
	1. Cause and Effect in a Fable	13. What's Your Opinion
	2. Understanding Main Ideas and Cause and Effect	14. Opinions and Evidence
	3. Using Capital Letters and Commas Correctly	15. Linking Words and Phrases in Opinion Writing
	4. Project: Book Review	16. Conjunctions
	5. Digital Communication	17. Project: Writing an Opinion Piece
	6. Project: Publishing with Technology	18. Quiz: Opinions and Evidence
	7. Quiz: Cause and Effect and Digital Communication	19. Unit Review
	8. Haiku Poetry and Homographs	20. Special Project*
	9. Project: Poetry Review	21. Test
	10. Project: Haiku Poetry	22. Alternate Test*
	11. Project: Multimedia Presentation of Poetry	23. Glossary and Credits
	12. Quiz: Reading and Writing Haiku Poetry	
Unit 7: Nouns and Friendly Letters		
Language Arts 300	Assignments	
	1. Reading for Main Ideas	13. Quiz: Following Directions, Contractions, and Suffixes
	2. Writing a Story	14. Writing Letters
	3. Noun Review	15. Friendly Letters
	4. Writing Singular and Plural Nouns	16. Project: Writing a Friendly Letter
	5. Complex Singular and Plural Nouns	17. Quiz: The Friendly Letter
	6. Quiz: Main Ideas and Nouns	18. Unit Review
	7. Reading to Follow Directions	19. Special Project*
	8. Fun With Language	20. Test
	9. Project: Following Directions*	21. Alternate Test*
	10. Spelling Complex Contractions	22. Glossary and Credits
	11. Pronouns	
	12. Suffixes (-er and -est)	

Unit 9: Reading and Writing				
Assignments				
Language Arts 300	1.	Reading to Classify	14.	Skimming and Scanning a Text for Information
	2.	Adverbs Review	15.	Visual Sources of Information
	3.	Reading for Information	16.	Project: Gathering Information from Surveys and Interviews
	4.	Reading to Predict Outcome		
	5.	Reading Fiction and Nonfiction	17.	Preparing to Write an Informational Report
	6.	Project: Nonfiction Report	18.	Using Reference Books
	7.	Quiz: Purposes for Reading and Adverbs	19.	Project: Informational Report
	8.	Thank You Letters	20.	Quiz: Reading for Information and Research
	9.	Cursive Writing	21.	Unit Review
	10.	Project: Writing a Thank You Letter	22.	Special Project*
	11.	Quiz: Cursive and Thank You Letters	23.	Test
	12.	Reading Procedural Texts	24.	Alternate Test*
	13.	Project: Improving Research Questions	25.	Glossary and Credits

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