

Program Overview and Sample Lessons



Teachers are the most important factor in student learning.

That's why every Standards Plus Lesson is directly taught by a teacher.



Standards Plus materials include:

- A printed Teacher Edition
- A printed Student Edition
- Online access to the Standards Plus Digital Platform
- An Intervention Program Printable Tier 2 & 3 Intervention Lessons

Standards Plus Works in Any Setting:



In-Class

and



Distance Learning

- Teachers directly teach lessons to the students in-class or in a virtual setting.
- Students complete the lessons in their printed student edition **or** respond in the Standards Plus Digital Platform.

How Standards Plus Increases Student Achievement



TEACHERS are the most important factor in student learning.



DIRECT INSTRUCTION lessons are proven to foster the most significant gains in student achievement.



DISCRETE LEARNING TARGETS provide easily understood instruction that allow students to retain information.



MULTIPLE EXPOSURES TO EACH STANDARD/SKILL

Skills are presented in four to eight lessons, providing students multiple opportunities to practice and retain information.



IMMEDIATE FEEDBACK after every lesson provides the most powerful single modification that enhances student achievement.



FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS are proven to be highly effective in providing information that leads to increased student achievement.



IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION

Provides scaffolded instruction to assist students in mastering the standards.



BUILT ON RESEARCH AND BACKED BY EVIDENCE

All Standards Plus lessons are designed according to educational research and meet ESSA evidence-based guidelines.

Standards Plus Includes

Grade Level Lessons and Assessments

136 Lessons and 34 Assessments (DOK 1-2)

Students learn essential grade level skills with targeted 15-20 minute lessons. Brief formative assessments are provided to monitor student progress.











Tier 2 & Tier 3 Intervention Lessons

100+ Lessons (DOK 1-2)

These lessons scaffold instruction and teach prerequisite skills necessary to master the grade level standards. These lessons are for students that need more support and are available to print in the Standards Plus Digital Platform.











Performance Lessons

12+ Lessons (DOK 3)

Performance Lessons require students to apply the skills they have learned and use reasoning, planning and a higher level of thinking.









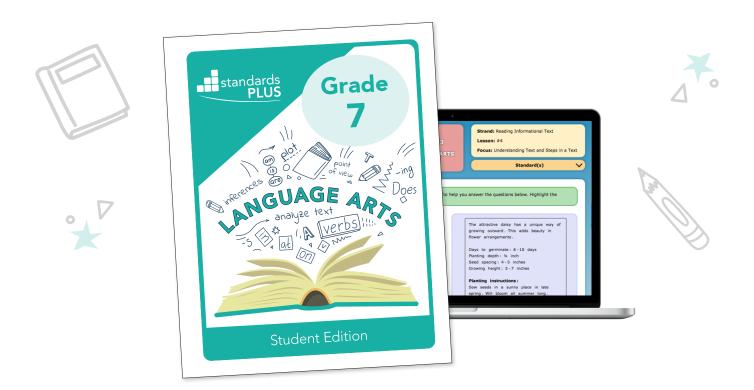


Integrated Projects

3 Projects (DOK 4)

Integrated projects incorporate standards from multiple topics and require that students plan, synthesize information, and produce present high quality products. These are long-term projects that will be completed during multiple class sessions.

Teach a Grade Level Concept with Four Concise Lessons



Standards Plus lessons are grouped in sets that teach a grade-level concept.

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A Standards Plus **lesson set** includes 4 lessons and 1 assessment.

Assessments

Use the assessments to identify students' understanding of the concepts taught in the lesson set and identify students for Standards Plus Intervention.









Print Assessment

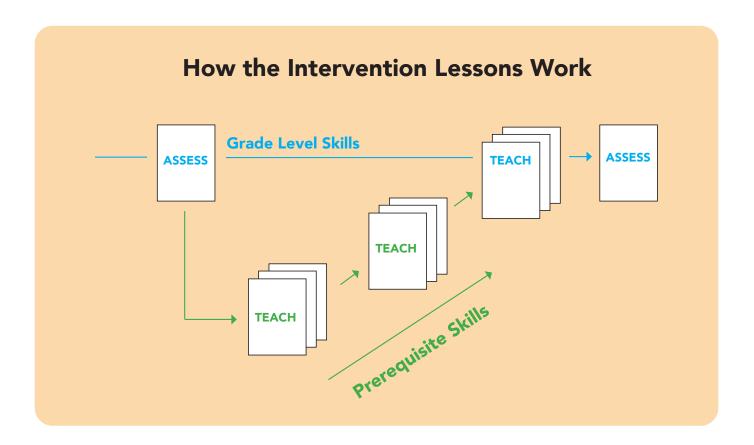
Digital Assessment

Assessments can be completed in the student edition or online in the Standards Plus Digital Platform.

When students take the assessment online, the platform will create groups of students that scored below 60% and recommend tier 2 & tier 3 intervention lessons.

Tier 2 & Tier 3 Intervention

These lessons are for students that need more support and are available to print in the Standards Plus Digital Platform.

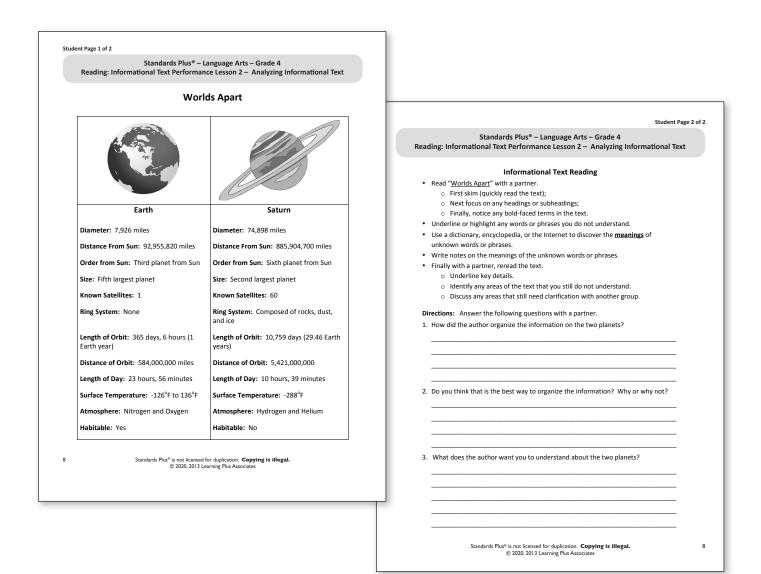


Our scaffolded intervention lessons teach the prerequisite skills necessary to master to grade-level standards.

Performance Lessons (DOK 3)

These lessons require students to apply what they have learned using reasoning, planning, and knowledge gained from the prior lessons.

Many standards are assessed at this level of rigor on state assessments.



Integrated Projects (DOK 4)

Integrated Projects incorporate standards from many topics and are completed during multiple class sessions.



Integrated Projects require students to:

Plan

Synthesize information

Produce high-quality products

Present their findings

The Integrated Projects must be taught, not assigned, and completed in class.



- Integrated projects teach students how to complete high-level projects.
- Each project requires students to adapt their knowledge to real-world situations.
- Integrated projects provide opportunities to demonstrate a deep understanding of the knowledge and skills students have learned in prior lessons.



EL Support











Standards Plus materials are designed to meet the needs of English Learners by:

- Explicitly targeting the standards
- Emphasizing academic vocabulary
- Accelerating language development
- Providing immediate feedback to students
- Improving student confidence

Explore our EL Support Portal to view additional resources that provide a greater level of support for English Learners.

Visit the EL Support Portal at www.standardsplus.org/el-support





Standards Plus Language Arts Grade 7

Lesson Index

The lesson index lists the standard, focus, and DOK level for every Standards Plus lesson.

Lessons that address the high impact standards are highlighted. These lessons are included and can also be purchased separately in our High Impact Standards Program.





Capitalization

Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	TE Page	St. Ed. Page	DOK Level
1	Capitalizing Proper Nouns		32	з	
2	Capitalizing Proper Nouns	L.7.2: Demonstrate command of the	34	4	
3	Capitalizing Quotations	conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and	36	5	1-2
4	Capitalizing Quotations	spelling when writing.	38	6	
A1	Assessment – Capitalizing Quotations & Proper Nouns		40	7	
5	Capitalization of Titles		42	9	
6	Capitalization of Titles		44	10	
7	Capitalization of Parts of a Formal Letter	L.7.2	46	11	1-2
8	Capitalization of Parts of a Formal Letter		48	12	
A2	Assessment – Capitalizing Parts of Letters and Titles		50	13	

Punctuation

Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	TE Page	St. Ed. Page	DOK Level
1	Commas	L.7.2: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English	56	15	
2	Commas	capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.	58	16	
3	Commas	L.7.2a: Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives (e.g., <i>It was a</i>	60	17	1-2
4	Commas	fascinating, enjoyable movie but not He wore an old [,] green shirt).	62	18	
A 1	Assessment - Correct Punctuation	L.7.2, L.7.2a	64	19	
5	Using Hyphens		66	21	
6	Using Brackets		68	22	
7	Punctuation	L.7.2	70	23	1-2
8	Punctuating Quotations		72	24	
A2	Assessment - Punctuate Correctly		74	25	
	Punctuation Performance Lesson – Working with Adjectives			27-28	3

Grammar and Usage

Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	TE Page	St. Ed. Page	DOK Level
1	Phrases		82	29	
2	Phrases		84	30	
3	Clauses	L.7.1a: Explain the function of phrases and clauses in general and their function in specific sentences.	86	31	1-2
4	Clauses	tunction in specific sentences.	88	32	
A 1	Assessment – Phrases and Clauses		90	33	
5	Recognizing and Correcting Modifiers	L.7.1c: Place phrases and clauses within a sentence, recognizing and	92	35	
6	Recognizing and Correcting Modifiers	correcting misplaced and dangling modifiers.	94	36	
7	Identifying Dependent Clauses	L.7.1b: Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-	96	37	1-2
8	Writing Compound-Complex Sentences	complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.	98	38	
A2	Assessment – Modifiers; Compound- Complex Sentences	L.7.1b, L.7.1c	100	39	
	Grammar and Usage Performance Lesson –	Phrases and Sentences	102-103	41-45	3
9	Using Subordination		110	46	
10	Using Coordination and Subordination		112	47	
11	Choosing Among Different Sentence Types	L.7.1b	114	48	1-2
12	Choosing Among Different Sentence Types		116	49	
А3	Assessment – Sentence Structure		118	50	
13	Modifiers		120	51	
14	Misplaced Modifiers		122	52	
15	Dangling Modifiers – Fix Spacing	L.7.1c	124	53	1-2
16	Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers		126	54	
A4	Assessment – Modifiers		128	55	
	Grammar and Usage Performance Less	on 2 – Modify This	130	57-58	3

Spelling

Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	TE Page	St. Ed. Page	DOK Level
1	Homophones		136	59	
2	Adding Suffixes		138	60	
3	Adding Suffixes and Inflections	L.7.2b: Spell correctly.	140	61	1-2
4	Adding Suffixes and Inflections		142	62	
A1	Assessment – Identifying Correct Spelling		144	63	
5	Frequently Misspelled Words		146	65	
6	Frequently Misspelled Words		148	66	
7	Spelling Foreign Words	L.7.2b	150	67	1-2
8	Spelling Foreign Words		152	68	
A2	Assessment – Using Correct Spelling		154	69	

Knowledge of Language

Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	TE Page	St. Ed. Page	DOK Level
1	Choosing Precise and Concise Language		160	71	
2	Choosing Precise and Concise Language	L.7.3a: Choose language that	162	72	
3	Recognize and Eliminate Wordiness	expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating	164	73	1-2
4	Recognize and Eliminate Redundancy	wordiness and redundancy.	166	74	
A1	Assessment – Word Choice		168	75	
	Knowledge of Language Performance Lesson – Improving Word Choice				3

Integrated Project 1: Seven Wonders of the World

Overview: Students research one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. They write a travel guide and include an illustration and a map. They share their draft in groups with others who have chosen the same wonder. They edit and proofread the guide and share it in front of the class.

Product: Students write, edit and proofread a travel guide to one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Integrates the following standards:

Capitalization, Punctuation, Grammar and Usage, Spelling, Knowledge of Language, Writing, Speaking and Listening

Student Edition Pages: 74-84

Teacher Edition Pages: 175-188

DOK Level 4

Reading Informational Text

Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	TE Page	St. Ed. Page	DOK Level
1	Interactions		196	85	
2	Interactions	RI.7.1: Cite several pieces of textual	198	86	
3	Interactions	evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as	200	87	1-2
4	Text Evidence	inferences drawn from the text.	202	88	
A1	Assessment – Text Evidence		204	89	
5	Interactions	RI.7.3: Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas	206	91	
6	Interactions	in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).	208	92	
7	Word Meaning	RI.7.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative,	210	93	1-2
8	Word Meaning	connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.	212	94	
A2	Assessment – Interactions and Word Meaning	RI.7.1, RI.7.4	214	95	
	Text for Lessons 9-12, Assessm	ent 3: Clouds	216	97	
9	Central Ideas		218	98	
10	Central Ideas	RI.7.2: Determine two or more central	220	99	
11	Summary	ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of	222	100	1-2
12	Summary	the text.	224	101	
А3	Assessment – Central Ideas and Objective Summary		226	102	
13	Text Structure		228	103	
14	Text Structure	RI.7.5: Analyze the structure an author	230	104	
15	Text Structure	uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to the development of the ideas.	232	105	1-2
16	Text Structure		234	106	
A4	Assessment – Text Structure		236	107	
Readin	g Informational Text Performance Lesson – Ti	he Day that Changed Everything	238-239	109-114	3

Reading Informational Text

Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	TE Page	St. Ed. Page	DOK Level	
17	Author's Purpose and Point of View	RI.7.6: Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze	246	115		'ds
18	Author's Purpose and Point of View	how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of others.	248	116		Standards
19	Word Choice / Meaning and Tone	RL7.4	250	117	1-2	act Si
20	Word Choice / Meaning and Tone	N.7.4	252	118		High Impact
A5	Assessment – Author's Purpose; POV; Word Choice, Meaning and Tone	RI.7.4, RI.7.6	254	119		Hig
21	Trace and Evaluate Arguments		256	121		
22	Trace and Evaluate Arguments	RI.7.8: Trace and evaluate the	258	122		
23	Trace and Evaluate Arguments	argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant	260	123	1-2	
24	Trace and Evaluate Arguments	and sufficient to support the claims.	262	124		
A6	Assessment – Trace and Evaluate an Argument		264	125		
Read	ing Informational Text Performance Lesson 2 -	- Election Night Victory Speech	266-267	127-134	3	

Writing

Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	TE Page	St. Ed. Page	DOK Level
1	Planning an Argument from a Prompt	W.7.1: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.	282	135	
2	Writing an Introductory Paragraph	W.7.1a: Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.	284	136	
3	Supporting a Claim with Logic and Evidence	W.7.1b: Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence,	286	137	1-2
4	Supporting Claims with Logic and Evidence	using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.	288	138	
A 1	Assessment – Argument	W.7.1, W.7.1a, W.7.1b	290	139	
5	Conclusion from an Argument Prompt	W.7.1e: Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.	292	141	
6	Clarifying Claims, Reasons, and Evidence	W.7.1c: Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify relationships among claim(s), reasons, and evidence	294	142	
7	Establish and Maintain Formal Style	W.7.1d: Establish and maintain a formal style.	296	143	1-2
8	Clarifying Claims, Reasons, and Evidence in Formal Style	W.7.1, W.7.1c, W.7.1d	298	144	
A2	Assessment – Self-Check	W.7.1, W.7.1c, W.7.1d, W.7.1e	300	145	
	Writing Performance Lesson – Cell Ph	ones at School	302-303	147-151	3
9	Making a Plan for an Essay	W.7.2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.	310	152	
10	Introduce a Topic Clearly	W.7.2a: Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, cause/ effect; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.	312	153	1-2
11	Developing a Topic	W.7.2b: Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.	314	154	
12	Developing a Topic	W.7.2a, W.7.2b	316	155	
А3	Assessment – Self-Assessment	W.7.2, W.7.2a, W.7.2b	318	156	

Writing

Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	TE Page	St. Ed. Page	DOK Level
13	Writing a Conclusion	W.7.2f: Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.	320	157	
14	Using Transitions to Clarify Ideas	W.7.2c: Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.	322	158	1-2
15	Precise Language, Vocabulary, and Style	W.7.2d: Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform	324	159	1-2
16	Revising Information	about or explain the topic. W.7.2e: Establish and maintain a formal style.	326	160	
A4	Assessment – Self-Assessment	W.7.2c, W.7.2d, W.7.2e, W.7.2f	328	161	
	Writing Performance Lesson 2 – A Fa	amily Vacation	330-331	163-166	3
17	Planning a Writing Narrative	W.7.3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.	336	167	
18	Drafting an Introduction	W.7.3a: Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.	338	168	1-2
19	Writing Well-Structured Event Sequences	W.7.3b: Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description,	340	169	
20	Developing Events	to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.	342	170	
A 5	Assessment – Self-Assessment	W.7.3, W.7.3a, W.7.3b	344	171	
21	Conveying Sequence and Signal Shifts	W.7.3b, W.7.3c: Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.	346	173	
22	Developing Experiences, Events, and Characters	W.7.3b	348	174	
23	Writing a Conclusion	W.7.3e: Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.	350	175	1-2
24	Conveying Events	W.7.3d: Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.	352	176	
A6	Assessment – Self-Assessment	W.7.3, W.7.3b, W.7.3c, W.7.3d, W.7.3e	354	177	
	Writing Performance Lesson 3 – T	356-357	179-181	3	

Integrated Project 2: The Duties of a Biographer

Overview: Students use information from Frederick Niecks' biography on Frederick Chopin to argue whether he had the right idea about the intent of a biography. They will write an argument to support their claim. They present their argument in class.

Product: Students write and present an argument to support a claim about the purpose of a biography.

Integrates the following standards:

Reading Informational Text, Writing, Language, Speaking and Listening

Student Edition Pages: 182-188

Teacher Edition Pages: 361-375

DOK Level 4

Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	TE Page	St. Ed. Page	DOK Level	
1	Multiple Meanings and Context		384	189		rds
2	Multiple Meanings and Context	L.7.4a: Use context (e.g., the overall	386	190		tanda
3	Context Clues	meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of	388	191	1-2	High Impact Standards
4	Context Clues	a word or phrase.	390	192		h Imp
A 1	Assessment – Context Clues		392	193		Hig
5	Greek and Latin Roots		394	195		
6	Greek and Latin Roots	L.7.4b: Use common grade-	396	196		
7	Greek and Latin Roots	appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., belligerent, bellicose,	398	197	1-2	
8	Greek and Latin Affixes	rebel).	400	198		
A2	Assessment – Greek and Latin Roots and Affixes		402	199		
Vocab	ulary Acquisition and Use Performance Lesson	n – Medieval Times and Knights	404	201-203	3	
9	Figures of Speech		408	204		
10	Figures of Speech		410	205		
11	Allusions	L.7.5a: Interpret figures of speech (e.g., literary, biblical, and mythological allusions) in context.	412	206	1-2	
12	Allusions	,	414	207		
А3	Assessment – Figures of Speech		416	208		
13	Analogies		418	209		
14	Analogies		420	210		
15	Analogies	L.7.5b: Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonym/antonym, analogy) to better understand each of the words.	422	211	1-2	
16	Analogies		424	212		
A4	Assessment – Analogies		426	213		

Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	TE Page	St. Ed. Page	DOK Level	
17	Connotation/Denotation		428	215		
18	Connotation/Denotation	L.7.5c: Distinguish among the	430	216		
19	Connotation/Denotation	connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., refined, respectful, polite,	432	217	1-2	
20	Connotation/Denotation	diplomatic, condescending).	434	218		
A5	Assessment – Connotation/Denotation		436	219		
	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use Performance Lesson 2 – King Arthur				3	

Reading Literature

Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	TE Page	St. Ed. Page	DOK Level
1	Text Evidence	Pl. 7.1. Cita gaugeal piagga of tautual	450	225	
2	Text Evidence		452	226	
3	Text Evidence	RL.7.1: Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as	454	227	1-2
4	Text Evidence	inferences drawn from the text.	456	228	
A1	Assessment – Text Evidence		458	229	
	Text for Lessons 5-8, Assessment 2:	The Dragon's Tail	460-461	231-232	
5	Story Elements	RL.7.3: Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).	462	233	
6	Theme	RL.7.2: Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its	464	234	
7	Theme	development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.	466	235	1-2
8	Story Elements	RL.7.3	468	236	
A2	Assessment – Story Elements and Theme	RL.7.2, RL.7.3	470	237	
9	Point of View	RL.7.6: Analyze how an author develops and contrasts the points of	472	239	
10	Point of View	view of different characters or narrators in a text.	474	240	
11	Summary	RL.7.2	476	241	1-2
12	Summary	NEW E	478	242	
А3	Assessment – Point of View and Summary	RL.7.2, RL.7.6	480	243	
	Reading Literature Performance Lesson 1 – The Fisherman and His Wife				3

Reading Literature

Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	TE Page	St. Ed. Page	DOK Level
13	Word Meaning in Text	RL.7.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative	494	254	
14	Word Meaning in Text	meanings; analyze the impact of rhymes and other repetitions of sounds on a specific verse or stanza of a poem or section of a story or drama.	496	255	
15	Structure in Poetry	RL.7.4, RL.7.5: Analyze how a drama's	498	256	1-2
16	Structure in Poetry	or poem's form or structure (e.g., soliloquy, sonnet) contributes to its meaning.	500	257	
A4	Assessment – Word Meaning and Structure	medinig.	502	258	
17	Sound in Poetry	RL.7.4	504	259	
18	Sound in Poetry	NL.7.4	506	260	
19	Sound and Structure in Poetry		508	261	1-2
20	Sound in Poetry	RL.7.4, RL.7.5	510	262	
A5	Assessment – Sound and Structure in Poetry		512	263	
Text for Lessons 21-24, Assessment 6: The Two Questions			514-515	264-267	
21	Drama Structure	RL.7.5	518 268		
22	Dramatic Elements	RL.7.3	520	269	
23	RL.7.9: Compare and contrast a fictions portrayal of a time, place, or character and a historical account of the same period as a means of understanding ho authors of fiction use or alter history.		522	270	1-2
24	Meaning of Words and Phrases	ases RL.7.4		271	
A6	Assessment – Analyzing Drama	RL.7.3, RL.7.4, RL.7.5, RL.7.9	526	272	
Re	ading Literature Performance Lesson 2 – The I	Nightingale to the Workman	528-529	273-277	3

High Impact Standards

Integrated Project 3: The Stuff of Legends

Overview: Students read and analyze a historical account of King Alfred of England and use reader's theater to read the play King Alfred and the Cakes. They will write and orally present an epic poem with several stanzas to tell the tale of King Alfred and the Cakes.

Product: Students write and present an epic poem that tells the tale of King Alfred and the Cakes.

Integrates the following standards:

Vocabulary Acquisition and Use, Reading Literature, Writing, Speaking and Listening, Language

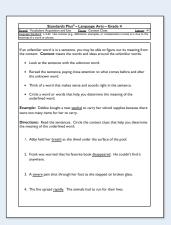
Student Edition Pages: 278-285

Teacher Edition Pages: 535-551

DOK Level 4

All grade level lessons and assessments are provided in digital and print format.





For demonstration purposes, most sample lessons are displayed in the print version.



Sample Lessons





Strand	Lesson	Focus	Standard(s)	
Reading Infromational Text	1	Interactions		
	2	Interactions	D174 C'	
	3	Interactions	RI.7.1: Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	
	4	Text Evidence	well as illierences drawn from the text.	
	A1	Assessment – Text Evidence		

Sample Teacher Lesson Plan

Teacher Lesson Plan

Standards Plus® – Language Arts – Grade 7

Strand: Reading Informational Text Focus: Interactions

<u>Lesson</u>: #1

Reading Informational Text Standard: RI.7.1: Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Lesson Objective: Students will cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Introduction: "This week we will begin our focus on reading for information. Expository text is reading material similar to textbooks and other sources of information like magazines, newspapers, encyclopedias, and the internet. Today we will answer questions to help us analyze a news article. Then we will practice citing text evidence to support our analysis."

Instruction: "To analyze an expository text, readers examine the text closely, looking for information about a person, event, or other topic related to the natural or social world. Sometimes authors put key information *right there* in the text. You can use these explicit text clues to support your analysis. Other times, you may need to make inferences by using the information given in the text and your own thinking. When the answers are not stated explicitly, there are text parts that act as clues, so you can still check for supporting information. The author's clues and your own thinking provide the support for your answer."

Guided Practice: Project the Student Page and read the passage aloud together. Model how to read the example and write the correct response by going through the following steps:

Step I: Read the question aloud.

- Step 2: Remind students to return to the passage to find the answer or clues to the answer. Reread the appropriate section (paragraphs 2 and 3) where parents and the new calendar are mentioned. "Since there are no explicit text clues, we have to make inferences. Why do you think parents could be against the move?" Find support together and highlight or underline the text.
- Step 3: Repeat the question and elicit response. (Parent opposition may be due to scheduling conflicts. More school days and the early start may interrupt vacation plans. Summer childcare plans will need to be adjusted. These inferences can be supported by lines 6 and 13, which say that parents are on both sides and school will start in early August. Record your answer. Cite text evidence with line numbers and summarizing clues.) "Now you will continue working on your own."

Independent Practice: Review the directions together. Check that students are citing text evidence.

Review: After several minutes, reread the text and review the correct answers. Require students to support their answers by sharing the explicit details or clues they cited.

Closure: "Today we practiced citing text evidence to support our analysis of a text."

Answers

Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

1. Reason is higher academic standards. Support: Lines 3-5: new calendar = going deeper in curriculum = students meet higher standards.

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Each lesson includes a step by step lesson plan.

Sample Student Lesson

Student Page

Standards Plus® - Language Arts - Grade 7

Strand: Reading Informational Text

Focus: Interactions

Lesson: #1

Reading Informational Text Standard: RI.7.1: Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Local Schools Extend School Year

¹In a surprise move, the local school board elected to extend the school year for more than 5,000 Kindergarten through grade twelve students at Tuesday night's board meeting. ²The proposed calendar was created by a committee of parents, teachers, school administration, and community leaders. 3The committee cited higher academic standards as the primary cause for the 15-day extension. 4"Students are being held to higher standards, and there simply isn't enough time to teach everything in a 180-day school year," district superintendent Jack Paul explained. 5"The additional days will allow teachers to dig deeply into the curriculum and everyone will benefit."

⁶Parents spoke both in favor and against the revised calendar at the 2-hour meeting. ⁷The local teachers' union has negotiated a contract that includes compensation for the

additional days of teaching. ⁹Ms. Lila Denton, fifth grade teacher at 1st Avenue Elementary said, "Someone is finally listening! ¹⁰We have been trying to prepare our students to be successful, but the demands of the higher standards have made it nearly impossible to make progress. ¹¹There isn't enough time to do it all!"

¹²In all, over three hundred people attended the board meeting and most were supportive of the move. ¹³Students will begin school in early August, and the school year will end, as usual, in mid-June. ¹⁴The first semester will end just prior to the winter break, and one additional week has been added to the winter break, so students and teachers will not return until the second week of January. ¹⁵The adopted calendar is available at the district's website: www.bentownusd@calschool.org.

- Patrick Jones

Directions: Read the passage above and answer the questions in the space below. Be sure to cite textual evidence to support your answers.

I. What was the reason for the move?

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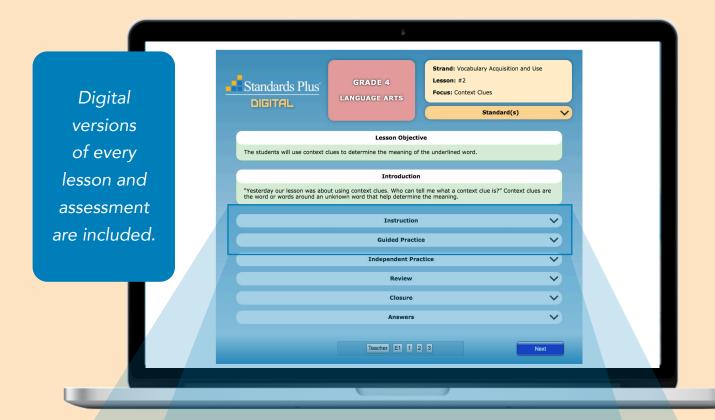
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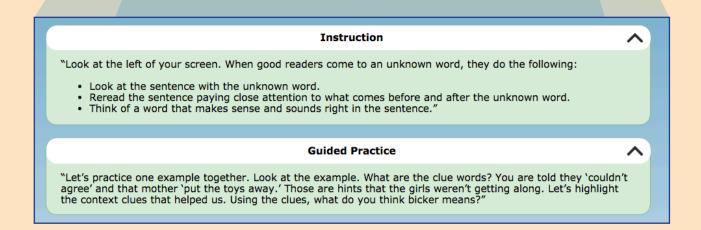
Each lesson

also has

Sample Digital Teacher Lesson Plan

(4th Grade ELA Sample)





Each section of the digital lesson plan is expandable.

Sample Student Lesson

(4th Grade ELA Sample)



Example 1:

The girls <u>bickered</u> about the toys. They couldn't agree on who would play with which of the little plastic animals, so their mother took all of the toys and put them away.

Bicker means to argue about something trivial.

Students respond online in the digital lessons. In this example students highlight clue words and type a response.

Sample Teacher Lesson Plan

Teacher Lesson Plan

Standards Plus® - Language Arts - Grade 7

Strand: Reading Informational Text Focus: Interactions

Lesson: #3

Reading Informational Text Standard: RI.7.1: Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Lesson Objective: Students will cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Introduction: "Expository text is reading material similar to textbooks and other sources of information like magazines, newspapers, encyclopedias, and the internet. Today we will answer questions to help us analyze a short magazine article. Then we will practice citing support for our analysis."

Instruction: "Readers analyze expository text by examining the text closely, looking for key information. Sometimes authors put key information *right there* in the text. Other times, you may need to make inferences by using the information given in the text and your own thinking. When the answers are not stated explicitly, there are text parts that act as clues, so you can still check for supporting information. The author's clues and your own thinking provide the support for your answer."

Guided Practice: Read the passage aloud together. Model how to read the example and write the correct response by going through the following steps:

Step 1: Read the question aloud.

- Step 2: Remind students to return to the passage to find clues to the answer. Reread the appropriate section [paragraph land 2]. "Based on the text, where are penguins best adapted to live? (in water) What do we know about the jungle? We have to infer using text clues whether they could live there or not."
- Step 3: Repeat question and elicit response. (No. Jungle rivers could provide water, but the heat and dense vegetation would be difficult. Penguins have blubber and feathers for cold temperatures, not jungle heat [Line 4]. Waddling, hopping, and sliding with short legs on land in vegetation would be nearly impossible [Lines 10 and 12]. Record answer. Cite text evidence with line numbers and summarizing clues.) "Now you will continue working on your own."

Independent Practice: Review the directions together. Check that students are citing text evidence.

Review: After several minutes, reread the text and review the correct answers. Require students to support their answers by sharing the explicit details or clues they cited.

Closure: "Why do we cite evidence to support our analysis of a text."

Answers: Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

I. No. Deserts don't provide enough needed water (Lines I-3); too hot for penguins' blubber and feathers (Line 4); they are not intended for land life only (Line 9).

Each lesson plan includes the following direct instruction components:

Introduction
Instruction

Guided Practice

Independent Practice

Review

Closure

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Standards Plus® - Language Arts - Grade 7

Strand: Reading Informational Text Focus: Interactions Lesson: #3

Reading Informational Text Standard: R1.7.1: Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

¹Penguins are birds that have adapted to live mostly in the water with bodies that are specifically designed for life in the water. ²Their wings are flippers, and their webbed feet are helpful in swimming. 3They have torpedo-shaped bodies that make them efficient swimmers that can reach speeds of up to 15 miles per hour! ⁴Penguins have a layer of blubber and feathers that insulate their bodies that help to keep them warm in cold temperatures. ⁵Their black and white markings help to camouflage them – they appear to be part of the reflective surface of the water from below and part of the dark water from above. ⁶This helps to protect them from their natural predators - leopard seals, orcas, and sharks. ⁷Their eyesight is adapted to be excellent in the water, and they can drink ocean water because they have a filter that helps to eliminate the salt.

⁸Penguins spend up to 75% of their lives in the water, but they appear very awkward on land. ⁹The features that make them well-adapted to life in the water do not serve them well on land. 10 Their feet are very low on their bodies on very short legs, so they must walk very upright. ¹¹Penguins waddle when they walk, and they move slowly on land. ¹²They hop over rocks, and sometimes they slide down snow banks on their bellies. ¹³Many penguin babies do not survive to adulthood because predators eat the eggs or attack the young.

Directions: Read the passage above and answer the questions in the space below. Be sure to cite textual evidence to support your answers.

Example: Could a penguin survive in the jungle? Why or why not?

1. Could a penguin survive in the desert? Why or why not? ...and

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Each student page includes examples for Guided Practice...

items to be completed Independent Practice.

Sample Teacher Lesson Plan

Teacher Lesson Plan

Standards Plus® - Language Arts - Grade 7 Focus: Text Evidence Lesson: #4 Strand: Reading Informational Text Reading Informational Text Standard: RI.7.1: Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Lesson Objective: Students will cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly, as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Introduction: "This week we cited text evidence to support our analysis of expository texts. Today we will study another type of informational reading material: functional text. We will analyze a set of directions and find support for our inferences."

Instruction: "To analyze functional text, examine the text closely, looking for practical, useful information. Process the words, sentences, and graphics in the text to construct meaning. Use prior knowledge and clues from the author to understand the text and answer questions. To support your answers, think about how you found them. If the answers are not stated directly, there are text parts that act as clues, so you can still check for supporting information. The author's clues and your own thinking is the support for your answer."

Guided Practice: Project the Student Page and read the passage aloud together. Model how to read the Example and write the correct response by going through the following steps:

- Step 1: Read the first question aloud.
- Step 2: Remind students to return to the passage to find clues to the answer. Reread the appropriate section (Line 3). "Which spray pattern would you use for delicate plants and flowers?"
- Step 3: Repeat the question and elicit responses. (Yes. [Line 3] There are several spray patterns to use. (*section) Circular fine mist or fan fine mist is light enough not to damage delicate plants and flowers. Record answer. Cite text evidence with line numbers and summarizing clues.) "Now you will continue working on your own."

Independent Practice: Review the directions together. Check that students are citing text evidence.

Review: After several minutes, reread the text and review the correct answers. Require students to support their answers by sharing the explicit details or clues they cited.

Closure: "How does citing text evidence to support our analysis of a text make you a better learner?"

Answers: Answers may vary. Possible answers include:

1. (Line 2) The rubber washer helps make a strong connection between the hose and the nozzle.

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Each lesson plan includes an answer key

Sample Student Lesson

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Strand: Reading Informational Text

Focus: Text Evidence

Lesson: #4

Reading Informational Text Standard: RI.7.1: Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.



GreenLawn Adjustable Hose Nozzle

The GreenLawn Adjustable Hose Nozzle can fit your every need:

- 1. Before connecting the GreenLawn Adjustable Hose Nozzle to your hose, ensure the hose is clean and undamaged.
- 2. Ensure that the rubber washer is in place in the nozzle and rotate clockwise until the nozzle is securely fastened to the hose.
- 3. Select one of the twelve spray patterns* by rotating the nozzle head. Align the arrow on the nozzle head with the desired spray pattern.
- 4. Turn on the water to the desired strength.
- 5. Point the nozzle head in the desired direction of spray. Squeeze the nozzle trigger and enjoy a perfect spray every time.

*Circular Open, Circular Solid, Triangle, Inverted Triangle, Square, Arc, Concentrated Jet Stream, Pulsating Jet Stream, Horizontal Bar, Vertical Bar, Circular Fine Mist, Fan Fine Mist.

Directions: Read the information above and answer the questions in the space below. Be sure to cite textual evidence to support your answers.

After students complete Independent Practice, review each item to check for understanding.

	n ple: Can the nozzle be used for watering delicate plants and flowers? W ny not?
I.	Why does it matter where the rubber washer is located?

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Sample Assessment - Teacher Page

Teacher Lesson Plan

Standards Plus® - Language Arts - Grade 7

Strand: Reading Informational Text Focus: Text Evidence

Assessment: #1

This assessment may be used in the following ways:

- As a formative assessment of the students' progress.
- As an additional opportunity to reinforce the vocabulary, concepts, and knowledge presented in the previous 4 lessons.

Standard: RI.7.1 Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Procedure: Read the directions aloud and ensure that students understand how to respond to each item.

- If you are using this as a formative assessment, have the students complete the evaluation independently.
- If you are using this to reinforce instruction, determine the items that will be completed as guided practice, and those that will be completed as independent practice.

Additional Tips:

- All Standards Plus assessments are available in an **interactive digital format** in the Standards Plus Digital Platform.
- When the assessments are administered and scored digitally, the platform automatically creates intervention groups and recommends additional printable intervention lessons.
- You can also access the printable intervention lessons from the home screen in the digital platform.

Review: Review the correct answers with students as soon as they are finished.

Answers:

Answers will vary. Possible answers include:

- 1. (RI.7.1) He was too disappointed to comment. Line 12: appeared heartbroken over the loss, set to retire; Lines 4-6: Bensonville team didn't play well.
- 2. (RI.7.1) The clothes won't dry very quickly. Step 2 says don't fill past the midpoint.

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Sample Assessment - Student Page

Student Page

Standards Plus® - Language Arts - Grade 7

Strand: Reading Informational Text Focus: Text Evidence

Assessment: #1

Directions: Read each passage and answer the questions in the space provided. Be sure to cite textual evidence to support your answers.

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Wednesday, March 24, 2010

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Whistle Wombats Win State Championship

'The Whistle High School Wombats were victorious in their bid to win the state championship last night. 'Jeremy Stanton led his squad with 29 points. 'Greg Rojas was close behind Stanton with 24 points of his own. 'The Bensonville Cavaliers were shut down early in the game and never recovered in their loss to Whistle High. 'Bensonville star forward Tommy Triton scored just 14 points in his lowest scoring game of his high school career. 'His teammate, Barney Watkins, scored just 8.

The game started off pretty even, and the score at the end of the first quarter was 12-14 in favor of Whistle. Bensonville seemed to lose steam as the game went on. The score at halftime was 21-43. By the end of the third quarter, the score had reached 35-71. The final score was 50-103. Bensonville coach, Rob Herbert is set to retire at the end of this season, and he appeared heartbroken over the loss. He had no comment for this reporter.

(Story continues on page 8.)

I.	Why do you think Coach Rob Herbert had no comment for the reporter?



Mr. Sparkle Coin-Operated Laundry Dryer

Follow these directions to ensure dry laundry:

- 1. Open the door, and ensure that the dryer is empty.
- 2. Place laundry in the door. Do not overfill (Your laundry should not fill above the midpoint.).
- 3. If you are using a fabric-softening dryer sheet, place it on top of the laundry.
- 4. Close the door.
- 5. Select the setting: High, Medium, Low.
- 6. Insert nickels, dimes, and/or quarters in the slot to purchase the amount of time you'd like the dryer to run.* Nickel = 5 minutes; Dime = 10 minutes; Quarter = 25 minutes.
- 7. Press the "On" button to begin the dryer.

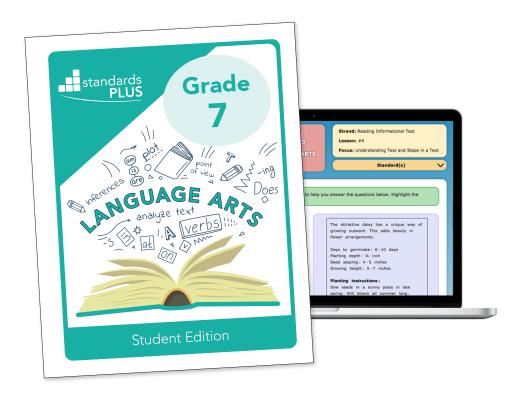
*You may add more coins to extend drying time at any point, and you may open the dryer as many times as needed to check the dryness of the laundry.

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