





ABOUT WIT & WISDOM

Wit & Wisdom® is a Kindergarten through Grade 8 English language arts (ELA) curriculum created by Great Minds®, an organization that brings together teachers and experts who believe all students deserve access to rich, rigorous content. With Wit & Wisdom, every text a student explores is authentic and of the highest quality. Students use these texts at every turn—to learn, and eventually master, essential reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar, and vocabulary skills. Instead of basals, students read books they love to build knowledge of important topics and to develop and refine literacy skills. All students read and discuss grade-level texts, and the curriculum includes suggestions for supporting this learning at key moments in the lessons.

Wit & Wisdom is composed of four modules per grade level. Each artfully explores a specific topic to develop depth of understanding and inspire curiosity. The core of each module is a selection of literary works, informational texts, and visual art. Modules are made up of approximately 30 lessons that are covered in six to eight weeks. All modules integrate reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language instruction.

Wit & Wisdom integrates ELA strands so that students read to learn; the curriculum does not systematically teach the youngest students to learn to read. For structured foundational skills instruction, Wit & Wisdom teacher-writers recommend that early elementary educators use Wit & Wisdom alongside a proven, research-based foundational skills program.

HIGH RATINGS

The independent, nonprofit reviewer EdReports.org gives Wit & Wisdom top ratings for text quality, building knowledge, and usability. Wit & Wisdom is the only ELA resource to receive a Tier 1 designation for all grades, Kindergarten through Grade 8, from the Louisiana Department of Education.

PROVEN RESULTS

Schools and districts nationwide are experiencing increased student engagement and growth with Wit & Wisdom. See their stories and data at greatminds.org/english.

ONGOING SUPPORT

To support and sustain successful implementation, Wit & Wisdom's team offers customizable professional development—online or on-site. Wit & Wisdom also includes support resources available only from Great Minds:

Introducing Wit & Wisdom • Implementation Guide

- Module o (GK-2, G3-5, G6-8)

Extending Wit & Wisdom

- Family Tip Sheets
- Volume of Reading text list
- Wit & Wisdom assessment resources (Standards Trackers and Question Sets)
- The Art of *Wit & Wisdom* (lessons and vocabulary relating to the curriculum's rich artwork)

Alaska English/Language Arts Standards Correlation to Wit & Wisdom

GRADE 1 ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

The majority of the Grade 1 Alaska English/Language Arts Standards are fully covered by Grade 1 of the *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum. The areas where the Grade 1 Alaska English/Language Arts standards and Grade 1 of the *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum do not align will require supplemental materials. A detailed analysis of alignment is provided in the table below. With strategic placement of supplemental materials, students can be successful in achieving the proficiencies of the Alaska standards while benefiting from the rich texts and knowledge building of *Wit & Wisdom*.

KEY

Wit & Wisdom fully addresses the Alaska standard.

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Wit & Wisdom does not address the Alaska standard.

Wit & Wisdom addresses the Alaska standard at a different grade level.

G = grade level Examples:

M = module G1 M1 L6 = Grade 1 Module 1 Lesson 6

L = lesson G1 M1 L6DD = Grade 1 Module 1 Lesson 6 Deep Dive

DD = Deep Dive

Content	Strand	Standard	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisd	lom
Reading	Key Ideas and	RL.1.1	G1 M1 L1–12, L17–24, L27	
Standards for Literature	Details	Ask and answer questions about a literary text using key details from the text.	G1 M2 L1-7	
			G1 M3 L2-3, L5, L13, L15-17, L21, L23-26, L32	2-35
			G1 M4 L1-36	
		RL.1.2	G1 M1 L2-5, L7-11, L18, L21-24, L26-27, L29	-31
		Retell stories, using key details, and demonstrate understanding their message	G1 M2 L2, L4, L6-9	
		(e.g., teach a lesson, make you laugh, tell a scary story, tell about an event) or lesson.	G1 M3 L14, L16, L18–19, L24, L27, L30	
			G1 M4 L3, L6–7, L10, L13, L15, L18, L20, L23, l	L26
		RL.1.3	G1 M1 L2–12, L17–26, L28–29, L31	
		Describe characters, settings, major events, and problem-solution in a story, play, or	G1 M2 L2-3, L6-7, L25	
		poem, using key details.	G1 M3 L14, L16–25, L27, L30	
			G1 M4 L3–11, L13–14, L16, L18–19, L21–24, L2	27-29
	Craft and	RL.1.4	G1 M3 L15, L19, L22–25, L27–29, L31	
	Structure	Identify words and phrases in stories, plays, or poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses.	G1 M4 L20, L25	
		RL.1.5	G1 M3 L1, L7, L12–13, L20, L25, L31	
		Explain major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information (fiction, non-fiction, and poetry), drawing on a wide reading of a range of text types.		
		RL.1.6	G1 M1 L25	
		Identify who is telling the story at various points in the text (e.g., a character in the text or a narrator/story teller).	G1 M4 L4–5, L8, L14, L17	

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	Integration of	RL.1.7	G1 M1 L1–6, L8–12, L18–25, L28, L31
	Knowledge and Ideas	Use illustrations and details in a story read or read aloud to describe its characters, events,	G1 M2 L2-3, L6-7
		setting, or problem-solution.	G1 M3 L9, L17–19, L21, L23, L25, L27–28
			G1 M4 L1, L3–11, L13–14, L16, L18–19, L21–25, L27, L29, L33
		RL.1.9	G1 M1 L11
		With prompting and support, compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of	G1 M2 L7
		characters in stories.	G1 M3 L20
			G1 M4 L9, L16, L21, L33–34
	Range of	RL.1.10	G1 M1-4
	Reading and Level of Complexity	With prompting and support, read prose and poetry from a variety of cultures of appropriate complexity for grade 1.	Wit & Wisdom considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.
Reading	Key Ideas and	RI.1.1	G1 M1 L1–4, L6–8, L12–18, L21, L28
Standards for Informational Text	Details	With prompting and support, elicit background/prior knowledge and experience in order to ask and answer questions about	G1 M2 L10–12, L14–16, L18, L20–21, L26–28, L30–31, L33–36
		an informational text using key details from the text.	G1 M3 L1–6, L8–10, L17, L26, L28–29, L35
			G1 M4 L30, L36
		RI.1.2	G1 M1 L2–4, L8, L15–16, L21, L28
		Identify the main topic or author's purpose (e.g., to teach or tell us about) and retell	G1 M2 L11, L13–14, L16–17, L21–22, L26, L31
		key details of a text.	G1 M3 L3–4, L6, L11, L30

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		RI.1.3	G1 M1 L3-4, L6, L8, L12, L21, L30
		Describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of	G1 M2 L11, L14, L16, L19, L23–24, L26, L30
		information in a text.	G1 M3 L7, L29–30
	Craft and	RI.1.4	G1 M1 L14, L24DD
	Structure	Ask and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases	G1 M2 L10–11, L16, L27, L29
		in a text.	G1 M3 L2, L5, L8, L17, L26–28
		RI.1.5	G1 M1 L14–16, L28
		Know and use various text features (e.g., title, labels with graphics, bold print, visual cues	G1 M2 L12, L14, L18–19, L21, L23, L29
		such as arrows, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text.	G1 M3 L10
			G1 M4 L8
		RI.1.6	G1 M3 L5, L8–10, L17, L27–28
		Distinguish between information provided by photos or other graphics and information provided by the words in a text.	G1 M4 L25, L29
	Integration of	RI.1.7	G1 M1 L1–4, L7–8, L12–13, L15–17, L23, L28
	Knowledge and Ideas	Use the illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas.	G1 M2 L10–12, L14, L17, L21–26, L30–31, L33, L35
			G1 M3 L3, L5–6, L8–11, L27–28

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		RI.1.8 Identify the opinions an author states to support points in a text.		Supplemental material is necessary to address identifying the opinions an author states to support points. The following lessons address identifying the reasons an author gives to support points.
				G1 M2 L26, L28–30, L32 G1 M3 L9
		RI.1.9		G1 M1 L6, L21
		Identify basic similarities in and differences between information presented in two		G1 M2 L20, L26, L30
		texts on the same topic (e.g., compare two graphics, descriptions, or steps in a process to		G1 M3 L3-6, L31
		make something).		G1 M4 L27
	Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	RI.1.10 With prompting and support, read informational texts on a range of topics appropriately complex for grade 1, with scaffolding as needed.		G1 M1–4 Wit & Wisdom considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.
Reading	Print Concepts	RF.1.1		
Standards: Foundational		Demonstrate understanding of the organization	n aı	nd basic features of print.
Skills		RF.1.1a Recognize the distinguishing features of a sentence (e.g., first-word capitalization,		Supplemental material is necessary to address this standard thoroughly.
		ending punctuation).		G1 M1 L25DD
				G1 M2 L4DD, L6DD, L7DD
	Phonological	RF.1.2		
	Awareness	Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).		

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		RF.1.2a	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Distinguish long from short vowel sounds in spoken single-syllable words.	
		RF.1.2b	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Orally produce single-syllable words by blending sounds (phonemes), including consonant blends.	
		RF.1.2c	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words.	
		RF.1.2d	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds (phonemes).	
	Phonics	RF.1.3	
	and Word Recognition	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word a	analysis skills in decoding words.
	Recognition	RF.1.3a	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Know the spelling-sound correspondences for common consonant digraphs.	
		RF.1.3b Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		RF.1.3c	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Know final -e and common vowel team conventions for representing long vowel sounds.	
		RF.1.3d	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Use knowledge that every syllable must have a vowel sound to determine the number of syllables in a printed word.	
		syllables in a printed word.	

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		RF.1.3e Decode two-syllable words following basic patterns by breaking the words into syllables.	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		RF.1.3f Read words with inflectional endings.	Supplemental material is necessary to address this standard thoroughly.
			G1 M1 L10DD, L12DD
		RF.1.3g Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
	Fluency	RF.1.4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to sup	pport comprehension.
		RF.1.4a Read on-level text with purpose and understanding.	Supplemental material is necessary to address this standard thoroughly. G1 M1 L23-27
		RF.1.4b Read on-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.	Supplemental material is necessary to address this standard thoroughly. G1 M1 L7, L9–12, L31 G1 M2 L4, L8–9, L17, L20, L24–25, L30–32 G1 M3 L4, L6, L11, L20, L24, L32, L35 G1 M4 L23, L35
		RF.1.4c Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.

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Writing Standards	Text Types and Purposes	W.1.1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion or preference, supply a fact (e.g., because race cars go faster than) or reason for the opinion, and end with a sentence that restates their opinion related to a feeling or emotion (e.g., it makes me laugh; that was the scariest part).	Supplemental material is necessary to address concluding an opinion piece with a sentence that restates their opinion related to a feeling or emotion. The following lessons address writing opinion pieces with an introduction, a clear opinion statement, reasons to support the opinion, and a conclusion that reinforces the opinion. G1 M2 L26 G1 M4 L4–16, L18–21, L23–27, L29–32
		W.1.2	G1 M1 L3, L16
		Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure (e.g., restate at the end the most interesting fact or the most important idea shared).	G1 M2 L2–6, L8–14, L16–19, L22–24, L28–36 G1 M3 L6–7
		W.1.3 Use narrative writing to recount two or more real or imagined sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, who was there, use linking words to signal event order (e.g., first, next, then), and provide an ending (e.g., how the problem was solved; how someone felt at the end).	G1 M1 L4–5, L11–12, L21–22, L25–26, L26DD, L27, L27DD, L28–30, L30DD, L31–32 G1 M3 L9–12, L14–16, L18–19, L24–25, L28–29, L32–35
	Production and Distribution of Writing	W.1.5 With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add concrete and sensory details to strengthen writing as needed.	G1 M1 L6, L28–29, L29DD, L30, L30DD, L31, L31DD G1 M2 L14, L32, L34DD, L35 G1 M3 L33DD, L34 G1 M4 L33

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		W.1.6		G1 M2 L24–25
		With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.		
	Research to	W.1.7		G1 M2 L26, L33–35
	Build and Present Knowledge	Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of "how-to"		G1 M3 L3-7
	Knowledge	books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions or combine or summarize information/facts learned).		G1 M4 L30
		W.1.8		G1 M1 L3–5, L10–11, L16, L21, L23, L26, L28–31
		With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer		G1 M2 L8–9, L12–13, L18–19, L23–24, L26, L30, L33–35
		a question.		G1 M3 L3-7
				G1 M4 L8–9, L15–16, L24–26, L29–32
Speaking and Listening Standards	Listening and Participate in collaborative convers		div	verse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with peers
		SL.1.1a		G1 M1 L1-32
		Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care, speaking		G1 M2 L1–32, L34, L36
		one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).		G1 M3 L1, L5–6, L14, L17, L21
				G1 M4 L34–35
		SL.1.1b		G1 M1 L18–19, L21–27, L31–32
		Build on others' talk in conversations by responding to the comments of others		G1 M2 L9, L20, L36
		through multiple exchanges.		G1 M4 L34

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		SL.1.1c	G1 M3 L2, L7–8, L13, L29, L35
		Ask questions to clear up any confusion about the topics and texts under discussion.	
		SL.1.2	G1 M1 L1–4, L7–12, L14–18, L20
		Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented	G1 M2 L1–2, L5–6, L10–16, L21, L26–28
		orally or through other media.	G1 M3 L2–6, L8–17, L19, L21–23, L27, L29, L35
			G1 M4 L1–2, L4, L7, L10, L12, L17–18, L20, L22–23, L25, L27–28, L34
		SL.1.3	G1 M3 L8, L13, L20, L26, L29, L35
		Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to gather additional information or clarify something that is not understood.	
	Presentation of Knowledge	SL.1.4 Describe people, places, things, and events with relevant details, expressing ideas and feelings clearly.	G1 M4 L17–18, L22, L28, L34
		SL.1.5	G1 M2 L17–19, L22–25, L30, L34–35
		Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.	
		SL.1.6	G1 M1 L2, L6, L9, L28–29
		Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation.	G1 M2 L7, L9, L14, L20, L22–23, L36
			G1 M3 L1, L24–25, L28–29, L30, L33, L35
			G1 M4 L1DD, L8–9, L15–16, L26, L28, L31, L34–36

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Language Standards	Conventions of Standard English	L.1.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.		
		L.1.1a Print all upper- and lowercase letters.	G1 M4 L30DD, L31, L31DD, L32, L32DD	
		L.1.1b Use common, proper, and possessive nouns.	G1 M1 L1DD, L3DD, L4DD, L14–16, L21, L23, L28–29, L29DD, L30–31	
			G1 M4 L13DD	
		L.1.1c Use singular and plural nouns with matching verbs in basic sentences (e.g., <i>He hops</i> ; <i>We hop</i>).	G1 M3 L4DD, L5DD, L6DD, L7, L7DD	
		L.1.1d Use personal, possessive, and indefinite pronouns (e.g., <i>I</i> , <i>me</i> , <i>my</i> ; <i>they</i> , <i>them</i> , <i>their</i> , <i>anyone</i> , <i>everything</i>).	G1 M4 L12DD, L13DD, L15DD, L16DD, L18DD, L19DD, L24–26, L33	
		L.1.1e	G1 M1 L7DD, L9DD, L12DD	
		Use verbs to convey a sense of past, present, and future (e.g., Yesterday I walked home; Today I walk home; Tomorrow I will walk home).	G1 M3 L15DD, L17DD, L18–19, L19DD, L20DD, L24–25	
		L.1.1f Use frequently occurring adjectives.	G1 M1 L17DD, L19, L20DD, L21–22, L22DD, L23, L28 G1 M3 L8DD, L10DD, L11DD, L23–25, L25DD, L27–34, L34DD, L35	
		L.1.1g Use frequently occurring conjunctions (e.g., and, but, or, so, because).	G1 M4 L2DD, L3DD, L4DD, L6DD, L9DD, L11DD, L15–16	
		L.1.1h Use determiners (e.g., articles, demonstratives).	G1 M2 L10DD, L13DD, L14DD, L15DD, L17DD, L19, L19DD, L30, L34, L34DD	

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		L.1.1i		G1 M1 L26DD, L27DD
		Use frequently occurring prepositions (e.g., during, beyond, toward).		G1 M2 L21DD, L23DD, L25DD, L29DD, L31, L31DD, L34
		L.1.1j Produce and expand complete simple and compound declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences in		G1 M1 L2, L7, L10–13, L13DD, L16, L21, L23, L23DD, L25DD, L28–29, L29DD, L30, L30DD, L31, L31DD G1 M2 L5, L7DD, L9, L12–14, L19, L22–25, L30–32,
		response to prompts.		L34, L34DD, L35, L35DD
				G1 M3 L30, L33, L33DD, L34
				G1 M4 L6DD, L7DD, L9DD, L11DD, L17, L31
		L.1.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of s when writing.	star	ndard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling
		L.1.2a Capitalize dates and names of people.		G1 M1 L4DD, L14, L16, L21, L28–29, L29DD, L30–31 G1 M4 L20DD, L21DD, L31–33
		L.1.2b Use end punctuation for sentences.		G1 M1 L4–5, L7, L10–13, L16, L21, L23, L25DD, L28–29, L29DD, L30–31, L31DD
				G1 M2 L4DD, L6DD, L7DD, L9, L9DD, L12–14, L19, L22–25, L30–32, L34–35, L35DD
		L.1.2c		G1 M4 L6DD, L7DD, L9DD, L11DD, L17, L33
		Use commas in dates and to separate single words in a series.		
		L.1.2d		G1 M4 L23DD, L24DD, L27DD, L29, L31–32, L33DD
		Use conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words.		

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		L.1.2e		G1 M2 L9, L13, L19, L23, L32
		Spell untaught words phonetically, drawing on phonemic awareness and spelling conventions.		
	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	L.1.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown a reading and content, choosing flexibly from an		d multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 1 ray of strategies.
		L.1.4a		G1 M1 L2DD, L8DD, L14, L18DD, L21DD, L24DD
		Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.		G1 M2 L10–11, L14, L16, L27, L29, L30DD
				G1 M3 L5, L13, L14DD, L17, L21, L26, L27DD, L28, L29DD
				G1 M4 L3, L5DD, L8, L10DD, L11, L13, L18, L22, L33
		L.1.4b		G1 M1 L10DD, L12DD
		Use frequently occurring affixes as a clue to the meaning of a word.		G1 M2 L27
				G1 M3 L21, L26, L26DD, L27DD, L28DD, L31
				G1 M4 L3, L26DD
		L.1.4c		G1 M1 L10DD, L12DD
		Identify frequently occurring root words (e.g., look) and their inflectional forms (e.g., looks, looked, looking).		G1 M3 L18DD, L22DD, L24DD, L31
		L.1.5 With guidance and support from adults, demonword meanings.	nst	rate understanding of word relationships and nuances in

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		L.1.5a Sort words into categories (e.g., colors,	G1 M2 L1DD, L8DD, L16DD, L18DD, L22DD, L24DD, L26DD, L27DD, L28DD
		clothing) to gain a sense of the concepts the categories represent.	G1 M3 L3DD
			G1 M4 L14DD, L17DD, L25DD, L28DD, L29DD, L33
		L.1.5b Define words by category and by one or more	G1 M2 L1DD, L16DD, L18DD, L22DD, L24DD, L26DD, L27DD, L28DD, L32
		key attributes (e.g., a <i>duck</i> is a bird that swims; a <i>tiger</i> is a large cat with stripes).	G1 M3 L3DD
		L.1.5c	G1 M3 L2DD, L3DD, L9DD, L13DD, L17, L30DD
		Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., note places at home that are <i>cozy</i>).	G1 M4 L1DD
		L.1.5d	G1 M2 L2DD, L3DD, L5DD, L11DD, L12DD, L21,
		Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs	L30DD, L32, L32DD
		differing in manner (e.g., look, peek, glance, stare, glare, scowl) and adjectives differing in	G1 M3 L1DD, L12DD, L16DD, L23DD, L31
		intensity (e.g., <i>large</i> , <i>gigantic</i>) by defining or choosing them or by acting out the meanings.	G1 M4 L8DD
		L.1.6	G1 M1-4
		Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using frequently occurring conjunctions to signal simple relationships (e.g., <i>because</i>).	Wit & Wisdom considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.