

## ABOUT WIT \& WISDOM

Wit \& Wisdom ${ }^{\circledR}$ is a Kindergarten through Grade 8 English language arts (ELA) curriculum created by Great Minds ${ }^{\circledR}$, a nonprofit 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.

## 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 6 ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

The majority of the Grade 6 Alaska English/Language Arts Standards are fully covered by Grade 6 of the Wit \& Wisdom curriculum. The areas where the Grade 6 Alaska English/Language Arts standards and Grade 6 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.Wit \& Wisdom may not completely address the Alaska standard.Wit \& Wisdom does not address the Alaska standard.Wit \& Wisdom addresses the Alaska standard at a different grade level.| $\mathrm{G}=$ grade level | Examples: |
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| $\mathrm{M}=$ module | G6 M1 L6 $=$ Grade 6 Module 1 Lesson 6 |
| $\mathrm{~L}=$ lesson | G6 M1 L6DD $=$ Grade 6 Module 1 Lesson 6 Deep Dive |
| DD $=$ Deep Dive |  |


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| Reading <br> Standards for <br> Literature | Key Ideas and <br> Details | RL.6.1 <br> Cite textual evidence to support analysis <br> of what the text says explicitly as well as <br> inferences drawn from the text. | Aligned Components of Wit \& Wisdom |


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|  |  | RL. 6.5 <br> Analyze the overall structure of a text: how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall work and analyzing how it contributes to the development of the characters, theme, setting, or plot. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G6 M1 L5, L7-8, L13-14, L25, L28 } \\ & \text { G6 M2 L2-4, L8-18, L29-30, L34, L36 } \\ & \text { G6 M3 L3, L5, L9, L17 } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | RL. 6.6 <br> Determine author's purpose and explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text. | G6 M2 L24 <br> G6 M3 L8, L10-11, L15, L17, L20 |
|  | Integration of Knowledge and Ideas | RL. 6.7 <br> Compare and contrast the experience of reading a story, drama, or poem to listening to or viewing an audio, video, or live version of the text, including contrasting what they "see" and "hear" when reading the text to what they perceive when they listen or watch (e.g., Shiloh). | G6 M2 L21, L23, L25 |
|  |  | RL. 6.9 <br> Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories) in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics. | G6 M1 L6-7, L9-11, L11DD G6 M2 L22, L24 |


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|  | Range of Reading and Level of Complexity | RL.6.10 <br> By the end of the year, read and comprehend a range of literature from a variety of cultures, within a complexity band appropriate to grade 6 (from upper grade 5 to grade 7), with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. | G6 M1-4 <br> 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 <br> Standards for <br> Informational <br> Text | Key Ideas and Details | RI.6.1 <br> Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. | G6 M1 L6-7, L9-10, L17-18, L21, L23 G6 M2 L8, L22, L28 <br> G6 M3 L5, L9, L16-17, L17DD, L19-23, L25-26, L26DD, L27, L27DD, L28-38 <br> G6 M4 L1-2, L2DD, L3, L3DD, L4-16, L16DD, L17-28, L30-32 |
|  |  | RI.6.2 <br> Determine a central idea and subtopics of a text and how they are conveyed through particular details; restate and summarize the central idea or events, in correct sequence when necessary, after reading a text. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G6 M1 L17-18, L21 } \\ & \text { G6 M2 L28-29 } \\ & \text { G6 M3 L16-17, L19, L21-23, L25-29, L33 } \\ & \text { G6 M4 L2DD, L3-4, L7, L10-13, L15-22, } \\ & \text { L24-26, L30 } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | RI.6.3 <br> Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated on in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes). | G6 M1 L18 <br> G6 M2 L22, L28 <br> G6 M3 L5, L9, L16-17, L17DD, L22, L25-27, L27DD, L28-29, L31, L34 <br> G6 M4 L2, L2DD, L3, L3DD, L4-14, L16-17, L19-20, L24-25 |



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|  |  | RI.6.8 <br> Trace and evaluate the argument and <br> specific claims in a text, distinguishing <br> claims that are supported by reasons and <br> evidence from claims that are not. | G6 M3 L17, L22, L28 |
|  | RI.6.9 <br> Compare and contrast one author's <br> presentation of events with that of <br> another (e.g., a memoir written by and a <br> biography on the same person). | G6 M4 L17DD |  |



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|  |  | W.6.2c <br> Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts. | G6 M1 L2DD, L7DD, L8, L10-11, L12DD, L16, L20-21, L25, L29, L32DD, L34 G6 M2 L15DD, L31, L34DD, L35DD G6 M3 L8, L16, L28, L31 G6 M4 L6, L12, L22 |
|  |  | W.6.2d <br> Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G6 M1 L23DD, L32DD, L33DD } \\ & \text { G6 M2 L23DD } \\ & \text { G6 M3 L8, L28 } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | W.6.2e <br> Establish and maintain a formal style. | G6 M1 L23DD, L24DD, L29, L30DD, L32DD, L33DD G6 M3 L8, L16, L28, L31 G6 M4 L6-7, L12, L22, L27 |
|  |  | W.6.2f <br> Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G6 M1 L8, L24-25 } \\ & \text { G6 M4 L22, L27 } \end{aligned}$ |


|  |  | W.6.3 <br> Use narrative writing to develop real or ima technique, relevant descriptive details, and <br> W.6.3a <br> Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically. <br> W.6.3b <br> Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters. <br> W.6.3c <br> Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another. <br> W.6.3d <br> Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events. <br> W.6.3e <br> Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events. | ed experiences or events using effective l-structured event sequences. |
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|  |  |  | G6 M2 L2-4, L7-8, L20-21, L24, L27, L31-33 |
|  |  |  | G6 M2 L15-16, L19, L21, L27, L31 |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G6 M1 L2DD } \\ & \text { G6 M2 L15DD, L27, L31, L34DD } \\ & \text { G6 M4 L6 } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | G6 M2 L7-8, L23DD, L31 |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G6 M2 L32 } \\ & \text { G6 M3 L33, L36 } \end{aligned}$ |




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| Content | Range of Writing | W.6.10 <br> Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. | G6 M1 L1-2, L4-6, L8-9, L11-15, L22-24, L26, L30 <br> G6 M2 L1-5, L10-11, L13, L19-26, L28-31 <br> G6 M3 L1-6, L8-14, L17-18, L21-27, L29-30, L32-34 <br> G6 M4 L1-9, L11-21, L23-26, L28, L30DD, L31-32 |
| Speaking and Listening Standards | Comprehension and Collaboration | SL. 6.1 <br> Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. |  |
|  |  | SL.6.1a <br> Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion. | G6 M1 L6, L9, L12, L14-15, L23, L26 G6 M2 L21-22, L25, L28, L36 G6 M3 L2, L9-10, L12, L18, L24-26, L32 G6 M4 L8-9, L13, L28, L32 |
|  |  | SL.6.1b <br> Follow rules for collegial discussions (e.g., establishing norms: taking turns, paraphrasing, respecting diverse viewpoints), set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G6 M1 L3, L6, L9, L12, L14-15, L23, L26, } \\ & \text { L28-32, L34 } \\ & \text { G6 M2 L25, L28, L32-35 } \\ & \text { G6 M3 L9, L18, L32 } \\ & \text { G6 M4 L28, L32 } \end{aligned}$ |


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|  |  | SL.6.1c <br> Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G6 M1 L6, L9, L12, L14-15, L17, L23, L29-30 } \\ & \text { G6 M2 L21-22, L25, L28, L36 } \\ & \text { G6 M3 L2, L9-10, L12, L18, L24-26, L29-30, } \\ & \text { L32 } \\ & \text { G6 M4 L8-9, L13, L28, L32 } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | SL.6.1d <br> Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G6 M1 L9, L12 } \\ & \text { G6 M2 L25-26, L30, L36 } \\ & \text { G6 M3 L9-10, L12, L18, L24, L29-30, L32-33 } \\ & \text { G6 M4 L8-9, L13, L28, L32 } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | SL.6.2 <br> Interpret information presented in diverse media (including but not limited to podcasts) and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively/ data-related, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study. | Supplemental material is necessary to address interpreting information from podcasts. <br> The following lessons address interpreting information presented in diverse media and formats and explaining its contribution to the subject of study. <br> G6 M1 L2, L6, L9-10, L14, L17-21, L29 <br> G6 M2 L1, L4, L6-8, L10, L19-25, L36 <br> G6 M3 L4-5, L9, L17-18, L21, L23-24, L26-27, L32-33 <br> G6 M4 L1-6, L8-10, L12-13, L17, L25, L30 |


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|  |  | SL. 6.3 <br> Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G6 M3 L17 } \\ & \text { G6 M4 L11, L28, L32 } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Presentation of Knowledge | SL. 6.4 <br> Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G6 M1 L18, L29 } \\ & \text { G6 M2 L6, L9, L13, L15, L17-18, L26, L30, L36 } \\ & \text { G6 M3 L9, L18, L27, L32-33 } \\ & \text { G6 M4 L13, L28 } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | SL. 6.5 <br> Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, images, music, sound) and visual displays in presentations to clarify information. | G6 M2 L23, L25-26, L31, L36 G6 M3 L33 |
|  |  | SL.6.6 <br> Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. | G6 M1 L14-15, L18-21, L23, L26, L28-29, L32, L34 <br> G6 M2 L5-7, L10-18, L21, L25-26, L30, L32-33, L35-36 <br> G6 M3 L2-3, L9, L18, L23, L32-33 <br> G6 M4 L13, L28, L32 |


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| Language Standards | Conventions of Standard English | L. 6.1 <br> Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. |  |
|  |  | L.6.1a <br> Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive). | G6 M2 L4DD, L5DD, L13DD, L34DD, L35DD <br> G6 M3 L19, L24DD, L31, L35DD, L36-37, L37DD, L38 <br> G6 M4 L29 |
|  |  | L.6.1b <br> Use intensive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves). | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G6 M2 L18DD, L19DD, L20DD, L27, L34DD, } \\ & \text { L35DD } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | L.6.1c <br> Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person. | G6 M3 L4DD, L5DD, L8, L8DD, L9DD, L10DD, L15, L15DD, L19, L31, L35DD, L36-37, L37DD, L38 <br> G6 M4 L12, L22, L29 |
|  |  | L.6.1d <br> Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents). | G6 M2 L27 <br> G6 M3 L5DD <br> G6 M4 L6DD, L8DD, L11DD, L12, L12DD, L22, L27, L27DD, L29DD |
|  |  | L.6.1e <br> Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language. | ```G6 M1 L3DD, L23DD, L24DD, L25, L29, L30DD, L32DD, L33, L33DD, L34, L34DD G6 M2 L23DD G6 M3 L9, L18``` |


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|  |  | Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. |  |
|  |  | L.6.2a <br> Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/ parenthetical elements. | G6 M2 L25DD, L27DD, L28DD, L31DD, L32DD, L33DD, L34DD, L35DD |
|  |  | L.6.2b <br> Spell correctly. | G6 M2 L25-27, L32-35 G6 M3 L37DD |
|  | Knowledge of Language | L. 6.3 <br> Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening. |  |
|  |  | L.6.3a <br> Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style. | G6 M1 L2DD, L7DD, L10-11, L12DD, L16, <br> L20DD, L21, L21DD, L22DD, L25, L29, L33-34, <br> L34DD <br> G6 M2 L32-34 <br> G6 M3 L8, L15, L17DD, L18DD, L19, L19DD, <br> L27DD, L28DD, L31, L31DD, L36, L36DD, L37, <br> L37DD, L38 <br> G6 M4 L7, L22, L29 |
|  |  | L.6.3b <br> Maintain consistency in style and tone. | G6 M1 L23DD, L24DD, L25, L29, L30DD, L32DD, L33, L33DD, L34, L34DD G6 M2 L34, L34DD G6 M4 L17DD, L19DD, L20DD, L22, L22DD, L27, L27DD, L29DD |




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|  |  | L.6.5a <br> Interpret the intent or meaning of figures of speech (e.g., personification, metaphors, alliteration) as used in context. | ```G6 M1 L8-9, L11, L14DD, L19, L19DD, L20, L26, L26DD, L27, L27DD G6 M2 L22DD, L23DD G6 M3 L4, L9-11 G6 M4 L4, L21``` |
|  |  | L.6.5b <br> Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category) to better understand each of the words. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G6 M1 L18DD } \\ & \text { G6 M2 L1DD, L11DD, L12DD, L16DD } \\ & \text { G6 M3 L14DD, L16, L21DD, L22DD, L26DD, L33 } \\ & \text { G6 M4 L15DD, L18, L18DD, L26DD } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | L.6.5c <br> Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., stingy, scrimping, economical, unwasteful, thrifty). | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G6 M1 L1DD } \\ & \text { G6 M2 L10DD, L14DD, L23DD, L24DD } \\ & \text { G6 M3 L8, L16 } \\ & \text { G6 M4 L1, L4DD, L5DD } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | L.6.6 <br> Acquire and accurately use gradeappropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. | G6 M1-4 <br> 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. |

