

More Meaningful English
Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards: English Language Arts Correlation to *Wit & Wisdom* Florida
GRADE 6
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Wit & Wisdom® Florida 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.

Each grade level of *Wit & Wisdom* Florida includes four modules. Each module focuses on an engaging, content-focused topic. The purposeful sequence of topics within and across grade levels builds students' content knowledge in literature, the arts, social sciences and history, and science. A shared knowledge base empowers all students to comprehend complex texts.

At the heart of each module is a selection of literary works, informational texts, and visual art. With *Wit & Wisdom* Florida, 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, communication, and vocabulary skills.

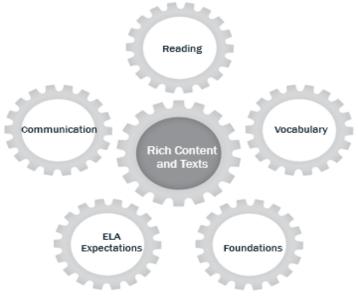
Powerful questions guide students' learning across the 30–38 lessons in each module. Using predictable yet flexible stages for close reading, *Wit & Wisdom* Florida students build transferrable skills to comprehend texts across the content areas. Explicit, text-based communication instruction follows a sequence of stages that gradually leads students to mastery in writing and presenting.

With Wit & Wisdom Florida, Great Minds supports all students in learning by achieving the essential balance of accountability to standards through meaningful, relevant content. Each module lesson integrates reading, communication, and vocabulary instruction and includes an aligned conventions or vocabulary Deep Dive.

The following alignment study provides illustrative examples of how *Wit & Wisdom* Florida addresses Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards for English Language Arts. The aligned examples included

are not comprehensive (the full curriculum contains many more examples), but rather show where the knowledge and skills of each benchmark are taught, learned, or demonstrated. Because the instruction of standards in *Wit & Wisdom* Florida is integrated and not isolated, the same lesson may be listed as an exemplar for more than one standard. Sometimes a full lesson illustrates alignment; other times we call out specific sections or a Deep Dive. Some individual examples may address components of the benchmark's knowledge or skills, with the complete set of examples providing full coverage of the benchmark.

With Wit & Wisdom Florida, students in Grades Kindergarten through 8 build the knowledge, vocabulary, and critical thinking skills they need for success in secondary and post-secondary education, career, and civic life.



GRADE 6 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

The Wit & Wisdom Florida curriculum provides instruction on, practice with, and assessment of Florida's Grade 6 B.E.S.T. Standards: English Language Arts.

Details of alignment are provided in the table below. Wit & Wisdom Florida students will achieve the proficiencies of the Florida standards while benefiting from the rich texts and knowledge building of Wit & Wisdom Florida.

G = grade level Examples:

M = module G6 M1 L6 = Grade 6 Module 1 Lesson 6

L = lesson G6 M1 L6DD = Grade 6 Module 1 Lesson 6 Deep Dive

DD = Deep Dive

Strand	Standard	Benchmark	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom Florida
Communication	Communicating Through Writing	Narrative Writing ELA.6.C.1.2: Write personal or fictional narratives using	Primary Example G6 M2 L31–34 > End-of-Module Task p. 313
		narrative techniques, precise	G6 M2
		words and phrases, and figurative language.	L4 > Experiment with Context and Sequence p. 50 L7 > Experiment with Precise Word Choice p. 87
			L8 > Experiment with Descriptive Details p. 100 L14 > Examine Narrative Techniques p. 162
			L15 > Experiment with Narrative Techniques p. 173 L16 > Execute Narrative Techniques p. 183
			L19 > Develop Hero p. 214 L21 > Revise Characters and Context p. 235
		A review out at it is 14/viting	L27 > Complete Focusing Question Task p. 286
		Argumentative Writing ELA.6.C.1.3: Write and support a claim using logical reasoning,	Primary Example G6 M3 L34–37 > End-of-Module Task p. 349
		relevant evidence from sources, elaboration, and a	G6 M3 L6 > Examine Evidence and Claims p. 71
		logical organizational structure	L7 > Experiment with Evidence and Claim p. 84
		with varied transitions.	L11 > Examine Reasons, Evidence, and Elaboration p. 133 L13 > Experiment with Reasons, Evidence, and Elaboration p. 154
			L15 > Complete Focusing Question Task p. 175 L18DD p. 211
			L19 p. 213

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		Expository Writing	Primary Example
		ELA.6.C.1.4: Write expository	G6 M1 L30–34 > End-of-Module Task p. 305
		texts to explain and/or analyze	
		information from multiple	G6 M1
		sources, using a logical	L2 > Examine and Experiment with ToSEEC Model p. 18
		organizational structure,	L2DD p. 21
		relevant elaboration, and	L5 > Execute ToSEEC Paragraph p. 48
		varied transitions.	L6 > Experiment with Evidence p. 58
			L7 > Experiment with Elaboration p. 67
			L7DD p. 70
			L8 > Experiment with Concluding Statements p. 79
			L10 > Execute Two ToSEEC Paragraphs p. 97
			L13 > Examine and Experiment with Introductions p. 127
		Improving Writing	Primary Example
		ELA.6.C.1.5: Improve writing by	G6 M1 L34DD p. 342
		planning, revising, and editing,	
		considering feedback from	G6 M1
		adults and peers.	L21DD p. 213
			L32 > Plan an Explanatory Essay p. 326
			L33DD p. 336
			L34 > Excel at Explanatory Writing p. 340
			G6 M2
			L34 > Excel with Narrative Scenes p. 342
			G6 M3
			L35 > Plan Argument p. 360
			L36 > Draft Argument p. 368
			L36DD p. 384
			L37 > Excel with Argument Writing p. 376

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	Communicating	Oral Presentation	Primary Example
	Orally	ELA.6.C.2.1: Present	G6 M2 L26 p. 277
		information orally, in a	
		logical sequence, using	G6 M2
		nonverbal cues, appropriate	L22 > Examine Technology-Based Presentations p. 243
		volume, clear pronunciation,	L23 > Experiment with Technology-Based Presentations p. 254
		and appropriate pacing.	L25 > Excel at Technology-Based Presentations p. 273
			L30 > Prepare to Present; Present Elevator Speeches p. 310
			L36 > Present Original Monomyths p. 356
			G6 M3
			L33 > Present Elevator Speech and Poster p. 346
	Following	Conventions	Primary Example
	Conventions	ELA.6.C.3.1: Follow the rules of	G6 M3 L24DD p. 270
		standard English grammar,	
		punctuation, capitalization,	G6 M1
		and spelling appropriate to	L20DD p. 203
		grade level.	L21DD p. 213
			L34DD p. 342
			G6 M2
			L34DD p. 345
			L35DD p. 352
			15555 p. 552
			G6 M3
			L4DD p. 49
			L15DD p. 177
			G6 M4
			L11DD p. 128
			L12DD p. 139

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	Researching	Researching and Using	Primary Example
		Information	G6 M4 L4 > Examine Searching for Research p. 44
		ELA.6.C.4.1: Conduct research	
		to answer a question, drawing	G6 M3
		on multiple reliable and	L20 p. 223
		valid sources, and refocusing	
		the inquiry when appropriate.	G6 M4
			L5 > Experiment Searching for Sources p. 55
			L6 > Execute Searching for Sources p. 65
			L10 > Experiment with Note-Taking p. 110
			L12 > Execute Note-Taking p. 134
			L13 > Deconstruct the End-of-Module Exemplar p. 144
			L19 > Examine Using Sources Responsibly p. 207
			L20 > Experiment with Using Sources Responsibly p. 220
			L21 > Execute Using Sources Responsibly p. 230
	Creating and	Multimedia	Primary Example
	Collaborating	ELA.6.C.5.1: Integrate diverse	G6 M2 L23 > Experiment with
		digital media to enhance	Technology-Based Presentations p. 254
		audience engagement in oral or written tasks.	G6 M2
		or written tasks.	L25 > Excel at Technology-Based Presentations p. 273
			L26 > Execute Technology-Based Presentations p. 273
			L36 > Present Original Monomyths p. 356
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			G6 M3
			L33 > Present Elevator Speech and Poster p. 346

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		Technology in Communication	Primary Example
		ELA.6.C.5.2: Use digital tools to	G6 M2 L25 > Excel at Technology-Based Presentations p. 273
		produce writing.	
			G6 M2
			L26 > Execute Technology-Based Presentations p. 280
			L34 > Plan Presentations p. 343
			L35 > Excel with Presentations p. 350
Reading	Reading Prose	Literary Elements	Primary Example
	and Poetry	ELA.6.R.1.1: Analyze how the	G6 M2 L12 > Analyze Character and Structure p. 141
		interaction between characters	
		contributes to the	G6 M1
		development of a plot in a	L3 > Organize Character Information; Analyze Bud's Reactions p. 27
		literary text.	L4 > Organize Character Responses p. 41
			L8 > Organize Characters, Setting, and Plot p. 77
			L11 > Analyze Character Interactions p. 106
			L15 > Participate in a Socratic Seminar p. 145
			L25 > Analyze Character Development p. 252
			G6 M2
			L25 > Participate in a Socratic Seminar p. 272
			G6 M3
			L10 > Analyze Character Perspective p.118
			L12 > Analyze Events; Analyze Reverend Hunt's Impact on Samuel
			p. 142

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		Theme	Primary Example
		ELA.6.R.1.2: Analyze the	G6 M3 L18 > Analyze Big Ideas and Themes p. 205
		development of stated or	
		implied theme(s) throughout a	G6 M1
		literary text.	L23 > Analyze Theme and Perspective p. 231
			L27 > Analyze Theme and Characters p. 274
			L28 > Analyze the Theme of Transformation p. 287
			G6 M2
			L5 > Participate in a Socratic Seminar p. 62
			L17 > Analyze Big Ideas and Themes p. 190
		Perspective and Point of View	Primary Example
		ELA.6.R.1.3: Explain the	G6 M3 L8 p. 91
		influence of multiple narrators	
		and/or shifts in point of view in	G6 M2
		a literary text.	L23 p. 249
			L24 p. 259
			G6 M3
			L10 p. 115
			L13 p. 149
			L14 p. 161
		Poetry	Wit & Wisdom Florida students in Grade 6 describe the impact of poetic
		ELA.6.R.1.4: Describe the	form on meaning and style in their B.E.S.T. Knowledge Reads analysis of
		impact of various poetic forms	"Acquainted with the Night" by Robert Frost.
		on meaning and style.	

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	Reading	Structure	Primary Example
	Informational Text	ELA.6.R.2.1: Explain how	G6 M4 L7 > Analyze Writing Types p. 74
		individual text sections and/or	
		features convey meaning	G6 M2
		in texts.	L8 > Compare Stages of the Monomyth p. 96
			G6 M3
			L17 > Analyze the Purpose of Epigraphs p. 194
			L22 > Analyze Argument p. 247
			L26 > Launch p. 286
			G6 M4
			L2 > Notice and Wonder p. 14
			L15 > Examine Ideas; Organize Ideas p. 164
			L22 > Welcome; Launch; Analyze Structure p. 237
			L24 > Organize Events p. 258
		Central Idea	Primary Example
		ELA.6.R.2.2: Analyze the	G6 M4 L21 > Identify Central Ideas p. 229
		central idea(s), implied or	
		explicit, and its development	G6 M4
		throughout a text.	L11 > Analyze Main Ideas p. 122
			L22 > Analyze Structure p. 239
			L26 > Verify Central Ideas; Justify Ideas p. 278
		Purpose and Perspective	Primary Example
		ELA.6.R.2.3: Analyze authors'	G6 M3 L31 p. 327
		purpose(s) in multiple	CCAM
		accounts of the same event	G6 M3
		or topic.	L30 p. 319
			L32 p. 335

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		Argument ELA.6.R.2.4: Track the development of an argument, identifying the types of reasoning used.	Primary Example G6 M3 L22 > Analyze Argument; Evaluate Argument p. 247 G6 M3 L17 > Examine a Speaker's Argument p. 192 L28 > Complete New-Read Assessment p. 306
	Reading Across Genres	Interpreting Figurative Language ELA.6.R.3.1: Explain how figurative language contributes to tone and meaning in text(s).	Primary Example G6 M4 L21 > Analyze Language p. 228 G6 M1 L8 > Interpret Figurative Language p. 78 L14 > Analyze Word Choice; Participate in a Socratic Seminar p. 134 L14DD p. 139 L26 > Analyze Language's Effect on Character Development p. 262 L27 > Analyze Theme and Character p. 274 G6 M3
		Paraphrasing and Summarizing ELA.6.R.3.2: Paraphrase content from grade-level texts.	L4 > Analyze Characterization p. 42 Primary Example G6 M4 L21 > Execute Using Sources Responsibly p. 230 G6 M4 L12 > Execute Note-Taking p. 134 L19 > Examine Using Sources Responsibly p. 207 L25 > Execute Responsible and Effective Source Integration p. 270 L26 > Excel at Using Sources Responsibly and Effectively p. 279

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		Comparative Reading	Primary Example
		ELA.6.R.3.3: Compare and	G6 M3 L19 > Complete Focusing Question Task p. 218
		contrast how authors from	
		different time periods address	G6 M1
		the same or related topics.	L9 > Build Background Knowledge about Sit-Down Strikes p. 88
			L11 > New-Read Assessment 1 (Item 6) p. 107
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			G6 M3
			L27 p. 293
			L30 p. 319
			G6 M4
			L4 > Analyze the Men's Responses p. 42
			L6 > Complete Focusing Question Task 1 p. 66
			L9 > Examine the Author's Sources p. 99
		Understanding Rhetoric	Primary Example
		ELA.6.R.3.4: Identify rhetorical	G6 M3 L17 > Examine a Speaker's Argument p. 192
		appeals in a text.	
			G6 M3
			L28 > Complete New-Read Assessment 2 (Item 8) p. 306

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Vocabulary	Finding Meaning	Academic Vocabulary	Primary Example
		ELA.6.V.1.1: Integrate	G6 M4 L2DD p. 22
		academic vocabulary	
		appropriate to grade level in	G6 M1
		speaking and writing.	L12DD p. 121
			L14 > Participate in a Socratic Seminar p. 135
			G6 M2
			L2 > Examine Context p. 21
			L17 > Participate in a Socratic Seminar p. 192
			G6 M3
			L6DD p. 76
			L9 > Participate in a Socratic Seminar p. 106
			G6 M4
			L4DD p. 47
			L30DD p. 313

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		Morphology	Primary Example
		ELA.6.V.1.2: Apply knowledge	G6 M4 L3DD p. 34
		of Greek and Latin roots and	
		affixes to determine meanings	G6 M2
		of words and phrases in	L6DD p. 77
		grade-level content.	L7DD p. 90
			L8DD p. 103
			G6 M3
			L2DD p. 25
			L6DD p. 76
			G6 M4
			L3DD p. 34
			L10DD p. 117
			L21DD p. 233
		Context and Connotation	Primary Example
		ELA.6.V.1.3: Apply knowledge	G6 M2 L11DD p. 134
		of context clues, figurative	
		language, word relationships,	G6 M1
		reference materials, and/or	L15 > Determine Word Meaning in Context p. 144
		background knowledge to	L16DD p. 156
		determine the connotative and	
		denotative meaning of words	G6 M2
		and phrases, appropriate to	L10DD p. 122
		grade level.	oc.up
			G6 M3
			L13DD p. 158
			L26DD p. 291
			G6 M4
			L3 > Welcome; Launch p. 27
			L11 > Welcome; Launch p. 121
			L15DD p. 170

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ELA.K12.EE.1.1: Cite evidence to explain and justify reasoning.	Collecting and citing evidence to support ideas in speaking and writing is a core practice in Wit & Wisdom Florida. Students collect evidence during and after reading as a class, in small groups, in pairs, or independently. Students use graphic organizers, their journals, or other note-taking systems to collect and record evidence prior to expressing their evidence-supported understandings through writing or speaking.
	Primary Example G6 M1 L6 > Experiment with Evidence p. 58
	G6 M1 L3 > Analyze Bud's Reactions p. 28 L23 > Experiment with Evidence Integration p. 232
	G6 M3 G6 M3 L13 > Experiment with Reasons, Evidence, and Elaboration p. 154
	G6 M4 G6 M4 L24 > Experiment with Effective and Responsible Source Integration p. 259
ELA.K12.EE.2.1: Read and comprehend grade-level complex texts proficiently.	Wit & Wisdom Florida is a text-centered curriculum. By design, students work with the same knowledge-building text sets, allowing all of them to grow shared knowledge and academic vocabulary across lessons and modules. Students are engaged in using grade-appropriate comprehension skills by first listening to rich grade-level texts read aloud in the early grades and reading with increasing independence as their decoding skills develop. They comprehend a range of texts because they have a strong knowledge base and appropriate support across the modules and years.
	See the Module Overview > Texts list of the core and supplementary texts included in the module, G6 M1–4.
	See Appendix A: Text Complexity for a description of the quantitative and qualitative complexity of the module's core texts.
	Primary Example G6 M4 > Appendix A

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ELA.K12.EE.3.1: Make inferences to support comprehension.	The Wit & Wisdom Florida Content Stages are a framework for close reading and questioning that is specifically designed to engage students in deep comprehension of complex texts across grade levels. The Content Stages guide students' daily work in Wit & Wisdom Florida—from first encountering and understanding the literal meaning of text to analyzing, connecting, and making inferences from text. Wit & Wisdom Florida's Content Stages optimize the learning opportunities each text presents while building sound habits for wide reading across genres.
	The first two stages—Wonder and Organize—focus on questioning and organizing literal comprehension. The next two stages—Reveal and Distill—deepen students' comprehension through analysis of craft, structure, and meaning, of the parts and the whole. Finally, in the Know Stage, students consider the text in the context of their own knowledge and learning.
	See the Module Overview > Module Map to identify lessons focused on the Reveal Stage and the Distill Stage.
	Primary Example G6 M3 L4 > Analyze Characterization p. 42
	G6 M1 G6 M1 L18 > Annotate for Details about Setting and Character p. 174
	G6 M2 G6 M2 L1 > Examine Details p. 5
	G6 M3 G6 M3 L1 > Observe, Infer, and Wonder: Back Cover; Observe, Infer, and Wonder: Chapter 1; Land p. 5
	G6 M4 G6 M4 L8 > Analyze Characters' Actions and Morale p. 86

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ELA.K12.EE.4.1: Use appropriate collaborative techniques and active listening skills when engaging in discussions in a variety of situations.	In all modules and grades of <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> Florida, students participate in formal structured, text-based, academic discussions (Socratic Seminars) and informal, collaborative content- and text-based conversations and tasks (through routines like Think-Pair-Share).
	Primary Example G6 M1 L14–15 > Participate in a Socratic Seminar p. 131
	G6 M1 L28 > Defer Politely to Another Speaker p. 286
	G6 M2 L5 > Participate in a Socratic Seminar p. 62 L17 > Participate in a Socratic Seminar p. 192
	G6 M3 L9 > Participate in a Socratic Seminar p. 106 L33 > Present Elevator Speech and Poster p. 346
	G6 M4 L13 > Execute Speaking and Listening Skills p. 147 L28 > Execute a Socratic Seminar p. 297

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ELA.K12.EE.5.1: Use the accepted rules governing a specific format to create quality work.	The Wit & Wisdom Florida Craft Stages and writing models provide students with clear structures for their written, visual, and spoken work.
	The Craft Stages are a sequenced process for building skills in writing, speaking, and presenting. The first <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> Florida Craft Stage is Examine—in which students examine an exemplar of writing, visual presentation, or speaking to identify the elements and structures of quality communication.
	See the Module Overview > Module Map to identify lessons focused on the Examine Stage.
	The Wit & Wisdom Florida writing models give students visuals for organizing their narrative, opinion/argument, and expository writing.
	Primary Example G6 M1 L2 > Examine and Experiment with ToSEEC Model p. 18
	G6 M1 L20 > Execute a ToSEEC Paragraph p. 201
	G6 M2 L34 > Plan Presentations p. 343
	G6 M3 L18DD p. 211
	G6 M4 L22 > Excel at Using Sources Responsibly p. 239

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ELA.K12.EE.6.1: Use appropriate voice and tone when speaking or writing.	In Wit & Wisdom Florida, students examine and are explicitly taught distinctions between formal and informal language. Engagement with the curriculum's module texts and content builds students' academic vocabulary. Integration of sentence frames, process writing, speaking and listening guidelines, and explicit vocabulary instruction supports students' use of academic language in communicating their ideas about module texts and topics in formal presentations, Socratic Seminars, and writing.
	Primary Example G6 M1 L24DD p. 247
	G6 M1
	L32DD p. 328
	L34DD p. 342
	G6 M4
	L17DD p. 190
	L22DD p. 242

English Language Development	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom Florida
ELD.K12.ELL.LA.1: English language learners communicate information, ideas, and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of	In writing, Wit & Wisdom Florida students engage in writing-to-learn and learning-to-write activities daily, building their skills with using writing to communicate their academic ideas and understandings.
Language Arts.	In oral communication, <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> Florida lessons intentionally shift the balance of talking from teachers to students, engaging students in daily meaningful opportunities to speak and listen. All <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> Florida students speak and listen to communicate academic information, ideas, and concepts daily.
	G6 M1–4
ELD.K12.ELL.SI.1: English language learners communicate for social and instructional purposes within the school setting.	Wit & Wisdom Florida students hone their skills and awareness of the many purposes for writing, speaking, and listening. They learn to tailor their writing and speaking to specific purposes and audiences.
	Students engage in daily informal academic conversations and write-to-learn activities and in frequent formal presentations, discussions, and extended writing tasks.
	G6 M1–4