





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)

Hawaii Common Core Standards for English Language Arts Correlation to Wit & Wisdom

GRADE 2 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

The majority of the Grade 2 Hawaii Common Core Standards for English Language Arts are fully covered by Grade 2 of the *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum. The areas where the Grade 2 Hawaii standards and Grade 2 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 Hawaii standards while benefiting from the rich texts and knowledge building of *Wit & Wisdom*.

KEY

Wit & Wisdom fully addresses the Hawaii standard.

Wit & Wisdom may not completely address the Hawaii standard.

Wit & Wisdom does not address the Hawaii standard.

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

G = grade level Examples:

M = module G2 M1 L6 = Grade 2 Module 1 Lesson 6

L = lesson G2 M1 L6DD = Grade 2 Module 1 Lesson 6 Deep Dive

DD = Deep Dive

Strand	Sub-Strand	Standard	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
Reading	Key Ideas and	RL.2.1	G2 M1 L1-3, L10-12, L14-17, L19, L25-26
Standards for Literature	Details	Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate	G2 M2 L12, L14, L16, L18–28, L30–35
		understanding of key details in a text.	G2 M3 L5–6, L10–11, L13, L25, L29
			G2 M4 L9–16, L22–23, L25–26, L28–29, L32–33
		RL.2.2	G2 M1 L2, L11–16, L18, L25, L27–29, L31–32
		Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their	G2 M2 L12, L14, L17, L19, L21–25, L27, L29, L31–35
		central message, lesson, or moral.	G2 M3 L11, L15, L17, L20, L25–26, L28, L30
			G2 M4 L11, L13–15
		RL.2.3	G2 M1 L2, L11–13, L15–19
		Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.	G2 M2 L12–15, L17–21, L23–24, L27, L29
			G2 M3 L17, L22–23, L29–30
			G2 M4 L11, L14
	Craft and	RL.2.4	G2 M1 L2–3, L13, L15, L26–27, L27DD, L28, L28DD
	Structure	Describe how words and phrases (e.g., regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines)	G2 M3 L5-6, L11, L16-18
		supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song.	G2 M4 L12
		RL.2.5	G2 M1 L12, L15–17, L27–29
		Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning	G2 M2 L23, L27, L29
		introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.	G2 M3 L27

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		RL.2.6	G2 M1 L3
		Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud.	G2 M3 L8, L16, L21, L30
	Integration of	RL.2.7	G2 M1 L10–13, L16–17, L25, L28
	Knowledge and Ideas	Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to	G2 M2 L24, L26, L28, L30
		demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.	G2 M4 L10, L12–15
		RL.2.9	G2 M2 L23–25, L28–32
		Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story (e.g., Cinderella stories) by different authors or from different cultures.	
	Range of	RL.2.10	G2 M1-4
	Reading and Level of Text Complexity	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories and poetry, in the grades 2–3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.	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.2.1	G2 M1 L4–6, L9, L20–22, L24, L30
Standards for Informational Text	Details	Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate	G2 M2 L1–2, L6, L10–12, L18, L33–35
Text		understanding of key details in a text.	G2 M3 L1-34
			G2 M4 L1–9, L13, L17–31, L33

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		RI.2.2	G2 M1 L5–9, L11, L21, L23, L30–32
		Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs	G2 M2 L2, L4, L7–8, L10, L33–35
		within the text.	G2 M3 L3, L9, L11, L17
			G2 M4 L8–9, L20
		RI.2.3	G2 M1 L20, L22–24
		Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts,	G2 M2 L3-5, L9, L32
		or steps in technical procedures in a text.	G2 M3 L4
			G2 M4 L5, L18–23
	Craft and	RI.2.4	G2 M1 L5, L22
	Structure	Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic	G2 M2 L2, L8, L11, L16–17
		or subject area.	G2 M3 L2, L11, L21
			G2 M4 L1DD, L3DD, L4–5, L5DD, L7DD, L19, L22DD, L23DD, L24DD
		RI.2.5	G2 M1 L5-6
		Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings,	G2 M2 L1, L7, L11
		glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently.	G2 M4 L4–8, L18, L21, L24–25
		RI.2.6	G2 M2 L4, L10
		Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe.	G2 M4 L7, L18, L20, L26, L28

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	Integration of	RI.2.7		G2 M1 L15
	Knowledge and Ideas	Explain how specific images (e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to		G2 M2 L2, L4
		and clarify a text.		G2 M3 L1-5, L7-9, L14, L20
				G2 M4 L4, L6
		RI.2.8		G2 M1 L5, L8
		Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text.		G2 M4 L8, L21, L27–28
		RI.2.9		G2 M1 L10
		Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the		G2 M2 L6, L13, L33
		same topic.		G2 M3 L4, L10, L12, L18, L20, L23, L29, L31
	Range of	RI.2.10		G2 M1-4
	Reading and Level of Text Complexity	By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 2–3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.		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	Phonics	RF.2.3		
Standards: Foundational	and Word Recognition	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.		
Skills	Recognition	RF.2.3.a		Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled one-syllable words.		
		RF.2.3.b		Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Know spelling-sound correspondences for additional common vowel teams.		

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		RF.2.3.c		Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Decode regularly spelled two-syllable words with long vowels.		
		RF.2.3.d		Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Decode words with common prefixes and suffixes.		
		RF.2.3.e		Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Identify words with inconsistent but common spelling-sound correspondences.		
		RF.2.3.f		Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.		
	Fluency	RF.2.4		
		Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to sup	ppoi	rt comprehension.
		RF.2.4.a		Supplemental material is necessary to address this
		Read grade-level text with purpose		standard thoroughly.
		and understanding.		G2 M1 L1-3
				G2 M2 L8
		RF.2.4.b		Supplemental material is necessary to address this
		Read grade-level text orally with accuracy,		standard thoroughly.
		appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.		G2 M1 L1, L3
				G2 M2 L8
		RF.2.4.c		Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.		

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Writing Standards	Text Types and Purposes	W.2.1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking words (e.g., because, and, also) to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding statement or section.	G2 M4 L10–16, L22–24, L26–27, L29, L31–32
		W.2.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section.	G2 M1 L2, L4–6, L8, L11, L13–18, L21–24, L26–27, L29, L31–32 G2 M2 L2–5, L7–9, L12–15, L17–19, L22–24, L28–35 G2 M3 L5–6, L11–12, L17 G2 M4 L3, L6–8, L17–21
		W.2.3 Write narratives in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events; include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings; use temporal words to signal event order; and provide a sense of closure.	G2 M3 L14–23, L25–29, L31–34
	Production and Distribution of Writing	W.2.5 With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing.	G2 M1 L14, L19, L26–27, L29–30, L32 G2 M2 L5, L7, L12–15, L23DD, L27–29, L32, L35 G2 M3 L18, L23, L28–29, L33–34 G2 M4 L8, L21, L27, L32
		W.2.6 With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.	G2 M2 L21–24

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	Research to Build and Present Knowledge	W.2.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations).		G2 M1 L30 G2 M4 L2–8, L22–30
		W.2.8	(G2 M1 L8–9, L15, L17, L23, L29–32
		Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.		G2 M2 L4–5, L9–10, L14–15, L19, L22–24, L30–31, L33–35
			(G2 M3 L3–6, L8, L10–12, L17, L30–34
			(G2 M4 L3-8, L13-16, L18-21, L23-31
Speaking and	Comprehension	SL.2.1		
Listening Standards	and Collaboration	Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with and adults in small and larger groups.		
		SL.2.1.a	(G2 M1 L1, L3–10, L12, L21, L31
		Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).	(G2 M2 L10
		SL.2.1.b	(G2 M1 L7–9, L22–23, L29
		Build on others' talk in conversations by linking their comments to the remarks of others.	(G2 M2 L10
		SL.2.1.c	(G2 M1 L4, L6–9, L20–23, L29, L31
		Ask for clarification and further explanation as needed about the topics and texts under discussion.	(G2 M3 L10–11, L13, L33–34

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		SL.2.2	G2 M1 L1–4, L10–11, L15, L17, L20–21, L25, L30, L32
		Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented	G2 M2 L3, L6–7, L11, L13, L16, L19–20, L26, L28–29
		orally or through other media.	G2 M3 L3-5, L7-10, L17-19, L22, L25-28, L30
			G2 M4 L3-9, L11, L13-18, L20-22, L31-32
		SL.2.3	G2 M3 L10–11, L13, L33–34
		Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue.	
	Presentation of	SL.2.4	G2 M1 L11
	Knowledge and Ideas	Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant,	G2 M2 L2, L10, L27, L29–30, L32
		descriptive details, speaking audibly in coherent sentences.	G2 M3 L15–16, L20
			G2 M4 L17, L31–32
		SL.2.5	G2 M2 L24–25
		Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.	
		SL.2.6	G2 M1 L3–9, L11–32
		Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to	G2 M2 L6–12, L16–17, L20–25, L27–29, L32–34
		provide requested detail or clarification.	G2 M3 L13, L25
			G2 M4 L32

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Language Standards	Conventions of Standard English	L.2.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.		
		L.2.1.a Use collective nouns (e.g., group).	G2 M2 L25DD, L26DD, L27DD	
		L.2.1.b Form and use frequently occurring irregular plural nouns (e.g., feet, children, teeth, mice, fish).	G2 M2 L6DD, L7DD, L8DD, L25DD, L27DD	
	(e.g., myse L.2.1.d Form and occurring in L.2.1.e Use adject between the	L.2.1.c Use reflexive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves).	G2 M4 L10DD, L12DD, L16	
		L.2.1.d Form and use the past tense of frequently occurring irregular verbs (e.g., sat, hid, told).	G2 M2 L20DD, L21DD, L22DD, L23DD	
		L.2.1.e Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.	G2 M1 L12DD, L13, L13DD, L14DD, L18, L27, L29 G2 M2 L19DD, L34 G2 M3 L5DD, L8DD, L9DD, L10DD, L14DD, L15, L15DD, L18DD, L22, L22DD G2 M4 L30	
		L.2.1.f Produce, expand, and rearrange complete simple and compound sentences (e.g., The boy watched the movie; The little boy watched the movie; The action movie was watched by the little boy).	G2 M1 L7DD, L8DD, L9DD, L10DD, L13, L16DD, L17DD, L18, L19DD, L23DD, L24, L24DD, L27, L28DD, L29, L31DD, L32 G2 M2 L30DD, L33-35 G2 M3 L15DD, L17DD, L21DD, L22DD, L23DD	

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		L.2.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.		
		L.2.2.a Capitalize holidays, product names, and geographic names.	Supplemental material is necessary to address capitalizing names of products. The following lessons address capitalizing holidays and geographic names. G2 M2 L11DD, L12DD, L15DD, L26	
		L.2.2.b Use commas in greetings and closings of letters.	G2 M4 L19DD, L20DD	
		L.2.2.c Use an apostrophe to form contractions and frequently occurring possessives.	G2 M4 L4DD, L6DD, L8DD, L16DD, L17DD, L18DD, L21DD	
		L.2.2.d Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words (e.g., cage \rightarrow badge; boy \rightarrow boil).	G2 M4 L25DD, L26DD, L27DD	
		L.2.2.e Consult reference materials, including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings.	G2 M2 L14DD G2 M4 L25DD, L26DD, L27DD	
	Knowledge of L.2.3 Language Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or lie		when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.	
		L.2.3.a Compare formal and informal uses of English.	G2 M1 L10DD G2 M4 L16, L20, L32DD	

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	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	L.2.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grave reading and content, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies.		
		L.2.4.a		G2 M1 L5, L5DD, L6DD, L22DD, L26, L26DD, L28
		Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.		G2 M2 L2, L3DD, L8, L9DD, L10DD, L11, L16DD, L24DD
				G2 M3 L2, L2DD, L25DD, L26DD, L30DD
				G2 M4 L1DD, L2DD, L5, L7DD, L15DD
		L.2.4.b		G2 M1 L21DD, L26
		Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known prefix is added to		G2 M2 L29DD
		a known word (e.g., happy/unhappy, tell/retell).		G2 M3 L1DD, L11DD, L19DD, L27DD, L29DD, L30DD
				G2 M4 L28DD
		L.2.4.c		G2 M1 L21DD, L26
		Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with the same		G2 M2 L1DD, L10DD, L18DD
		root (e.g., addition, additional).		G2 M3 L7DD, L19DD
		L.2.4.d		G2 M1 L3DD
		Use knowledge of the meaning of individual words to predict the meaning of compound words (e.g., birdhouse, lighthouse, housefly; bookshelf, notebook, bookmark).		G2 M3 L13DD, L24DD, L28DD

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		L.2.4.e Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries,		G2 M1 L1DD, L2DD, L3DD, L4DD, L5DD, L6DD, L11DD, L15DD, L22DD, L26DD, L27DD
		both print and digital, to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases.		G2 M2 L8, L9DD, L10DD, L14DD, L17DD, L18DD, L24DD
				G2 M3 L25DD
				G2 M4 L2DD, L3DD, L7DD
		L.2.5 Demonstrate understanding of word relationsh	ins	s and nuances in word meanings.
		L.2.5.a	P	G2 M1 L4DD, L5DD, L15DD, L20DD
		Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe foods that are spicy or juicy).		G2 M2 L2DD, L3, L3DD, L4DD, L5DD, L13, L13DD, L17DD, L26, L26DD
				G2 M3 L3DD, L4DD, L6DD, L7, L11, L12DD, L16DD, L20DD, L21, L24
				G2 M4 L5DD, L11DD, L13DD, L14DD, L15DD, L22DD, L23DD, L24DD, L29DD
		L.2.5.b		G2 M1 L11DD, L12DD, L14DD
		Distinguish shades of meaning among closely related verbs (e.g., toss, throw, hurl) and		G2 M2 L2DD, L28DD
		closely related adjectives (e.g., thin, slender, skinny, scrawny).		G2 M3 L6DD, L8DD, L16DD, L20DD
				G2 M4 L11DD
		L.2.6		G2 M1-4
		Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using adjectives and adverbs to describe (e.g., <i>When other kids are happy</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.