





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)

Montana Content Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy Correlation to Wit & Wisdom

GRADE 1 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND LITERACY

The majority of the Grade 1 Montana Content Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy are fully covered by Grade 1 of the *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum. The areas where the Grade 1 Montana 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 Montana standards while benefiting from the rich texts and knowledge building of *Wit & Wisdom*.

KEY

Wit & Wisdom fully addresses the Montana standard.

Wit & Wisdom may not completely address the Montana standard.

Wit & Wisdom does not address the Montana standard.

Wit & Wisdom addresses the Montana 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

Topic Area	Concept	Standard	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
Reading	Key Ideas and	RL.1.1	G1 M1 L1–12, L17–24, L27
Standards for Literature	Details	Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.	G1 M2 L1-7
			G1 M3 L2-3, L5, L13, L15-17, L21, L23-26, L32-35
			G1 M4 L1–36
		RL.1.2	G1 M1 L2, L18, L21, L24, L26
		Retell stories, including stories by and about American Indians, that include key details	G1 M2 L4, L6–9
		and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson.	G1 M3 L14, L16, L18–19, L24
			G1 M4 L3, L6–7, L10, L13, L18, L20, L23, L26
		RL.1.3	G1 M1 L2–12, L17–26, L28–29, L31
		Describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, using key details.	G1 M2 L2-3, L6-7, L25
			G1 M3 L14, L16–25, L27, L30
			G1 M4 L3–11, L13–14, L16, L18–19, L21–24, L27–29
	Craft and	RL.1.4	G1 M3 L15, L19, L22–25, L27–29, L31
	Structure	Identify words and phrases in stories or poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses.	G1 M4 L20, L25
		RL.1.5	Supplemental material is necessary to address the
		Explain major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information,	standard with information on American Indians. The following lessons address this standard.
		including those of American Indians, drawing on a wide reading of a range of text types.	G1 M3 L1, L7, L12–13, L20, L25, L31
		RL.1.6	G1 M1 L25
		Identify who is telling the story at various points in a text.	G1 M4 L4–5, L8, L14, L17

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	Integration of	RL.1.7	C	G1 M1 L1–6, L8–12, L18–25, L28, L31
	Knowledge and Ideas	Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, setting, or events.	C	G1 M2 L2-3, L6-7
			C	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	C	G1 M1 L11
		Compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in stories, including	C	G1 M2 L7
		American Indian stories.	C	G1 M3 L20
			C	G1 M4 L9, L16, L21, L33–34
	Range of	RL.1.10	C	G1 M1-4
	Reading and Level of Text Complexity	With prompting and support, read prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1.	S	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	C	G1 M1 L1–4, L6–8, L12–18, L21, L28
Standards for Informational Text	Details	Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.		G1 M2 L10–12, L14–16, L18, L20–21, L25–28, L30–31, L33–36
			C	G1 M3 L1–6, L8–10, L17, L26, L28–29, L35
			C	G1 M4 L30, L36
		RI.1.2	C	G1 M1 L2–4, L8, L15–16, L21, L28
		Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.	C	G1 M2 L11, L13–14, L16–17, L21–22, L26, L30–31
			C	G1 M3 L3-4, L6, L11, L30

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		RI.1.3 Describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of	Supplemental material is necessary to address the standard with texts by and about American Indians. The following lessons address this standard.
		information in a text and include texts by and about American Indians.	G1 M1 L3-4, L6, L8, L12, L21, L30
			G1 M2 L11, L14, L16, L19, L23–24, L26, L30
			G1 M3 L7, L29–30
	Craft and Structure	RI.1.4 Ask and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases in a text and recognize words	Supplemental material is necessary to address recognizing words and phrases with cultural significance to American Indians. The following lessons address this standard.
		and phrases with cultural significance to American Indians.	G1 M1 L14, L24DD
			G1 M2 L10–11, L16, L27, L29
			G1 M3 L2, L5, L8, L17, L26–28
		RI.1.5	G1 M1 L14–16, L28
		Know and use various text features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, glossaries,	G1 M2 L12, L14, L18–19, L21, L23, L29
		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 pictures or other illustrations 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 illustrations and details in a text to describe its key events.	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		G1 M2 L26, L28–30, L32		
		Identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text.		G1 M3 L9		
		RI.1.9		G1 M1 L6, L21		
		Identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic		G1 M2 L20, L26, L30		
		(e.g., in illustrations, descriptions, or procedures).		G1 M3 L3-6, L31		
				G1 M4 L27		
	Range of	RI.1.10		G1 M1-4		
	Reading and Level of Text Complexity	With prompting and support, read informational texts appropriately complex 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	Print Concepts	RF.1.1				
Standards Foundational		Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.				
Skills		• Recognize the distinguishing features of a sentence (e.g., first word, capitalization, ending punctuation).		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).				
		 Distinguish long from short vowel sounds in spoken single-syllable words. 		Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.		
		Orally produce single-syllable words by blending sounds (phonemes), including consonant blends.		Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.		

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		• Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words.	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		 Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds (phonemes). 	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
	Phonics and Word	RF.1.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word a	analysis skills in decoding words.
	Recognition	Know the spelling-sound correspondences for common consonant digraphs.	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		• Know final - <i>e</i> and common vowel team conventions for representing long vowel sounds.	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. 	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		 Decode two-syllable words following basic patterns by breaking the words into syllables. 	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Read words with inflectional endings.	Supplemental material is necessary to address this standard thoroughly.
			G1 M1 L10DD, L12DD
		Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
RF.1.4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support com			pport comprehension.

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		Read on-level text with purpose and understanding.	Supplemental material is necessary to address this standard thoroughly.
			G1 M1 L23–27
		 Read on-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings. 	Supplemental material is necessary to address this standard thoroughly.
		successive readings.	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
		 Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary. 	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
Writing	Text Types and	W.1.1	G1 M2 L26
Standards	Purposes	Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure.	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	G1 M2 L2–6, L8–14, L16–19, L22–24, L28–36
		the topic, and provide some sense of closure.	G1 M3 L6–7
		W.1.3 Write narratives in which they recount two or	G1 M1 L4–5, L11–12, L21–22, L25–26, L26DD, L27, L27DD, L28–30, L30DD, L31–32
		more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure.	G1 M3 L9–12, L14–16, L18–19, L24–25, L28–29, L32–35

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Speaking and Listening Standards	Comprehension and Collaboration	SL.1.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with p and adults in small and larger groups.		
		SL.1.1a Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).	(G1 M1 L1–32 G1 M2 L1–32, L34, L36 G1 M3 L1, L5–6, L14, L17, L21 G1 M4 L34–35
		SL.1.1b Build on others' talk in conversations by responding to the comments of others through multiple exchanges.	C	G1 M1 L18–19, L21–27, L31–32 G1 M2 L9, L20, L36 G1 M4 L34
		SL.1.1c Ask questions to clear up any confusion about the topics and texts under discussion.	(G1 M3 L2, L7–8, L13, L29, L35
		SL.1.2 Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.		G1 M1 L1-4, L7-12, L14-18, L20 G1 M2 L1-2, L5-6, L10-16, L21, L26-28 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 Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to gather additional information or clarify something that is not understood.		G1 M3 L8, L13, L20, L26, L29, L35
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		SL.1.5 Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.	G1 M2 L17–19, L22–25, L30, L34–35
		SL.1.6 Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation.	G1 M1 L2, L6, L9, L28–29, L32 G1 M2 L7, L9, L14, L20, L22–23, L36 G1 M3 L1, L24–25, L28–30, L33, L35 G1 M4 L1DD, L8–9, L15–16, L26, L28, L31, L34–36
Language Standards	Conventions of Standard English	L.1.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of so or speaking.	tandard English grammar and usage when writing
		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 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 M1 L7DD, L9DD, L12DD G1 M3 L15DD, L17DD, L18–19, L19DD, L20DD, L24–25

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		L.1.1f		G1 M1 L17DD, L19, L20DD, L21–22, L22DD, L23, L28
		Use frequently occurring adjectives.		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
		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 response to prompts.		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, 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.	stan	ndard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling
		L.1.2a		G1 M1 L4DD, L14, L16, L21, L28–29, L29DD, L30–31
		Capitalize dates and names of people.		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

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		L.1.2c Use commas in dates and to separate single words in a series.	G1 M4 L6DD, L7DD, L9DD, L11DD, L17, L33
		L.1.2d Use conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words.	G1 M4 L23DD, L24DD, L27DD, L29, L31–32, L33DD
		L.1.2e Spell untaught words phonetically, drawing on phonemic awareness and spelling conventions.	G1 M2 L9, L13, L19, L23, L32
	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	L.1.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown a reading and content, choosing flexibly from an	l multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 1 cay of strategies.
		L.1.4a Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	G1 M1 L2DD, L8DD, L14, L18DD, L21DD, L24DD 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 Use frequently occurring affixes as a clue to the meaning of a word.	G1 M1 L10DD, L12DD G1 M2 L27 G1 M3 L21, L26, L26DD, L27DD, L28DD, L31 G1 M4 L3, L26DD
		L.1.4c Identify frequently occurring root words (e.g., look) and their inflectional forms (e.g., looks, looked, looking).	G1 M1 L10DD, L12DD G1 M3 L18DD, L22DD, L24DD, L31

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		L.1.5 With guidance and support from adults, demonword meanings.	nstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in
		L.1.5a Sort words into categories (e.g., colors, clothing) to gain a sense of the concepts the categories represent.	G1 M2 L1DD, L8DD, L16DD, L18DD, L22DD, L24DD, L26DD, L27DD, L28DD 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 Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs	G1 M2 L2DD, L3DD, L5DD, L11DD, L12DD, L21, 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.