





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 K ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND LITERACY

The majority of the Grade K Montana Content Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy are fully covered by Grade K of the *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum. The areas where the Grade K Montana standards and Grade K 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 GK M1 L6 = Grade K Module 1 Lesson 6

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

DD = Deep Dive

Topic Area	Concept	Standard	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
Reading Standards for Literature	Key Ideas and Details	RL.K.1 With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.	GK M1 L2–3, L3DD, L4, L11, L11DD, L12–13, L13DD, L14–22, L29 GK M2 L1, L13–29, L31–32 GK M3 L2, L12, L15–17
			GK M4 L5, L16–21, L23, L25, L36
		RL.K.2 With prompting and support, retell familiar stories, including key details; include stories by and about American Indians.	Supplemental material is necessary to address the standard with stories by and about American Indians. The following lessons address this standard.
		by and about inferroun include.	GK M1 L4, L12, L15, L18, L21
			GK M2 L22, L24–27, L29–30
			GK M3 L3, L6, L12–14, L16–17, L20, L24, L27
			GK M4 L2–3, L17, L20
		RL.K.3	GK M1 L11, L17, L20
		With prompting and support, identify characters, settings, and major events in a story.	GK M2 L9, L11–24, L24DD, L25–29, L29DD, L30–31
			GK M3 L12–17
			GK M4 L3, L18–19
	Craft and	RL.K.4	GK M1 L3, L3DD, L4, L12DD, L17, L20DD
	Structure	Ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.	GK M2 L15
			GK M3 L2, L7–10, L12–13, L27–28
			GK M4 L3, L16, L18–20, L23

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		RL.K.5	GK M1 L12, L17, L30
		Recognize common types of texts (e.g., storybooks, poems).	GK M2 L1, L5, L7, L13, L18, L24, L29
			GK M3 L1–2, L7, L12, L18, L22, L27
			GK M4 L32
		RL.K.6	GK M1 L13–21
		With prompting and support, name the author and illustrator of a story and define the role of each in telling the story.	GK M2 L1
	Integration of Knowledge and	RL.K.7 With prompting and support, describe	GK M1 L11, L11DD, L12–14, L15DD, L17, L17DD, L18, L18DD, L19–21
	Ideas	the relationship between illustrations and the story in which they appear (e.g., what	GK M2 L1, L1DD, L14–15, L21–22, L27
		moment in a story an illustration depicts).	GK M3 L13, L15–16, L20, L27
			GK M4 L3, L5, L17–19, L25
		RL.K.9 With prompting and support, compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories, including	Supplemental material is necessary to address the standard with American Indian stories. The following lessons address this standard.
		American Indian stories.	GK M2 L13, L16–17, L23–24, L27
	Range of	RL.K.10	GK M1-4
	Reading and Level of Text Complexity	Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.	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.

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Reading Standards for	Key Ideas and Details	RI.K.1 With prompting and support, ask and answer	GK M1 L1, L1DD, L2–3, L3DD, L4–7, L7DD, L8–11, L17, L23, L23DD, L24, L26–28, L30–31
Informational Text		questions about key details in a text.	GK M2 L2, L4–12
			GK M3 L1–11, L18–30
			GK M4 L1–15, L22–36
		RI.K.2	GK M1 L2, L4–5, L7, L9–10, L24, L27
		With prompting and support, identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.	GK M2 L3, L5, L8–11
			GK M3 L3–10, L19–28, L30
			GK M4 L1–4, L6–8, L10, L23–24, L28–29
		RI.K.3 With prompting and support, describe the connection between two individuals, events,	Supplemental material is necessary to address the standard with texts by and about American Indians. The following lessons address this standard.
		ideas, or pieces of information in a text and include texts by and about American Indians.	GK M1 L8–9, L23, L23DD, L24, L24DD
			GK M2 L3
			GK M3 L10–11, L20–21, L23, L25–30
			GK M4 L1, L24

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	Craft and Structure	RI.K.4 With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text and recognize words and phrases with cultural	Supplemental material is necessary to address the standard with words and phrases with cultural significance to American Indians. The following lessons address this standard.
		significance to American Indians.	GK M1 L1, L1DD, L2–3, L3DD, L4, L6, L6DD, L9, L23, L25
			GK M2 L5, L8–9
			GK M3 L4–5, L10, L18, L20–21, L23, L25
			GK M4 L2, L4–7, L11–13, L24–26, L30
		RI.K.5	GK M1 L1–2, L5–6, L10, L23–24
		Identify the front cover, back cover, and title page of a book.	GK M2 L2
			GK M3 L20-21
		RI.K.6	GK M1 L3, L5, L8, L23, L25
		Name the author and illustrator of a text and define the role of each in presenting the ideas or information in a text.	GK M3 L2, L20–21
	Integration of Knowledge and	RI.K.7 With prompting and support, describe the	GK M1 L3–4, L8–10, L23, L23DD, L24, L24DD, L25, L25DD, L26–27
	Ideas	relationship between illustrations and the text in which they appear (e.g., what person,	GK M2 L2-4, L8-11
		place, thing, or idea in the text an illustration depicts).	GK M3 L3–5, L9–11, L18, L20–27, L30
			GK M4 L1, L3–6, L8, L11–12, L24–26, L29–30, L32
		RI.K.8	GK M1 L7, L24
		With prompting and support, identify the reasons an author gives to support points	GK M3 L3–10, L19–21, L23, L25–28, L30
		in a text.	GK M4 L1–3, L6–7, L13

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		RI.K.9	GK M1 L6, L8, L23–25	
		With prompting and support, identify basic similarities in and differences between two	GK M2 L2	
		texts on the same topic (e.g., in illustrations, descriptions, or procedures).	GK M3 L3–5, L10–11, L18, L20–21, L23, L25–27, L30	
			GK M4 L3, L8, L14, L27, L31–32	
	Range of	RI.K.10	GK M1–4	
	Reading and Level of Text Complexity	Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.	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.K.1		
Standards Foundational		Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.		
Skills		 Follow words from left to right, top to bottom, and page by page. 	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.	
		 Recognize that spoken words are represented in written language by specific sequences of letters. 	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.	
		 Understand that words are separated by spaces in print. 	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.	
		Recognize and name all upper- and lowercase letters of the alphabet.	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.	
	Phonological	RF.K.2		
	Awareness	Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, s	yllables, and sounds (phonemes).	
		Recognize and produce rhyming words.	Supplemental material is necessary to address producing rhyming words. The following lesson addresses recognizing rhyming words.	
			GK M1 L26	
		Count, pronounce, blend, and segment syllables in spoken words.	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.	

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		Blend and segment onsets and rimes of single-syllable spoken words.	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		 Isolate and pronounce the initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in three-phoneme (consonant-vowel- consonant, or CVC) words (this does not include CVCs ending with /l/, /r/, or /x/). 	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		 Add or substitute individual sounds (phonemes) in simple, one-syllable words to make new words. 	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
	Phonics	RF.K.3	
	and Word	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word a	nalysis skills in decoding words.
	Recognition	Demonstrate basic knowledge of one-to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing the primary or many of the most frequent sounds for each consonant.	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Associate the long and short sounds with common spellings (graphemes) for the five major vowels.	Supplemental material is necessary to address this standard thoroughly. GK M1 L18–19, L22–24, L25DD
			GK M2 L4
		• Read common high-frequency words by sight (e.g., the, of, to, you, she, my, is, are, do, does).	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ.	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
	Fluency	RF.K.4	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
		Read emergent-reader texts with purpose and understanding.	

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Writing	Text Types and	W.K.1	GK M2 L28DD, L31
Standards	Purposes	Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces in which they tell a reader the topic or the name of	GK M3 L4–10, L18–30
		the book they are writing about and state an opinion or preference about the topic or book (e.g., My favorite book is).	GK M4 L1–8, L10–15, L20–21, L25–31, L33–35
		W.K.2 Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and	GK M1 L1, L9–10, L15–16, L18–19, L21–22, L22DD, L25DD, L26–28, L30–31
		writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are	GK M2 L4–6, L10–12, L16–17, L28DD, L31
		writing about and supply some information about the topic.	GK M3 L5–6, L8–11, L13–21, L23–29, L30DD
			GK M4 L4, L6, L8, L19
		W.K.3	GK M1 L19
		Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event or several	GK M2 L19–23, L25–28, L28DD, L30–32
		loosely linked events; tell about the events in the order in which they occurred; and provide a reaction to what happened.	GK M3 L5–6, L9, L12, L16–18, L23–29
			GK M4 L4, L6
	Production and Distribution of Writing	W.K.5	GK M2 L32DD
		With guidance and support from adults, respond to questions and suggestions from peers and add details to strengthen writing as needed.	GK M4 L17–19, L21–22, L24–25, L27, L29, L34
		W.K.6	GK M2 L2, L4–6
		With guidance and support from adults, explore a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.	GK M3 L14, L29

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	Research to Build and Present Knowledge	W.K.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and express opinions about them) and include sources by and about American Indians.	Supplemental material is necessary to address the standard with sources by and about American Indians. The following lessons address this standard. GK M3 L14, L28–29 GK M4 L2, L13, L17, L32
		W.K.8 With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question and include sources by and about American Indians.	Supplemental material is necessary to address the standard with sources by and about American Indians. The following lessons address this standard. GK M1 L1, L4–5, L7DD, L8–10, L13–16, L20–21, L30–31 GK M2 L4–7, L11–12, L14–18 GK M3 L4–6, L9–11, L15–17, L21, L24–29 GK M4 L4–8, L11–15, L20–21, L25–27, L29–36
Speaking and Listening Standards	Comprehension and Collaboration	SL.K.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with peers and adults in small and larger groups.	diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with
		SL.K.1a Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., listening to others and taking turns speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).	GK M1 L1–16, L19, L21–23, L25, L27, L29–31 GK M2 L1, L3, L5, L7–8, L11–16, L18–22, L24–32 GK M3 L1–2, L4–6, L12, L15, L17, L21–23, L26 GK M4 L1, L9, L16–17, L19, L21
		SL.K.1b Continue a conversation through multiple exchanges.	GK M1 L6, L16, L22, L25, L27, L29–31 GK M2 L28

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		SL.K.2		GK M1 L1–2, L4, L6, L8–15, L19, L22–23, L25–27
		Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other		GK M2 L1, L3, L7, L13–15, L18–21, L24–28, L30–32
		media by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification		GK M3 L1–26
		if something is not understood.		GK M4 L1–7, L9–28, L30–32, L35–36
		SL.K.3		GK M1 L1, L4, L6–7
		Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood.		GK M3 L7, L10–11, L17–22
		that is not understood.		GK M4 L7
Kn	esentation of nowledge and eas	SL.K.4 Describe familiar people, places, things, and		GK M1 L4DD, L5DD, L8DD, L9, L9DD, L10DD, L17, L18DD, L23, L24DD, L26DD, L28DD
	lueas	events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail.		GK M2 L9DD, L12DD, L15, L17, L19
				GK M4 L32–33, L35–36
		SL.K.5		GK M3 L23-30
		Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail.		
		SL.K.6		GK M1 L10, L19–22, L27, L30–31
		Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.		GK M2 L2–6, L9–10, L16–17, L20, L23, L28–32
				GK M4 L15, L35
Standards of S	onventions Standard nglish	L.K.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of st writing or speaking.	tan	dard English grammar and usage when
		L.K.1a Print many upper- and lowercase letters.		GK M2 L5DD, L6, L6DD, L11–12, L16–17, L19, L22–23, L27–28, L31–32

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		L.K.1b Use frequently occurring nouns and verbs.	GK M2 L2DD, L4DD, L13–15, L19–20, L20DD, L21DD, L23DD, L28DD
			GK M3 L1DD, L13DD, L15DD, L16–17, L17DD, L20–21, L23DD, L25–26, L26DD, L28–30
			GK M4 L3DD
		L.K.1c	GK M2 L20DD
		Form regular plural nouns orally by adding /s/ or /es/ (e.g., dog, dogs; wish, wishes).	GK M3 L23DD, L25DD, L26DD, L30
		L.K.1d Understand and use question words	GK M1 L1, L1DD, L6, L6DD, L11, L11DD, L17, L23, L23DD, L29
		(interrogatives) (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how).	GK M2 L1, L18, L29
			GK M3 L1–2, L7, L12, L17–18, L22
			GK M4 L1, L9, L16, L22, L28
		L.K.1e	GK M1 L24DD, L26DD, L27DD, L28DD
		Use the most frequently occurring prepositions (e.g., to, from, in, out, on, off,	GK M2 L8, L10–12, L12DD
		for, of, by, with).	GK M4 L8DD, L21DD

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		L.K.1f Produce and expand complete sentences in shared language activities.	GK M1 L3DD, L4DD, L5, L5DD, L7DD, L8DD, L9DD, L10DD, L13DD, L14DD, L15, L15DD, L19DD, L26, L27DD, L28DD, L30DD, L31DD
			GK M2 L1DD, L2DD, L3DD, L4, L6–8, L10, L10DD, L11–12, L12DD, L14DD, L15–16, L16DD, L17, L17DD, L19–21, L21DD, L22–23, L23DD, L27, L30–31, L31DD, L32, L32DD
			GK M3 L4, L10–12, L14–17, L20–21, L24–26, L28–29, L29DD, L30DD
			GK M4 L2, L4, L4DD, L5–6, L8DD, L11–13, L13DD, L21DD, L24DD, L25, L25DD, L27DD, L28DD, L29DD, L30, L30DD, L31, L32DD, L33–34, L34DD, L35, L35DD
		L.K.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of swhen writing.	tandard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling
		L.K.2a	GK M3 L4DD, L5, L5DD, L6, L7DD, L9DD, L11DD
		Capitalize the first word in a sentence and the pronoun I .	GK M4 L24DD, L25DD, L27DD, L30–31, L32DD, L33–35
		L.K.2b	GK M1 L7, L24
		Recognize and name end punctuation.	GK M2 L11, L21
			GK M3 L18DD, L20DD, L21
			GK M4 L12, L28DD, L29DD, L30DD, L31, L32DD, L34

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		L.K.2c Write a letter or letters for most consonant	GK M1 L17DD, L18–19, L21–22, L22DD, L23–24, L25DD, L26–28, L30–31
		and short-vowel sounds (phonemes).	GK M2 L4–5, L5DD, L6, L6DD, L7, L8DD, L10DD, L11–12, L16–17, L17DD, L22–23, L27–28, L28DD, L31–32
			GK M3 L4
			GK M4 L36
		L.K.2d Spell simple words phonetically, drawing on	GK M1 L17DD, L18–19, L21–22, L22DD, L23–24, L25DD, L26–28, L30–31
		knowledge of sound-letter relationships.	GK M2 L4–5, L5DD, L6, L6DD, L7, L8DD, L10DD, L11–12, L16–17, L17DD, L22–23, L27–28, L28DD, L31–32
			GK M3 L4-6, L11-12, L16-17, L21-22, L25-26, L28-29
			GK M4 L36
	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	L.K.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown a kindergarten reading and content.	and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on
		L.K.4a	GK M1 L2DD, L4, L6DD, L9, L12DD, L20DD
		Identify new meanings for familiar words and apply them accurately (e.g., knowing <i>duck</i> is a	GK M2 L14, L18DD, L25DD
		bird and learning the verb <i>to duck</i>).	GK M3 L21DD
			GK M4 L5DD, L16DD, L20DD
		L.K.4b	GK M1 L20DD
		Use the most frequently occurring inflections and affixes (e.g., -ed, -s, re-,	GK M2 L20DD
		un-, pre-, -ful, -less) as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word.	GK M3 L1DD, L6DD, L27DD
			GK M4 L14DD, L15DD, L17DD, L19DD, L22DD, L23

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		L.K.5 With guidance and support from adults, explore word relationships and nuances in word meanings.			
		L.K.5a		GK M1 L4DD, L5DD, L8DD, L9DD, L10DD, L13DD	
		Sort common objects into categories (e.g., shapes, foods) to gain a sense of the concepts the categories represent.		GK M2 L4DD, L7DD, L9DD, L11–12, L24DD, L27DD, L29DD	
				GK M3 L8DD, L12, L19DD, L27	
				GK M4 L1DD, L31DD	
		L.K.5b		GK M2 L11DD, L26DD	
		Demonstrate understanding of frequently occurring verbs and adjectives by relating		GK M3 L1DD, L2DD, L3DD, L12DD	
		them to their opposites (antonyms).		GK M4 L2DD, L3DD, L9DD, L10DD, L11DD, L18DD, L23	
		L.K.5c Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., note places at school that are <i>colorful</i>).		GK M1 L4DD, L5DD, L8DD, L9DD, L10DD, L11DD, L13DD, L18DD	
				GK M2 L2DD, L4DD, L7DD, L9DD, L11–12, L13DD, L27DD, L29DD	
				GK M3 L2, L4, L7–8, L8DD, L10DD, L12, L19DD, L24DD, L27	
				GK M4 L1DD, L11–12, L19, L32	
		L.K.5d		GK M1 L13	
		Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs describing the same general action		GK M2 L15DD, L19DD, L26	
		(e.g., walk, march, strut, prance) by acting out the meanings.		GK M3 L1DD, L12DD, L14DD, L17DD, L22DD	
				GK M4 L3DD, L6DD, L7DD, L12DD, L16, L21, L23DD	

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		L.K.6	GK M1–4
		Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.	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.