





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 •

- Core text list
- Implementation Guide
- Module o (GK-2, G3-5, G6-8)

Extending Wit & Wisdom

- Parent 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)

Pennsylvania Core Standards: English Language Arts Correlation to Wit & Wisdom

GRADE 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

The majority of the Grade 5 Pennsylvania Core Standards: English Language Arts are fully covered by Grade 5 of the *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum. The areas where the Grade 5 Pennsylvania standards and Grade 5 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 Pennsylvania standards while benefiting from the rich texts and knowledge building of *Wit & Wisdom*.

KEY

Wit & Wisdom fully addresses the Pennsylvania standard.

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Wit & Wisdom does not address the Pennsylvania standard.

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

G = grade level Examples:

M = module G5 M1 L6 = Grade 5 Module 1 Lesson 6

L = lesson G5 M1 L6DD = Grade 5 Module 1 Lesson 6 Deep Dive

DD = Deep Dive

Standard Category	Subcategory	Standard	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
1.1 Foundational	Phonics and Word	CC.1.1.5.D	
Skills	Recognition	Know and apply grade-level phonics and wor	rd analysis skills in decoding words.
Students gain a working knowledge of concepts of print, alphabetic principle, and other basic conventions.		CC.1.1.5.D.1 Use combined knowledge of all lettersound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words.	Wit & Wisdom does not address foundational skills.
	Fluency	CC.1.1.5.E	
		Read with accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.	
		CC.1.1.5.E.1	G5 M1 L11, L27
		Read on-level text with purpose and understanding.	
		CC.1.1.5.E.2	G5 M1 L11, L27
		Read on-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.	
		CC.1.1.5.E.3	Wit & Wisdom does not address
		Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.	foundational skills.

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1.2 Reading	Key Ideas and	CC.1.2.5.A	G5 M1 L1–5, L7, L12, L14, L26, L29–35
Informational Text	Details: Main Idea	Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported	G5 M3 L1–3, L7–11, L14, L16
Students read,		by key details; summarize the text.	G5 M4 L1, L5–15, L17–23, L26–27, L31–36
understand, and respond to		CC.1.2.5.B	G5 M1 L1–5, L7–8, L12, L14, L16, L29–35
informational text— with an emphasis		Cite textual evidence by quoting accurately from the text to explain what the text says	G5 M3 L1–16, L31–32
on comprehension,		explicitly and make inferences.	G5 M4 L1, L5–15, L17–24, L26–29, L31–36
vocabulary		CC.1.2.5.C	G5 M1 L1–5, L7–8, L14, L16, L30–35
acquisition, and making connections among ideas and		Explain the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events,	G5 M3 L2-4, L15, L31
between texts with a focus on textual		ideas, or concepts in a text based on specific information in the text.	G5 M4 L1, L5, L7–8, L10–14, L17–23, L26–27, L32–36
evidence.	Craft and Structure: Point of View	Analyze multiple accounts of the same event or topic, noting important similarities and differences in the point of view they represent.	G5 M3 L8, L10–11, L13
	Craft and	CC.1.2.5.E	G5 M4 L6-9
	Structure: Text Structure	Use text structure, in and among texts, to interpret information (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/ solution).	

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	Craft and	CC.1.2.5.F	G5 M1 L29
	Structure: Vocabulary	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in grade-level	G5 M3 L1, L7, L9–11, L13, L31–32
		text, including interpretation of figurative language.	G5 M4 L6, L10, L17, L23, L26, L32DD
	Integration of	CC.1.2.5.G	G5 M3 L11
	Knowledge and Ideas: Diverse Media	Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently.	G5 M4 L20–21, L23, L26–27, L31–32, L33–35
	Integration of	CC.1.2.5.H	G5 M1 L30-31
	Knowledge and Ideas: Evaluating	Determine how an author supports particular points in a text through reasons	G5 M3 L7–11, L13–14
	Arguments	and evidence.	G5 M4 L6, L8, L14
	Integration of	CC.1.2.5.I	G5 M1 L14
	Knowledge and Ideas: Analysis	Integrate information from several texts on the same topic to demonstrate	G5 M3 L4, L11
	Across Texts	understanding of that topic.	G5 M4 L21, L23–24, L26–36
	Vocabulary	CC.1.2.5.J	G5 M1-4
	Acquisition and Use	Acquire and use accurately grade- appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal contrast, addition, and other logical relationships.	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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		CC.1.2.5.K	G5 M1 L5DD, L29, L30DD, L31DD
		Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words	G5 M3 L1, L7, L9–11, L13, L31–32
		and phrases based on grade-level reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies and tools.	G5 M4 L6, L10, L17, L23, L26, L32DD
	Range of Reading	CC.1.2.5.L	G5 M1-4
		Read and comprehend literary nonfiction and informational text on grade level, reading independently and proficiently.	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.
1.3 Reading	Key Ideas and	CC.1.3.5.A	G5 M1 L9–10, L14–15, L20–22, L24–25
Literature Students read and	Details: Theme	Determine a theme of a text from details in the text, including how characters in a	G5 M2 L2-4, L7, L13, L16-19, L21-36
respond to works of literature—with		story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a	G5 M3 L17, L22, L24–26, L29–30, L35
an emphasis on comprehension,		topic; summarize the text.	G5 M4 L2-4, L36
vocabulary acquisition, and	Key Ideas and	CC.1.3.5.B	G5 M1 L9–11, L13–28
making connections among ideas and between texts with	Details: Text Analysis	Cite textual evidence by quoting accurately from the text to explain what the text says explicitly and make inferences.	G5 M2 L1, L3–15, L17–18, L18DD, L22–29, L31–34
a focus on textual			G5 M3 L16-37
evidence.			G5 M4 L2–4, L22, L24, L36

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	Key Ideas and Details: Literary Elements	CC.1.3.5.C Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text.	G5 M1 L10, L12–15, L18–19, L21–28 G5 M2 L2–3, L17–18, L22, L24, L26, L28 G5 M3 L21–25, L35 G5 M4 L36
	Craft and Structure: Point of View	Analyze multiple accounts of the same event or topic, noting important similarities and differences in the point of view they represent.	G5 M3 L22, L25
	Craft and Structure: Text Structure	CC.1.3.5.E Explain how a series of chapters, scenes, or stanzas fits together to provide the overall structure of a particular story, drama, or poem.	G5 M1 L15, L20 G5 M2 L16–20, L22–23, L26, L30 G5 M3 L17, L35
	Craft and Structure: Vocabulary	CC.1.3.5.F Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in grade-level text, including interpretation of figurative language.	G5 M1 L15, L20 G5 M2 L16–20, L22–23, L26, L30 G5 M3 L17, L35

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	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas: Sources of Information	CC.1.3.5.G Analyze how visual and multimedia elements contribute to the meaning, tone, or beauty of a text (e.g., graphic novel, multimedia presentation of fiction, folktale, myth, poem).	G5 M1 L20 G5 M2 L5-7, L10-12, L14-15, L17, L23, L32
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas: Text Analysis	CC.1.3.5.H Compare and contrast texts in the same genre on their approaches to similar themes and topics as well as additional literary elements.	G5 M1 L10–12, L17 G5 M4 L24, L36
	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use: Strategies	CC.1.3.5.I Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade-level reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies and tools.	G5 M1 L19DD, L21DD, L22DD G5 M3 L25DD, L29DD, L30DD
	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	CC.1.3.5.J Acquire and use accurately grade- appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal contrast, addition, and other logical relationships.	G5 M1-4 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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	Range of Reading	CC.1.3.5.K	G5 M1-4
		Read and comprehend literary fiction on grade level, reading independently and proficiently.	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.
1.4 Writing Students write for	Informative/ Explanatory	CC.1.4.5.A Write informative/explanatory texts to	G5 M1 L3-4, L12, L16, L22, L27-28, L33-35
different purposes and audiences.		examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.	G5 M2 L4, L24, L32–33
Students write clear and focused text			G5 M3 L4, L30-32
to convey a well-			G5 M4 L4, L33–35
defined perspective	Informative/	CC.1.4.5.B	G5 M1 L28, L33
and appropriate content.	Explanatory: Focus	Identify and introduce the topic clearly.	
	Informative/	CC.1.4.5.C	G5 M1 L5, L7, L13, L15, L21, L23, L27, L35
	Explanatory: Content	Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other	G5 M2 L33
		information and examples related to the topic; include illustrations and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.	G5 M4 L8, L10–11, L13–15, L26–27, L33–34
	Informative/	CC.1.4.5.D	G5 M1 L14, L14DD, L15, L15DD, L16DD,
	Explanatory: Organization	Group related information logically linking ideas within and across categories	L23DD, L25DD, L27, L27DD, L28, L28DD, L34, L35DD
		of information using words, phrases, and clauses; provide a concluding statement or	G5 M2 L33
		section; include formatting when useful to aiding comprehension.	G5 M4 L16, L17DD

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	Informative/	CC.1.4.5.E	
	Explanatory: Style	Write with an awareness of style.	
		CC.1.4.5.E.1	G5 M1 L27
		Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.	
		CC.1.4.5.E.2 Use sentences of varying length.	Supplemental material is necessary to explicitly address using sentences of varying length. The following lessons address expanding, combining, and reducing sentences. G5 M1 L6DD, L7DD, L8DD, L33DD, L34DD, L35DD G5 M4 L25DD, L26DD, L27DD, L28DD, L34DD
	Informative/ Explanatory: Conventions of Language	CC.1.4.5.F Demonstrate a grade-appropriate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	G5 M1 L35, L35DD G5 M4 L4DD, L34DD, L35DD
	Opinion/ Argumentative	CC.1.4.5.G Write opinion pieces on topics or texts.	G5 M3 L15, L33–37
	Opinion/ Argumentative: Focus	CC.1.4.5.H Introduce the topic and state an opinion on the topic.	G5 M3 L8-9, L36-37

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	Opinion/ Argumentative: Content	CC.1.4.5.I Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details; draw from credible sources.	G5 M3 L12, L14–15, L22–24, L27–28, L36–37
	Opinion/ Argumentative: Organization	CC-1-4-5-J Create an organizational structure that includes related ideas grouped to support the writer's purpose; link opinion and reasons using words, phrases, and clauses; provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion.	G5 M3 L7–9, L11–12, L14–15, L22–24, L27–28, L33, L36–37
	Opinion/ Argumentative:	CC.1.4.5.K Write with an awareness of style.	
	Style	CC.1.4.5.K.1 Use sentences of varying length.	Wit & Wisdom does not explicitly address using sentences of varying length in the context of opinion writing in Grade 5.
		CC.1.4.5.K.2 Expand, combine, and reduce sentences for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.	Wit & Wisdom does not explicitly address expanding, combining, and reducing sentences for meaning, interest, and style in the context of opinion writing in Grade 5.
	Opinion/ Argumentative: Conventions of Language	CC.1.4.5.L Demonstrate a grade-appropriate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	G5 M3 L12, L37DD

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Narrative	CC.1.4.5.M Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events.	G5 M2 L25, L36
Narrative: Foo	Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters.	G5 M2 L14–15, L23, L26, L35
Narrative: Con	Use narrative techniques such as dialogue, description, and pacing, to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations; use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely.	G5 M2 L6-7, L7DD, L8, L8DD, L9-10, L10DD, L11, L13-15, L15DD, L20, L22, L24-26, L35-36
Narrative: Organization	CC.1.4.5.P Organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally, using a variety of transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events; provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences and events.	Wit & Wisdom addresses using a variety of transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events in Grade 4. The following lessons address providing a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences and events. G5 M2 L25-26, L34-36
Narrative: Sty	le CC.1.4.5.Q Write with an awareness of style.	
	CC.1.4.5.Q.1 Use sentences of varying length.	Wit & Wisdom does not explicitly address using sentences of varying length in the context of narrative writing in Grade 5.

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		CC.1.4.5.Q.2 Expand, combine, and reduce sentences for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.	G5 M2 L31DD, L32DD, L33DD, L36DD
	Narrative: Conventions of Language	CC.1.4.5.R Demonstrate a grade-appropriate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	G5 M2 L20DD, L23DD, L24DD, L25DD, L26DD, L31DD, L32DD, L36DD
	Response to Literature	CC.1.4.5.S Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research, applying gradelevel reading standards for literature and informational texts.	G5 M2 L18, L18DD, L24, L27, L29, L32
	Production and Distribution of Writing: Writing Process	CC.1.4.5.T With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.	G5 M1 L27–28, L33–35 G5 M2 L12–13, L15, L19, L21–26, L34–36 G5 M3 L15, L30–32, L37 G5 M4 L11, L34–35

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	Technology and Publication	With some guidance and support, use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of two pages in a single sitting.	G5 M4 L34–35
	Conducting Research	CC.1.4.5.V Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.	G5 M4 L9, L18, L20–21, L25–35
	Credibility, Reliability, and Validity of Sources	Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources.	G5 M1 L18–21, L25 G5 M4 L1, L5, L7, L10–11, L15–16, L19–21, L25–35
	Range of Writing	CC.1.4.5.X 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.	G5 M2 L1-3, L5, L27-30 G5 M3 L1-3, L5-11, L13, L16-21, L25-26, L29, L33-35 G5 M4 L1-3, L9, L11-12, L15-18, L21, L23-24, L26-27, L32-33, L36

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1.5 Speaking and	Comprehension	CC.1.5.5.A	G5 M1 L12, L32
Listening Students present appropriately in formal speaking situations, listen critically, and respond intelligently as individuals or in group discussions.	and Collaboration: Collaborative Discussion	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions on grade-level topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.	G5 M2 L4, L32
			G5 M3 L4, L29
			G5 M4 L24, L36
	Comprehension and Collaboration: Critical Listening	Summarize the main points of written text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.	G5 M1 L1–3, L9, L11, L13, L15, L20, L24, L26
			G5 M2 L5–6, L10–11, L13
			G5 M3 L1–4, L7–8, L10–11, L15–17, L19, L21, L24–26, L29–30
			G5 M4 L1–2, L7, L10, L12–13, L17, L20–21, L24
	Comprehension	CC.1.5.5.C	G5 M3 L9–12, L15, L26, L28–29
	and Collaboration: Evaluating Information	Summarize the points a speaker makes and explain how each claim is supported by reasons and evidence.	

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	Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas: Purpose, Audience, and Task	Report on a topic or present an opinion, sequencing ideas logically and using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speaking clearly with adequate volume, appropriate pacing, and clear pronunciation.	Supplemental material is necessary to address speaking clearly with adequate volume and clear pronunciation in oral reports on topics or presentations of opinions. The following lessons address reporting on topics or presenting opinions by following a logical sequence, including support and details, and speaking clearly at an appropriate pace as well as adapting volume appropriately when delivering a comedic skit or performing an expressive read aloud. G5 M1 L27, L35 G5 M2 L3-4, L30, L32 G5 M3 L4, L22, L37 G5 M4 L13, L15-16, L24, L30, L35-36
	Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas: Context	CC.1.5.5.E Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, using formal English when appropriate to task and situation.	G5 M1 L1-32 G5 M2 L1-16, L18-36 G5 M3 L4, L19, L28-29, L37 G5 M4 L24, L35-36
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas: Multimedia	CC.1.5.5.F Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.	G5 M3 L17 G5 M4 L26–30, L32–33, L35

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	Conventions of Standard English	CC.1.5.5.G Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English when speaking, based on Grade 5 level and content.	Wit & Wisdom does not explicitly address demonstrating command of the conventions of standard English when speaking.