





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.

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)

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading Correlation to Wit & Wisdom

GRADE 6 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

The majority of the Grade 6 Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading are fully covered by Grade 6 of the *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum. The areas where the Grade 6 Texas standards and Grade 6 of the *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum do not align will require supplemental materials and use of *Wit & Wisdom* content from other grade levels. 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 Texas standards while benefiting from the rich texts and knowledge building of *Wit & Wisdom*.

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Wit & Wisdom does not address the Texas standard.

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

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	Knowledge and Skills	Standard		Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom		
Developing and Sustaining Foundational	6.1 Listening, speaking, discussion, and thinking—oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:					
Language Skills		6.1.A listen actively to interpret a message, ask clarifying questions, and respond appropriately;		G6 M1 L9, L15 G6 M2 L21 G6 M3 L18, L24–25, L29–30, L32 G6 M4 L8–11, L13, L25, L28, L32		
		6.1.B follow and give oral instructions that include multiple action steps;		Supplemental material is necessary to address giving oral instructions. The following lessons address following oral instructions that include multiple action steps. G6 M2 L27 G6 M3 L3DD		
		6.1.C give an organized presentation with a specific stance and position, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively; and		Supplemental material is necessary to address giving an organized presentation with a specific stance and position. The following lessons address employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively. G6 M2 L30, L36		
		participate in student-led discussions by eliciting and considering suggestions from other group members, taking notes, and identifying points of agreement and disagreement.		G6 M1 L6, L9, L12, L14–15, L23, L28–30 G6 M3 L2, L9–10, L12, L14, L18, L24–26, L32 G6 M4 L8–13, L25, L28, L32		

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Developing and Sustaining Foundational	6.2 Listening, speaking The student is expe		Γhe	student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively.
Language Skills		6.2.A use print or digital resources to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech;		Supplemental material is necessary to address using print or digital resources to determine syllabication, pronunciation, and word origin. The following lessons address using print or digital resources to determine meaning and part of speech. G6 M3 L13DD
		6.2.B use context such as definition, analogy, and examples to clarify the meaning of words; and		G6 M4 L9DD, L16DD G6 M1 L1DD, L5, L5DD, L6, L6DD, L8, L8DD, L11, L15, L15DD, L16DD, L18DD, L25, L25DD, L26DD, L27, L27DD G6 M2 L3DD, L5, L6DD, L7, L7DD, L8DD, L9DD, L10, L11DD, L14DD, L16DD, L24DD, L28–29 G6 M3 L1DD, L3, L3DD, L5, L6DD, L7, L7DD, L9, L12DD, L13DD, L14DD, L16DD, L22DD, L25DD, L26DD, L32DD, L33DD G6 M4 L2DD, L3DD, L4–6, L7DD, L8–9, L11, L13, L15DD, L20, L23DD, L24, L25DD, L26DD, L28DD, L30DD
		determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived from Greek and Latin roots such as <i>mis/mit</i> , bene, man, vac, scrib/script, and jur/jus.		G6 M1 L25DD G6 M2 L2DD, L3DD, L6DD, L7DD, L8DD G6 M3 L2DD, L6DD, L11DD, L13DD, L29DD G6 M4 L10DD, L13DD, L21DD, L28DD

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Developing and Sustaining Foundational Language Skills	student reads grade The student is expe	, reading, writing, and thinking—fluency. The e-level text with fluency and comprehension. cted to adjust fluency when reading grade-he reading purpose.		Supplemental material is necessary to address this standard thoroughly. G6 M1 L1, L3-4, L6, L8, L10 G6 M2 L6-7, L15
Developing and Sustaining Foundational Language Skills	sustained reading. Independently. The	eaking, reading, writing, and thinking—self- ding. The student reads grade-appropriate texts y. The student is expected to self-select text and dently for a sustained period of time.		Each <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> module includes a Volume of Reading list (Appendix D) which lists texts at a variety of complexity levels that students can select from and read independently.
Comprehension Skills	6.5 Listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both development and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. The student is expected to:			
		6.5.A establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected text;		Wit & Wisdom does not explicitly address students establishing their own purposes for reading assigned and self-selected texts.
		6.5.B generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;		G6 M1 L1 G6 M3 L1 G6 M4 L14
		6.5.C make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;		G6 M3 L17, L25–26, L29 G6 M4 L2, L14, L23
		6.5.D create mental images to deepen understanding;		Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 5. G5 M3 L20

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		6.5.E	G6 M2 L23, L29
		make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;	G6 M3 L1, L17, L21, L23, L27, L30–31
			G6 M4 L1, L8, L13–14, L24DD, L25, L28, L30–31
		6.5.F	G6 M1 L1, L11, L18–24
		make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;	G6 M2 L11, L17
			G6 M3 L1–2, L14
			G6 M4 L1–2, L16DD, L17, L31
		6.5.G	G6 M1 L21
		evaluate details read to determine key ideas;	G6 M4 L3, L11, L16
		6.5.H	G6 M4 L10, L11, L32
		synthesize information to create new understanding; and	
		6.5.I	Wit & Wisdom does not explicitly address monitoring
		monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.	comprehension and making adjustments.

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Response Skills	6.6		
	0, 1	g, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple hat are read, heard, or viewed. The student is ex	cts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging cted to:
		6.6.A describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;	Supplemental material, such as use of the Wit & Wisdom Volume of Reading list, is necessary to ensure making connections with self-selected texts. The following lessons address making personal connections to varied sources.
			G6 M1 L21
			G6 M4 L1
		6.6.B	G6 M3 L21, L27, L30–31
		write responses that demonstrate understanding of texts, including comparing sources within and across genres;	G6 M4 L13, L17DD
		6.6.C	G6 M1 L11, L18–24
		use text evidence to support an appropriate response;	G6 M2 L11, L17
		6.6.D	G6 M1 L21
		paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;	G6 M2 L21, L23, L29
			G6 M3 L3, L14DD, L17, L20–22, L25–26, L28–29
			G6 M4 L3–4, L14–16, L22, L26
		6.6.E	G6 M2 L20
		interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;	G6 M4 L6, L10, L12, L30

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		6.6.F	G6 M1 L1DD, L28DD, L29DD
		respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate;	G6 M2 L12DD
			G6 M3 L13, L14DD, L15, L18, L21DD, L32
			G6 M4 L7DD, L18DD, L27, L30DD
		6.6.G	G6 M1 L6, L9, L12, L14–15, L23, L27–30
		discuss and write about the explicit or implicit meanings of text;	G6 M2 L18, L20–22
			G6 M3 L2
			G6 M4 L16DD
		6.6.H respond orally or in writing with appropriate register, vocabulary, tone, and voice; and	Supplemental material is necessary to address responding orally or in writing with appropriate voice. The following lessons address responding orally or in writing with appropriate register, vocabulary, and tone.
			G6 M1 L10, L23DD
			G6 M4 L19DD, L20DD, L30
		6.6.I	G6 M3 L21, L31
		reflect on and adjust responses as new evidence is presented.	

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Multiple Genres	0. 1	ements within and across increasingly complex	kts—literary elements. The student recognizes and aditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary
		6.7.A infer multiple themes within and across texts using text evidence;	Supplemental material is necessary to address inferring multiple themes across texts using text evidence. The following lessons address inferring multiple themes within texts using text evidence. G6 M1 L23 G6 M2 L13, L17 G6 M3 L5, L9, L18 G6 M4 L21, L26, L28
		6.7.B analyze how the characters' internal and external responses develop the plot;	G6 M1 L3 G6 M2 L4, L11–12 G6 M3 L3, L10
		6.7.C analyze plot elements, including rising action, climax, falling action, resolution, and nonlinear elements such as flashback; and	G6 M2 L4, L9, L12 G6 M3 L14 G6 M4 L22
		6.7.D analyze how the setting, including historical and cultural settings, influences character and plot development.	G6 M1 L1, L18 G6 M2 L10

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Multiple Genres	6.8			
	specific characteris			ts—genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre- creasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical,
		6.8.A		G6 M2 L1DD, L2, L9–10, L18
		demonstrate knowledge of literary genres such as realistic fiction, adventure stories, historical fiction, mysteries, humor, and myths;		
		6.8.B analyze the effect of meter and structural elements such as line breaks in poems across a variety of poetic forms;		Supplemental material is necessary to address analyzing the effect of meter across a variety of poetic forms. <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> addresses the effect of structural elements across a variety of poetic forms in Grade 8.
				G8 M1 L10–11, L16
		6.8.C analyze how playwrights develop characters through dialogue and staging;		Supplemental material is necessary to address analyzing how playwrights develop characters through staging. <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> addresses analyzing how playwrights develop characters through dialogue in Grade 8.
				G8 M3 L1, L5, L18
		6.8.D		
		analyze characteristics and structural elemen	ts o	of informational text, including:
		i. the controlling idea or thesis with		G6 M2 L28
		supporting evidence;		G6 M3 L16, L19, L25–26, L28–29
				G6 M4 L3–4, L7, L11, L16, L18, L20–22, L26, L30
		ii. features such as introduction, foreword, preface, references, or acknowledgements to gain background information; and		G6 M4 L14

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		iii. organizational patterns such as		Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 4.
		definition, classification, advantage, and disadvantage;		G4 M1 L8
				G4 M2 L11–16
				G4 M3 L3
		6.8.E		
		analyze characteristics and structures of argu	ıme	entative text by:
		i. identifying the claim;		G6 M3 L22, L34
				G6 M4 L28
		ii. explaining how the author uses various types of evidence to support the		G6 M3 L18–19, L22, L34
		argument;		G6 M4 L28
		iii. identifying the intended audience or reader; and		Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 7.
				G7 M3 L13
		6.8.F		Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 5.
		analyze characteristics of multimodal and digital texts.		G5 M4 L26–27, L31
Author's	6.9			
Purpose and Craft	authors' choices an	d how they influence and communicate meaning	ng v	kts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies ts and performances. The student is expected to:
		6.9.A		G6 M2 L23
		explain the author's purpose and message within a text;		G6 M3 L16–17, L34
				G6 M4 L6–7, L9–10, L19

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		6.9.B analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;	Supplemental material is necessary to address how text structures contribute to the author's purpose. The following lessons address analyzing how text structure contributes to development of the text's ideas.
			G6 M4 L2, L7, L15–16, L18, L22, L24, L26
		6.9.C	G6 M1 L2
		analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;	G6 M3 L17, L26
			G6 M4 L6
		6.9.D	G6 M1 L2, L7–8, L14DD
		describe how the author's use of figurative language such as metaphor and personification achieves specific purposes;	G6 M3 L3, L10
		6.9.E identify the use of literary devices, including omniscient and limited point of view, to achieve a specific purpose;	Supplemental material is necessary to address identifying the use of omniscient and limited point of view to achieve a specific purpose. The following lessons address identifying the use of literary devices to achieve a specific purpose. G6 M1 L2, L22
			G6 M2 L14
		6.9.F analyze how the author's use of language contributes to mood and voice; and	Supplementary material is necessary to address analyzing how the author's use of language contributes to voice. <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> addresses analyzing how an author's use of language contributes to mood in Grade 5.
			G5 M1 L22, L24

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		6.9.G explain the differences between rhetorical devices and logical fallacies.		Wit & Wisdom does not address explaining the differences between rhetorical devices and logical fallacies.
Composition	6.10	1 1.1.1 1.1.1		
				ts—writing process. The student uses the writing s appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
		plan a first draft by selecting a genre appropriate for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as discussion, background reading, and personal interests;		Wit & Wisdom does not address students planning a first draft by selecting a genre.
		6.10.B		
		develop drafts into a focused, structured, and	coh	herent piece of writing by:
		i. organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, coherence within and across paragraphs, and a conclusion; and		G6 M1 L2DD, L7DD, L12DD, L13, L24, L32DD, L33-34 G6 M2 L15DD, L18, L31 G6 M3 L8, L15, L19, L31, L36 G6 M4 L6, L12, L22, L25, L27
		ii. developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific facts and details;		G6 M3 L36 G6 M4 L21, L27

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		6.10.C revise drafts for clarity, development,	G6 M1 L21DD, L22DD, L23DD, L24DD, L31, L32DD, L33DD, L34, L34DD
		organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety;	G6 M2 L23DD, L34
			G6 M3 L19DD, L28DD, L31DD, L36DD, L37DD
			G6 M4 L12, L19DD, L20DD, L22DD, L27DD, L29, L29DD, L30
		6.10.D	
		edit drafts using standard English convention	s, including:
		i. complete complex sentences with subject-verb agreement and avoidance of splices, run-ons, and fragments;	Supplemental material is necessary to address the avoidance of splices. <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> addresses creating complex sentences in Grade 7, subject-verb agreement in Grade 3, and the avoidance of run-ons and fragments in Grade 4. The following lessons address writing complete sentences while avoiding fragments. G6 M1 L30DD, L32DD, L34DD
		ii. consistent, appropriate use of verb tenses;	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 5.
		tenses,	G5 M3 L22DD, L23DD, L24DD, L27DD, L28, L28DD, L37, L37DD
		iii. conjunctive adverbs;	Wit & Wisdom does not address conjunctive adverbs.
		iv. prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement;	Supplemental material is necessary to address the influence of prepositions and prepositional phrases on subject-verb agreement. <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> addresses using prepositions in Grades 1, 3, and 5. <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> addresses prepositional phrases in Grade 4. G4 M2 L18DD, L19DD, L20DD, L27DD, L28DD

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		v. pronouns, including relative;	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 4. G4 M3 L26DD, L27DD, L28DD, L33DD, L34, L34DD, L35, L35DD
		vi. subordinating conjunctions to form complex sentences and correlative conjunctions such as either/or and neither/nor;	Wit & Wisdom does not address using subordinating conjunctions to form complex sentences in the middle grades. Wit & Wisdom addresses using subordinating conjunctions to form complex sentences in Grade 3. Wit & Wisdom addresses correlative conjunctions in Grade 5. G5 M4 L18DD, L19DD, L21DD, L23DD
		vii. capitalization of proper nouns, including abbreviations, initials, acronyms, and organizations;	Supplemental material is necessary to address capitalization of abbreviations, initials, acronyms, and organizations. <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> addresses capitalization of proper nouns in Grade 4. G4 M1 L10DD, L11DD, L12DD
		viii. punctuation marks, including commas in complex sentences, transitions, and introductory elements; and	Wit & Wisdom addresses using commas in introductory elements in Grades 2 and 3. Wit & Wisdom addresses using commas in complex sentences in Grade 7. The following lessons address using commas in transitions and non-restrictive/parenthetical elements. G6 M1 L2DD, L12DD, L34DD G6 M2 L33DD, L35DD
		ix. correct spelling, including commonly confused terms such as its/it's, affect/effect, there/their/they're, and to/two/too; and	Wit & Wisdom addresses commonly confused terms in Grade 4. The following lessons address correct spelling. G6 M2 L20, L35 G6 M4 L37DD

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		6.10.E		G6 M3 L38	
		publish written work for appropriate audiences.		G6 M4 L31	
Composition	6.11				
	Listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts—genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:				
		6.11.A		G6 M2 L7–8, L15–16, L19, L27	
		compose literary texts such as personal narratives, fiction, and poetry using genre characteristics and craft;		G6 M3 L14	
		6.11.B		G6 M1 L7, L12DD, L33	
		compose informational texts, including multi-paragraph essays that convey		G6 M3 L31	
		information about a topic, using a clear controlling idea or thesis statement and genre characteristics and craft;		G6 M4 L13, L21, L25, L27	
		6.11.C		G6 M3 L34-38	
		compose multi-paragraph argumentative texts using genre characteristics and craft; and			
		6.11.D		Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 8.	
		compose correspondence that reflects an opinion, registers a complaint, or requests information in a business or friendly structure.		G8 M4 L8	

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Inquiry and Research	0, 1	g, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple e inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. Th		
		6.12.A		G6 M3 L20
		generate student-selected and teacher- guided questions for formal and informal inquiry;	(G6 M4 L5, L10, L13
		6.12.B develop and revise a plan;	(G6 M4 L20, L22
		6.12.C refine the major research question, if necessary, guided by the answers to a secondary set of questions;	1	Supplemental material is necessary to address a secondary set of guiding questions for refining research questions. <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> addresses refining a major research question in Grade 7. G7 M4 L1–2, L4
		6.12.D		G6 M4 L4–6, L9–10
		identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources;	\	G0 N14 L4-0, L9-10
		6.12.E	1	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 8.
		differentiate between primary and secondary sources;		G8 M4 L7
		6.12.F synthesize information from a variety of sources;	(G6 M4 L23–26
		6.12.G		G6 M4 L12
		differentiate between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials;		

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		6.12.H	
		examine sources for:	
		i. reliability, credibility, and bias; and	G6 M3 L20
			G6 M4 L5–6, L13
		ii. faulty reasoning such as hyperbole, emotional appeals, and stereotype;	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 7.
		emotional appears, and stereotype,	G7 M3 L14–15, L23
		6.12.I	G6 M3 L20
		display academic citations and use source materials ethically; and	G6 M4 L21–22, L26
		6.12.J	G6 M3 L20
		use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multimodal, to present results.	