





ABOUT WIT & WISDOM

Wit & Wisdom® is a Kindergarten through Grade 8 English language arts (ELA) curriculum created by Great Minds®, a nonprofit 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 •

- 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)

West Virginia College- and Career-Readiness Standards for English Language Arts Correlation to Wit & Wisdom

GRADE 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND LITERACY CONTENT

The majority of the Grade 5 West Virginia College- and Career-Readiness Standards for English Language Arts are fully covered by Grade 5 of the *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum. The areas where the Grade 5 West Virginia standards and Grade 5 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 West Virginia standards while benefiting from the rich texts and knowledge building of *Wit & Wisdom*.

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Wit & Wisdom addresses the West Virginia 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

Domain	Cluster	Standard	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom		
Early Learning	Fluency	ELA.5.I			
Foundations		Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.			
		Read on-level text with purpose	G5 M1 L11, L27		
		and understanding.			
		Read on-level prose and poetry orally	G5 M1 L11, L27		
		with accuracy, appropriate rate, and			
		expression on successive readings.			
		 Use context to confirm or self-correct 	Wit & Wisdom does not address		
		word recognition and understanding,	foundational skills.		
		rereading as necessary.			
	Phonics	ELA.5.II			
	and Word	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.			
	Recognition	 Use combined knowledge of all 	Wit & Wisdom does not address		
		letter-sound correspondences,	foundational skills.		
		syllabication patterns, and morphology	Touridational sixting.		
		(e.g., roots and affixes) to read			
		accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic			
		words in context and out of context.			
Reading	Key Ideas	ELA.5.1	G5 M1 L9–11, L13–28		
	and Details	Quote accurately from a literary text			
		when explaining what the text says	G5 M2 L1, L3–15, L17–18, L18DD, L22–24,		
		explicitly and when drawing inferences	L26–29, L31–34		
		from the text.	G5 M3 L16-37		
		nom the text.	00 M3 H0-3/		
			G5 M4 L2–4, L22, L24, L36		

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		ELA.5.2	G5 M1 L9–10, L14–15, L20–22, L24–25
		Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in a literary text,	G5 M2 L2-4, L7, L13, L16-19, L21-36
		including how characters in a story or	G5 M3 L17, L22, L24–26, L29–30, L35
		drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text.	G5 M4 L2-4, L36
		ELA.5.3	G5 M1 L10, L12–15, L18–19, L21–28
		Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a	G5 M2 L2-3, L17-18, L22, L24, L26, L28
		story or drama, drawing on specific	G5 M3 L21–25, L35
		details in the literary text (e.g., how characters interact).	G5 M4 L36
		ELA.5.4	G5 M1 L1–5, L7–8, L12, L14, L16, L29–35
		Quote accurately from an informational text when explaining what the text says	G5 M3 L1–16, L31–32
		explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.	G5 M4 L1, L5–15, L17–24, L26–29, L31–36
		ELA.5.5	G5 M1 L1–5, L7, L12, L14, L26, L29–35
		Determine two or more main ideas of an informational text and explain how they	G5 M3 L1–3, L7–11, L14, L16
		are supported by key details; summarize the text.	G5 M4 L1, L5–15, L17–23, L26–27, L31–36

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		ELA.5.6	G5 M1 L1–5, L7–8, L14, L16, L30–35
		Using an informational text, explain the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific information in the text.	G5 M3 L2–4, L15, L31 G5 M4 L1, L5, L7–8, L10–14, L17–23, L26–27, L32–36
	Craft and	ELA.5.7	G5 M1 L10, L10DD, L18, L21, L23–24, L29
	Structure	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a literary text,	G5 M2 L3, L6, L8–12, L14, L16, L20, L23, L30
		including figurative language such as metaphors and similes.	G5 M3 L8, L21–22, L25, L30–32, L35
		ELA.5.8	G5 M1 L15, L20
		Explain how a series of chapters, scenes, or stanzas fits together in a literary text	G5 M2 L16–20, L22–23, L26, L30
		to provide the overall structure of a particular story, drama, or poem.	G5 M3 L17, L35
		ELA.5.9	G5 M2 L2-3
		Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are	G5 M3 L17–18, L20, L22–25, L29, L33, L35
		described in a literary text.	G5 M4 L2-3
		ELA.5.10	G5 M1 L26
		Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and	G5 M3 L1, L7, L9–11, L13, L31–32
		phrases in an informational text relevant to a grade 5 topic or subject area.	G5 M4 L6, L10, L17, L23, L26, L32DD

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		ELA.5.11	G5 M4 L6–9, L11
		Compare and contrast the overall	
		structure (e.g., chronology, comparison,	
		cause/effect, and problem/solution) of	
		events, ideas, concepts, or information in	
		two or more informational texts.	
		ELA.5.12	G5 M3 L8, L10–11, L13
		Analyze multiple accounts of the	
		same event or topic, noting important	
		similarities and differences in the	
		point of view they represent in	
		informational texts.	
	Integration	ELA.5.13	G5 M1 L20
	of Knowledge of Ideas	Analyze how visual and multimedia	G5 M2 L5–7, L10–12, L14–15, L17, L23, L32
	oriueas	elements contribute to the meaning, tone,	
		or beauty of a literary text (e.g., graphic	
		novel, multimedia presentation of fiction,	
		folktale, myth, and/or poem).	
		ELA.5.14	G5 M1 L10–12, L17
		Compare and contrast stories in	G5 M4 L24, L36
		literary texts of the same genre	
		(e.g., mysteries and adventure stories)	
		on their approaches to similar themes	
		and topics.	

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		ELA.5.15	G5 M3 L11
		Draw on information from multiple print or digital informational 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, L31–35
		ELA.5.16	G5 M1 L30–31
		Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points	G5 M3 L7–11, L13–14
		in an informational text, identifying which reasons and evidence support which point(s).	G5 M4 L6, L8, L14
		ELA.5.17	G5 M1 L14
		Integrate information from several informational texts on the same topic	G5 M3 L4, L11
		in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.	G5 M4 L21, L23–24, L26–36
	Range of	ELA.5.18	G5 M1-4
	Reading and Text Complexity	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, at the high end of the grades 4–5 text complexity range 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.

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		ELA.5.19		G5 M1-4
		By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including social studies, science, and technical texts, at the high end of the grades 4–5 text complexity range 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.
Writing	Text Types	ELA.5.20		
	and Purposes	Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, sup	ppo	orting a point of view with reasons
		and information.		
		• Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an		G5 M3 L7–9, L11–12, L14–15, L22–24, L27–28,
		opinion, and create an organizational		L33, L36–37
		structure in which ideas are logically		
		grouped to support the writer's purpose.		
		• Provide logically ordered reasons that		G5 M3 L12, L14–15, L22–24, L27–28, L36–37
		are supported by facts and details.		C- Mo Las Los
		• Link opinion and reasons using words,		G5 M3 L15, L37
		phrases, and clauses (e.g., consequently and specifically).		
		Provide a concluding statement or		G5 M3 L15, L23, L27–28, L37
		section related to the opinion presented.		

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		ELA.5.21		
		Write informative/explanatory texts to example of the control of t	nine a t	copic and convey ideas and
		information clearly.		
		Introduce a topic clearly, provide a	G5 N	11 L5-8, L13-14, L26, L28
		general observation, and focus and group related information logically;	G5 N	И2 L31
		include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.	G5 N	И4 L10, L13–14, L33–34
		 Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other 	G5 N	M1 L5, L7, L13, L15, L21, L23, L27, L35
		information and examples related to	G5 N	M2 L33
		the topic.	G5 N	/14 L8, L10–11, L13–15, L33–34
		 Link ideas within and across 	G5 N	11 L14, L14DD, L15, L15DD, L16DD,
		categories of information using words,	L23I	DD, L25DD, L27, L27DD, L28DD, L35DD
		phrases, and clauses (e.g., in contrast and especially).	G5 N	/14 L16, L17DD
		 Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic. 	G5 N	M1 L27
		Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or	G5 N	Л1 L28, L34
		explanation presented.	G5 N	И2 L33

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		ELA.5.22	
		Write a narrative to develop real or imagine descriptive details, and clear event sequenc	ed experiences or events using effective technique, es.
		Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.	G5 M2 L14–15, L23, L26, L35
		Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, description, and pacing, to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.	G5 M2 L6–7, L9, L11, L13–15, L20, L22, L24–26, L35–36
		Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to manage the sequence of events.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 4. G4 M2 L4, L10
		Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely.	G5 M2 L7–8, L8DD, L9–10, L10DD, L11, L13, L15DD, L35
		Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.	G5 M2 L35
	Production and Distribution	ELA.5.23	G5 M1 L4, L8, L16, L27–28, L33–35
	of Writing	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and	G5 M2 L15, L25, L34–36
		organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	G5 M3 L15, L22–25, L27–28, L32, L37
			G5 M4 L13–15, L34–35

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		ELA.5.24	G5 M1 L27–28, L33–35
		With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning,	G5 M2 L12–13, L15, L19, L21–26, L34–36 G5 M3 L15, L30–32, L37
		revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.	G5 M4 L11, L34–35
		ELA.5.25 With some guidance and support from adults, use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing	G5 M4 L34–35
	D 1.	as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type accurately.	
	Research to Build and Present Knowledge	ELA.5.26 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
		ELA.5.27 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

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		ELA.5.28 Draw evidence from literary or information and research.	nal	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
		• Apply grade 5 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or		G5 M1 L12, L18–21, L23, L25–28 G5 M2 L3–4, L31–33
		events in a story or a drama, drawing on specific details in the text [e.g., how characters interact]").		G5 M3 L23–24, L27–28, L37 G5 M4 L4
		 Apply grade 5 Reading standards to informational texts (e.g., "explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text, identifying which reasons and evidence support which point[s]"). 		G5 M1 L2, L7–8, L31–35 G5 M3 L4, L15 G5 M4 L14–15, L34–35
	Range of Writing	ELA.5.29 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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Speaking and	Comprehension	ELA.5.30		
Listening	and Collaboration	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 5 topics and texts, building on others expressing ideas clearly.		
		• Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.	G5 M1 L6, L12, L32 G5 M3 L11, L26 G5 M4 L36	
		• Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.	G5 M1 L9–12, L32 G5 M2 L4	
		 Pose and respond to specific questions by making comments that contribute to the discussion and elaborate on the remarks of others. 	G5 M1 L10–12, L32 G5 M3 L6, L26, L29 G5 M4 L24	
		 Review the key ideas expressed and draw conclusions in light of information and knowledge gained from the discussions. 	G5 M3 L26	
		ELA.5.31 Summarize a 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	

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		ELA.5.32	G ₅ M	3 L9–12, L15, L26, L28–29
		Summarize the points a speaker makes and explain how each claim is supported by reasons and evidence.		
	Presentation	ELA.5.33	G5 M	1 L27, L35
	of Knowledge and Ideas	Report on a topic or text or present an opinion, sequencing ideas logically and		2 L3-4, L30, L32
		using appropriate facts and relevant,	G ₅ M	3 L4, L22, L37
		descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.	G5 M	4 L13, L15–16, L24, L30, L35–36
		ELA.5.34	G ₅ M	3 L17
		Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics and/or sound) and visual displays in presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.		4 L26–30, L32–33, L35
		ELA.5.35	G5 M	1 L1-32
		Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, using formal English when	G5 M	2 L1–16, L18–36
		appropriate to task and situation.	G ₅ M	3 L4, L19, L28–29, L37
			G5 M	4 L24, L35–36

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Language	Conventions	ELA.5.36	
	of Standard English	Demonstrate command of the conventions writing or speaking.	of Standard English grammar and usage when
		• Explain the function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections in general and their function in particular sentences.	G5 M1 L3DD, L6DD, L7DD, L8DD, L32DD, L33DD, L34DD, L35DD G5 M2 L3DD, L10DD, L15DD, L23DD, L24DD, L25, L25DD, L26DD, L36DD G5 M4 L8DD, L9, L9DD, L15DD, L18DD, L19DD, L21DD, L25DD, L26DD, L27DD, L28DD
		• Form and use the perfect (e.g., <i>I had walked</i> ; <i>I have walked</i> ; <i>I will have walked</i>) verb tenses.	G5 M3 L8DD, L9DD, L10DD, L12DD, L15, L27–28, L37, L37DD
		 Use verb tense to convey various times, sequences, states, and conditions. 	G5 M3 L3DD, L4DD, L5DD, L15, L27–28, L37, L37DD
		 Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense. 	G5 M3 L22DD, L23DD, L24DD, L27DD, L28, L28DD, L37, L37DD
		 Use correlative conjunctions (e.g., either/or and neither/nor). 	G5 M4 L18DD, L19DD, L21DD, L23
		ELA.5.37	
		Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation and spelling when writing.	
		 Use punctuation to separate items in a series. 	G5 M4 L5DD, L6DD, L7DD, L34, L34DD, L35
		 Use a comma to separate an introductory element from the rest of the sentence. 	G5 M2 L19DD, L31DD, L32DD, L33DD, L36DD G5 M3 L27–28, L37

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		• Use a comma to set off the words <i>yes</i>		G5 M2 L3DD, L4DD, L23DD, L24DD, L25,
		and no (e.g., Yes, thank you.), to set		L25DD, L26DD, L36DD
		off a tag question from the rest of the		
		sentence (e.g., It's true, isn't it?), and		
		to indicate direct address (e.g., Is that		
		you, Steve?).		
		• Use underlining, quotation marks, or		G5 M1 L11DD, L12DD, L35DD
		italics to indicate titles of works.		
		• Spell grade-appropriate words correctly,		G5 M1 L4, L16
		consulting references as needed.		
				G5 M4 L3DD, L4, L4DD, L34–35, L35DD
	Knowledge of	ELA.5.38		
	Language	Use knowledge of language and its convent	ioi	ns when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
		• Expand, combine, and reduce sentences		G5 M1 L6DD, L7DD, L8DD, L33DD,
		for meaning, reader/listener interest,		L34DD, L35DD
		and style.		
				G5 M2 L8DD, L10, L10DD, L11, L15DD, L31DD,
				L32DD, L33DD, L36DD
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		Common and contract the condition of		G5 M4 L25DD, L26DD, L27DD, L28DD, L34DD
		• Compare and contrast the varieties of		G5 M3 L17DD, L18DD, L19DD, L20DD, L21
		English (e.g., dialects and/or registers)		
		used in stories, dramas, or poems.		

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Domain	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	ELA.5.39	wn and multiple-meaning words and phrases based exibly from a range of strategies. G5 M1 L9DD, L13DD, L20DD, L22DD, L24DD, L30 G5 M2 L2DD, L6, L8, L10–12, L14, L17DD, L30DD G5 M3 L1–2, L7, L9–11, L13, L16DD, L21, L25, L30DD, L31DD, L32DD G5 M4 L2DD, L11, L17, L23DD G5 M1 L5DD, L9DD, L29DD, L30, L30DD
			G5 M4 L1, L1DD, L9, L10DD, L11DD, L20, L20DD, L22DD, L24DD, L32DD, L33DD
		• Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, and/or thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.	G5 M1 L9DD, L19DD G5 M2 L6DD, L12, L14, L14DD, L16DD, L30DD G5 M3 L6DD, L14DD, L15DD, L16DD, L29DD, L31DD G5 M4 L1DD, L23DD

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		ELA.5.40		
		Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.		
		• Interpret figurative language, including similes and metaphors, in context.	G5 M1 L10DD, L18DD, L26, L29–30 G5 M2 L29	
			G5 M3 L8–9, L21, L21DD, L22, L26DD, L30–32, L35	
		 Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs. 	G5 M4 L6, L12 G5 M2 L1, L7DD, L11, L12DD, L13–14, L14DD, L29DD	
			G5 M3 L22, L26DD, L35 G5 M4 L17	
		• Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonyms, antonyms, and homographs) to better understand each of the words.	G5 M1 L1DD, L2DD, L21DD, L31DD G5 M2 L1, L1DD, L5DD, L6DD, L11–12, L13DD, L16DD, L27DD	
			G5 M3 L11DD, L25DD, L29DD, L32DD G5 M4 L5, L11, L11DD, L12DD, L13DD, L14DD, L17DD, L23	

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		ELA.5.41	G5 M1-4
		Acquire and accurately use grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal contrast, addition, and other logical relationships (e.g., however, although, nevertheless, similarly, moreover, and in addition).	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.