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## North Carolina Standard Course of Study English Language Arts









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Arts & Letters students engage with high-quality texts to explore science and social studies topics, literature, and fine art. By studying topics in depth, students build knowledge of the lived experiences of others and learn how a deeper knowledge of those experiences can change the world. The text-based lessons build strong readers, writers, and communicators through effective use of grammar and vocabulary. All students read and discuss gradelevel texts, and the curriculum provides guidance for supporting all learners at key moments in the lessons.

There are four topic-driven modules for each grade level in *Arts & Letters*. The modules last between six and eight weeks and contain approximately 40 lessons. The core of each module is a selection of literary works, informational texts, and visual art. All modules integrate reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language instruction.

Arts & Letters was intentionally designed to be implemented alongside a high-quality, research-based foundational skills program. With strategic placement of supplemental materials, students can successfully achieve the proficiencies of North Carolina standards while benefiting from the rich texts and knowledge-building of Arts & Letters. A detailed alignment analysis between North Carolina standards and Arts & Letters follows.

# Reading Standards for Literature Key Ideas and Evidence

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RL.4.1	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36
Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37
	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37
	Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 14, 27, 28, 29, 37
RL.4.2	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 5, 28, 30, 32, 36
Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 3, 4, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 23, 26, 27, 30, 33, 37
	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 14, 27, 36
	Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 27, 29, 37
RL.4.3	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 31, 32
Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 3, 4, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 33
	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 12, 13, 25, 26
	Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 28, 29

### **Reading Standards for Literature**

**Craft and Structure** 

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RL.4.4  Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including words that affect meaning and tone.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 4, 31 Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 5, 12, 15, 26 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 13, 15 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 28
RL.4.5  Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems and drama when writing or speaking about a text.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 3, 4, 28 Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 18, 24, 25 Level 4, Module 3, Lesson 14
RL.4.6  Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations.	Level 4, Module 1, Lesson 29 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 11, 12, 15, 24, 29 Level 4, Module 4, Lesson 14

### **Reading Standards for Literature**

**Integration of Ideas and Analysis** 

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RL.4.7  Make connections between the text of a story or drama and a visual or oral presentation of the text, identifying where each version reflects specific descriptions and directions in the text.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 3, 4, 9, 24, 25, 32 Level 4, Module 3, Lesson 11
RL.4.9  Compare and contrast the use of similar themes and topics and patterns of events in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 4, 32, 33

### **Reading Standards for Literature**

Range of Reading and Level of Complexity

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RL.4.10  By the end of grade 4, read and understand literature within the 4-5 text	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36
complexity band proficiently and independently for sustained periods of time. Connect prior knowledge and experiences to text.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37
	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37

## **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

**Key Ideas and Evidence** 

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RI.4.1  Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 32, 33, 36  Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 22  Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37  Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30, 37, 39
RI.4.2  Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 8, 10, 13, 23, 36 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 4, 20, 30, 32, 36 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 7, 13, 20, 37
RI.4.3  Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 2, 4, 5, 9, 19, 30 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23

## **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

**Craft and Structure** 

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RI.4.4  Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a grade 4 topic or subject area.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 7, 9, 13, 24 Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 2, 6 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 2, 5, 9, 17, 30 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 37
RI.4.5  Describe the overall structure of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text.	Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 2, 4, 11, 12
RI.4.6  Compare and contrast a firsthand and secondhand account of the same event or topic; describe the differences in focus and the information provided.	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 6, 7, 20, 31 Level 4, Module 4, Lesson 22

# Reading Standards for Informational Text Integration of Ideas and Analysis

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RI.4.7  Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 9, 11, 12, 20 Level 4, Module 2, Lesson 6 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 2, 13, 16
RI.4.8  Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text.	Level 4, Module 2, Lesson 6 Level 4, Module 3, Lesson 18 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 7, 22
RI.4.9  Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.	Level 4, Module 3, Lesson 8 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 16, 23, 28, 30

### **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

Range of Reading and Level of Complexity

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RI.4.10  By the end of grade 4, read and understand informational texts within the 4-5 text complexity band proficiently and independently for sustained periods of time. Connect prior knowledge and experiences to text.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 32, 33, 36
	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 22
	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37
	Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 37, 39

## **Reading Standards for Foundational Skills**

Handwriting

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RF.4.2	Arts & Letters does not address this standard.
Create readable documents through legible handwriting (cursive).	

## **Reading Standards for Foundational Skills**

**Phonics and Word Recognition** 

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RF.4.4	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 23, 24, 31, 32, 35
Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29, 36
	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 23, 25, 29, 30, 35
	Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 15, 18, 19, 23, 27, 28
RF.4.4.a  Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 23, 24, 31, 32, 35
	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29, 36
	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 23, 25, 29, 30, 35
	Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 15, 18, 19, 23, 27, 28

## **Reading Standards for Foundational Skills**

Fluency

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RF.4.5 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 31 Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 25, 28, 38 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
RF.4.5.a  Read on-level text with purpose and understanding.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 31 Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 25, 28, 38 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
RF.4.5.b  Read on-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 31 Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 25, 28, 38 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
RF.4.5.c  Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 2, 6 Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 2, 5, 38 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 10, 16 Level 4, Module 4, Lesson 3

## **Writing Standards**

Text Types, Purposes, and Publishing

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
W.4.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 30, 31, 32, 36, 37, 38, 39

W.4.1.a	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 30, 31, 32, 36, 37
Organize information and ideas around a topic to plan and prepare to write.	
W.4.1.b	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 36, 37, 38, 39
Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support the writer's purpose.	
W.4.1.c	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 21, 30, 31, 32,
Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details.	37, 38, 39
W.4.1.d	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 12, 14, 19, 21, 37, 38, 39
Link opinion and reasons using words and phrases.	
W.4.1.e	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 13, 14, 20, 21, 37, 38, 39
Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.	
W.4.1.f	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 14, 21, 38, 39
With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing, with consideration to task, purpose, and audience.	
W.4.2	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25,
Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.	26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39
W.4.2.a	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 13, 25, 26, 32, 33, 34, 36
Organize information and ideas around a topic to plan and prepare to write.	
W.4.2.b	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 27, 29, 36, 37, 39
Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting, illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.	
W.4.2.c	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 12, 13, 14, 15, 25, 26, 27, 29, 32, 33, 34, 37, 39

Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.	
W.4.2.d Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 11, 14, 15, 27, 29, 37, 39
W.4.2.e Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 14, 15, 27, 29, 37, 39
W.4.2.f Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 18, 28, 29, 38, 39
W.4.2.g With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing, with consideration to task, purpose, and audience.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 11, 15, 19, 29, 39
W.4.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38
W.4.3.a Organize information and ideas around a topic to plan and prepare to write.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 9, 10, 11, 12, 30, 31, 32
W.4.3.b  Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38
W.4.3.c Use dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 33, 35, 37, 38
W.4.3.d Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 33, 35, 37, 38
W.4.3.e Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 19, 20, 23, 26, 33, 35, 37, 38

W.4.3.f Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 33, 35, 37, 38
W.4.3.g With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing, with consideration to task, purpose, and audience.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 15, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 38
W.4.4 With some guidance and support from adults, use digital tools and resources to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of word processing skills.	Level 4, Module 2, Lesson 38 Level 4, Module 4, Lesson 33

# Writing Standards Research

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
W.4.5  Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different connects of a tanic	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 25, 26, 27, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39  Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 30,
investigation of different aspects of a topic.	31, 32, 36, 37, 38, 39
	Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
W.4.6	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39
Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33
	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 36, 37
	Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34

# **Speaking and Listening**Collaboration and Communication

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
SL.4.1  Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 31, 32, 33, 36
groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37
	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 38
	Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 37
SL.4.1.a	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 3, 8, 11, 12, 13, 20, 31, 32, 33, 36
Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 3, 4, 6, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 37
topic to explore ideas under discussion.	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 36
	Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 37
SL.4.1.b  Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 31, 32, 33, 36
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	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 38
	Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 37
SL.4.1.c	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 13, 32, 36
Pose and respond to specific questions to clarify or follow up on	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 6, 19, 33, 37
information, and make comments that contribute to the discussion and link to the remarks of others.	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 6, 14, 27, 32, 36
	Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 20, 29, 37

SL.4.1.d  Review the key ideas expressed and explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 13, 32, 36 Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 19, 33, 37 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 6, 14, 27, 32, 36 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 20, 29, 37
SL.4.2  Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.	Level 4, Module 1, Lesson 9 Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 12, 14, 20, 23 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 2, 4, 9, 15, 18, 30 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 6, 13, 17, 21, 22
SL.4.3 Identify the reasons and evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 20, 36 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 7, 16, 36

# **Speaking and Listening**Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
SL.4.4  Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; adjust speech as appropriate to formal and informal discourse.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 5, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38  Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 4, 10, 12, 16, 18, 19, 20, 24, 33, 34, 37  Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 32, 36, 37, 39  Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 7, 10, 20, 21, 29, 32, 35, 36, 37
SL.4.5  Add audio recordings and visual displays to presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 27, 28, 38, 39 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 31, 33, 34, 35, 36

# **Language Standards**Conventions of Standard English

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
L.4.1  Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; demonstrate proficiency within the 4-	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 6, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 33, 37, 38, 39
	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 7, 20, 24, 26, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38
5 grammar continuum.	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 8, 16, 19, 20, 21, 28, 33, 37, 38, 39
	Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 6, 7, 10, 16, 21, 23, 30, 33
Continue to ensure subject/verb agreement	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 3.
	Level 3, Module 4, Lessons 24, 31
Use abstract nouns (such as courage)	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 3.
	Level 3, Module 1, Lessons 11, 13
Continue to use regular and irregular plural nouns	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 3.
	Level 3, Module 2, Lessons 10, 18
Form and use progressive verb tenses	Level 4, Module 3, Lesson 33
Use modal auxiliaries (such as may or must)	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 8, 19, 20, 21, 37, 38, 39
Continue to form and use the perfect verb tenses	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 5.
	Level 5, Module 4, Lessons 7, 14, 24
Convey sense of various times, sequences, states, and conditions	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 5.
	Level 5, Module 3, Lesson 7
	Level 5, Module 4, Lessons 14, 24, 30
Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 5.
	Level 5, Module 3, Lesson 7
	Level 5, Module 4, Lessons 14, 24, 30

Form and use comparative and superlative adjectives and accurately choose which to use–adjective or adverb	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 3. Level 3, Module 3, Lessons 22, 34, 35
Order adjectives within sentences according to conventional patterns	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 24, 26, 33, 35, 37, 38
Continue to use coordinating and subordinating conjunctions	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 14, 21 Level 4, Module 3, Lesson 16 Level 4, Module 4, Lesson 7
Use correlative conjunctions (such as either/or)	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 5. Level 5, Module 2, Lessons 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 33, 37, 38
Form and use comparative and superlative adverbs	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 3. Level 3 Module 4 Lesson 25
Use relative adverbs	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 33, 37, 38, 39 Level 4, Module 4, Lesson 10
Produce complete sentences, while recognizing and correcting inappropriate fragments and run-on sentences	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 6, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 33, 37, 38, 39  Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 7, 20, 34  Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 8, 16, 21, 28, 33  Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 7, 10, 16, 21, 30
Produce, expand, and rearrange simple, compound, and complex sentences	Arts & Letters addresses expanding and rearranging simple and compound sentences in grade level 2.  Level 2, Module 1, Lessons 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38  Level 2, Module 2, Lessons 7, 12, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22, 26, 31  Level 2, Module 3, Lessons 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 18, 25, 30, 35  Level 2, Module 4, Lessons 6, 9, 11, 16, 19, 27, 28, 32  Arts & Letters addresses producing simple, compound, and complex sentences in grade level 3.

	Level 3, Module 1, Lessons 6, 7, 11, 13, 16, 17, 28, 29, 33, 37, 38  Level 3, Module 2, Lessons 4, 6, 7, 11, 14, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 37
Form and use prepositional phrases	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 34 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 21
Ensure pronoun-antecedent agreement	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 3. Level 3, Module 4, Lessons 24, 29, 33
Use relative pronouns	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 22, 25, 27, 28, 29, 33, 37, 38, 39 Level 4, Module 4, Lesson 10
Correctly use frequently confused words (such as to, two, too)	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 23, 33 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 23, 33
Continue to use interjections	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 5. Level 5, Module 3, Lesson 30
Explain the function of phrases and clauses	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 7. Level 7, Module 1, Lessons 12, 17, 22, 28, 32
Recognize independent and dependent phrases and clauses	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 7. Level 7, Module 1, Lesson 22 Level 7. Module 2, Lessons 16, 30, 31, 38, 39 Level 7, Module 3, Lesson 11
L.4.2  Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing; demonstrate proficiency within the 4-5 conventions continuum.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 7, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 37, 38, 39  Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 22, 25, 26, 29, 33, 35, 36, 38  Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 3, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 35, 37, 38, 39

	Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 23, 26, 27
Capitalize appropriate words in titles	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 3. Level 3, Module 4, Lessons 5, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 31, 32, 33
Continue to use correct capitalization	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 27, 28, 29, 37, 38, 39 Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 13, 14, 15, 18, 26, 33, 35, 36, 38 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 26, 27
Use punctuation to separate items in a series	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 5. Level 5, Module 3, Lessons 18, 23 Level 5, Module 4, Lessons 12, 28
Continue to use commas in addresses	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 3. Level 3, Module 3, Lesson 27
Continue to use commas in dialogue	Level 4, Module 2, Lesson 26
Continue to use quotation marks in dialogue	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 17, 26
Use a comma before a coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 14, 21 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 16, 19, 20, 21, 37, 38, 39
Use commas and quotations to mark direct speech and quotations from a text	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 18, 25, 26, 33, 35, 36, 38 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 10, 12, 13, 14, 37, 38, 39
Use a comma to separate an introductory element from the rest of a sentence	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 5. Level 5, Module 1, Lessons 9, 18, 22, 23, 31, 32, 38, 39
Use a comma to set off the words yes and no	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 5. Level 5, Module 3, Lessons 8, 14, 15, 22, 28, 37, 38
Use a comma to set off a tag question from the rest of the sentence	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 5.

	Level 5, Module 3, Lessons 8, 22, 28, 37, 38
Use a comma to indicate a direct address	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 5. Level 5, Module 3, Lessons 8, 22, 28, 37, 38
Use underlining, quotation marks, or italics to indicate titles of works	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 5. Level 5, Module 2, Lessons 13, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 31, 37, 38
Continue to use conventional spelling for high frequency words and other studied words	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 3. Level 3 Module 3 Lessons 11, 26, 37, 38 Level 3, Module 4, Lessons 7, 14, 15, 17, 23, 31, 32, 33
Continue to use conventional spelling for adding suffixes to base words	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 3. Level 3 Module 3 Lessons 22, 34, 35 Level 3, Module 4, Lessons 7, 14, 15, 17, 23, 31, 32, 33
Continue to use spelling patterns and generalizations when writing words	Arts & Letters addresses this standard in grade level 3. Level 3, Module 4, Lessons 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 31, 32, 33
Spell grade-appropriate words correctly	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 14, 15, 17, 18, 19 Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 13, 14, 15, 18, 26, 33, 35, 38 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 37, 39 Level 4, Module 4, Lesson 23
Continue to consult reference materials as needed to check and correct spellings	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 7, 22 Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 22, 29, 36 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 3, 10, 35 Level 4, Module 4, Lesson 23

# Language Standards Knowledge of Language

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
L.4.3  Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 19, 20, 23, 25, 26, 33, 35, 37, 38 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 35, 36
L.4.3.a Choose words and phrases to convey ideas precisely.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 19, 20, 23, 26, 33, 35, 37, 38
L.4.3.b Choose punctuation for effect.	Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 25, 26, 33, 35, 37, 38
L.4.3.c  Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English and situations where informal discourse is appropriate.	Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 35, 36

# **Language Standards**Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

North Carolina Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
L.4.4  Determine and/or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies: context clues, word parts, word relationships, and reference materials.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 7, 12, 16, 22, 23, 24, 31, 35 Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 2, 6, 12, 22, 36 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 15, 17, 18, 20, 23, 30, 35 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 23, 25, 28, 30, 37, 39
L.4.5  Demonstrate understanding of figurative language and nuances in word meanings.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 4, 9, 11, 12, 13, 24 Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 15, 28 Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 2, 5, 12, 13, 25 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 5, 6, 8, 9, 18, 28, 29, 37
L.4.5.a  Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors in context.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 9, 11, 12, 13 Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 15, 28

	Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 2, 5 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 5, 6, 8, 28, 29
L.4.5.b  Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs.	Level 4, Module 1, Lesson 4 Level 4, Module 3, Lesson 13 Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 5, 9, 37
L.4.6  Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being and that are basic to a particular topic.	Level 4, Module 1, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39  Level 4, Module 2, Lessons 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38  Level 4, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39  Level 4, Module 4, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 37