



**WIT &  
WISDOM®**

# Curiosity, Inquiry, Knowledge

Arkansas English  
Language Arts  
Standards (2023)  
Correlation to *Wit &  
Wisdom*

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## ABOUT *WIT & WISDOM*

*Wit & Wisdom*® is a Kindergarten through Grade 8 English language arts (ELA) curriculum created by Great Minds. Founded in 2007, Great Minds PBC has evolved from an education advocacy start-up to a respected curriculum developer providing the highest quality materials and professional development to schools and districts nationwide. In pursuit of its goal to raise expectations for every student, Great Minds enlists educators to write curricula that use proven learning strategies to reward students' natural curiosity, build knowledge, and cultivate lifelong critical-thinking skills. Writing teams collaborate to ensure a consistent structure and vision for learning within and across all grade levels.

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. 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. Modules build students' knowledge of important topics in the arts, science, and social studies through the use of diverse and culturally relevant texts. 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* was intentionally designed to be implemented alongside a high-quality, research-based foundational skills program therefore the majority of the foundational skills standards will fall into this category. With strategic placement of supplemental materials, students can be successful in achieving the proficiencies of the Arkansas Standards for English Language Arts standards while benefiting from the rich texts and knowledge building of *Wit & Wisdom*. For more information on *Wit & Wisdom*'s alignment to the science of reading, please see [The Science of Reading and \*Wit & Wisdom\*](#) and [Examining Scarborough's Rope: Background Knowledge](#). A detailed analysis of the alignment between the Arkansas Standards for English Language Arts and *Wit & Wisdom* is provided in the table on the pages that follow this introduction.

An adoption of *Wit & Wisdom* brings to your classroom:

## HIGH RATINGS

The independent, nonprofit reviewer EdReports.org gives *Wit & Wisdom* top ratings for text quality, building knowledge, and usability. *Wit & Wisdom* received 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 <https://greatminds.org/research>. Data stories from districts can be found at <https://greatminds.org/case-studies>. Finally, we are proud to share *The Knowledge Map Project*, an initiative of the Institute of Educational Policy at Johns Hopkins University and Chiefs for Change. This study provided *Wit & Wisdom* with high marks, saying it contains “high-quality texts with extensive topical coverage,” and “makes especially good use of the visual arts.” Read more at <https://edpolicy.education.jhu.edu/knowledge-map/>.

## ONGOING SUPPORT

Great Minds offers *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum-specific professional development that values educators’ experiences and unique contexts. Our professional development helps teachers build their content knowledge and instructional practices to guide them in how to develop habits of inquiry in their students through rich experiences with the curriculum’s complex texts. Ongoing support includes:

### **Introducing *Wit & Wisdom***

- *Wit & Wisdom* Blog and Online Resources Implementation Guide
- Module Zero (GK–2, G3–5, G6–8)
- *Wit & Wisdom* Preparation Protocols
- On-Demand Professional Development and Implementation Support Videos

### **Extending *Wit & Wisdom***

- Family Tip Sheets
- Multilingual Glossary
- 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)

## Reading Comprehension

Reading Fundamentals: Reading Fundamentals includes skills that can be applied to literary and informational texts.

Arkansas Standards	Aligned Components of <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i>
<p><b>8.RC.1.RF</b> Provide an objective summary of a text.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 13DD, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 29, 29DD, 30</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36</p>
<p><b>8.RC.2.RF</b> Determine how a central idea and/or theme is developed over the course of a text, including its relationship to supporting details.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 13DD, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 29DD, 30, 31, 32</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 13, 15, 16, 17,</p> <p>Grade 8, 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, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36</p>
<p><b>8.RC.3.RF</b> Cite text evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what a text states, using background knowledge to justify inferences drawn from the text.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 33</p>

Arkansas Standards	Aligned Components of <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i>
<p><b>8.RC.4.RF</b></p> <p>Demonstrate reading comprehension of age and grade-appropriate texts by speaking or writing.</p>	<p>Grade 8 Modules 1-4</p> <p><i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.</p>

## Reading Comprehension

Reading Literature: Reading Literary includes skills that are specific to literature.

Arkansas Standards	Aligned Components of <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i>
<p><b>8.RC.5.RL</b></p> <p>Examine how specific lines of dialogue propel the plot, reveal aspects of a character, or inform a character's decision.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 29</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, 35, 36</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 20, 21, 22, 24</p>
<p><b>8.RC.6.RL</b></p> <p>Distinguish how the structure of a text contributes to its overall meaning and style.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 30, 31, 32</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 19, 26</p>
<p><b>8.RC.7.RL</b></p> <p>Describe how differing points of view (POV) and/or perspectives of the characters in a text affect the audience and/or readers, creating suspense, mystery, and/or humor.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lesson 10</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 29</p>
<p><b>8.RC.8.RL</b></p> <p>Determine the extent to which a filmed or live production of a story or drama adheres to or departs from the text or script.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 21, 22, 25, 26, 34</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 18</p>

Arkansas Standards	Aligned Components of <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i>
<p><b>8.RC.9.RL</b></p> <p>Describe how an author of a contemporary work of fiction adapts the themes, events, and/or character types from myths, traditional stories, and/or religious works.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 24, 27</p>
<p><b>8.RC.10.RL</b></p> <p>Identify the theme in an original, adapted, and/or modernized drama, poem, folktale, or story from American literature (1850-1930), explaining its historical and/or contemporary significance.</p>	<p>Grade 8 Modules 1-4</p> <p><i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.</p> <p><i>Wit &amp; Wisdom's</i> texts build knowledge about broad topics relating to the human experience. While <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> does not specifically address American literature, student build knowledge about a vast array of civilizations and cultures through our diverse set of texts and works of art.</p>

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Reading Information: Reading Information includes skills that are specific to non-fiction texts.



Arkansas Standards	Aligned Components of <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i>
<p><b>8.RC.11.RI</b> Explain how an author connects and/or distinguishes individuals, ideas, or events through comparisons, analogies, and categories.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 12, 23, 24, 25, Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 1, 2, 4, 12, 31, 32, 33 Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 13, 14 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 23</p>
<p><b>8.RC.12.RI</b> Examine the structure of a specific paragraph in a text, including how the sentences clarify the central idea.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lesson 27 Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 1, 3 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 1, 14, 19, 20, 21</p>
<p><b>8.RC.13.RI</b> Describe how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lesson 24 Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 12, 14 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 7, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 24</p>
<p><b>8.RC.14.RI</b> Describe the efficacy of various multimedia used to present information.</p>	<p>Grade 8 Modules 1-4 <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.</p>
<p><b>8.RC.15.RI</b> Evaluate the argument and supporting claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is logical, if the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims, and when irrelevant evidence is introduced.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 13, 14, 15, 16 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 20, 23</p>

Arkansas Standards	Aligned Components of <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i>
<p><b>8.RC.16.RI</b></p> <p>Analyze two or more texts that present conflicting information on the same topic, identifying where the texts diverge on matters of fact or interpretation.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 5, 20, 23, 24</p>
<p><b>8.RC.17.RI</b></p> <p>Identify the central idea in a non-fiction work from or about American literature (1850-1930), explaining its historical and/or contemporary significance.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 12, 23, 24, 25,            Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 1, 2, 4, 12, 31, 32, 33            Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 13, 14            Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 23</p> <p><i>Wit &amp; Wisdom's</i> texts build knowledge about broad topics relating to the human experience. While <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> does not specifically address American literature, student build knowledge about a vast array of civilizations and cultures through our diverse set of texts and works of art.</p>

## Writing

**Style:** Writing style includes different types of writing for different purposes.

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<p><b>8.W.1.S</b></p> <p>Compose an argument, using clear reasons and supporting evidence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce claims supported by credible sources.</li> <li>• Distinguish alternate or opposing claims.</li> <li>• Maintain a cohesive structure.</li> </ul>	<p>Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35</p>



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<p><b>8.W.2.S</b></p> <p>Write to inform about a topic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce a topic with a clear preview of what is to follow.</li> <li>• Organize ideas, concepts, and information, using broad categories.</li> <li>• Select well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and examples.</li> <li>• Maintain a cohesive structure, clarifying the relationships among the ideas, concepts, and information.</li> </ul>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 16, 18</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 18, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 5, 6, 8, 16, 27</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 12</p>
<p><b>8.W.3.S</b></p> <p>Write to express real or imagined experiences and/or events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a topic, context, narrative elements, and point of view and/or perspective.</li> <li>• Select well-chosen, descriptive details and use sensory language and precise language.</li> <li>• Develop well-structured event sequences to show the relationships among ideas and experiences.</li> <li>• Use narrative techniques effectively, utilizing dialogue, pacing, sensory language, and description.</li> </ul>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 21, 29, 31</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 14, 16</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 3, 14, 16</p>

## Writing

**Production:** Writing production includes volume and clarity of writing and the writing process.

Arkansas Standards	Aligned Components of <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i>
<p><b>8.W.4.P</b> Construct clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 7, 21, 31, 32 Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 5, 16, 32, 37 Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 5, 36 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 8, 27, 28</p>
<p><b>8.W.5.P</b> Organize writing logically, composing an introduction, body, conclusion, and/or reflection when appropriate.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 7, 21, 31, 32 Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 5, 16, 32, 37 Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 5, 36 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 8, 27, 28</p>
<p><b>8.W.6.P</b> Use a variety of sentence types effectively.</p>	<p><i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> addresses this standard in Grade 7. Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 28, 30 Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 11DD, 12DD, 18DD, 24DD, 26DD Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 16</p>
<p><b>8.W.7.P</b> Choose precise words, phrases, and clauses to clarify relationships among ideas, claims, counterclaims, reasons, and/or evidence.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, 21, 29, 31 Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 3, 14, 16</p>

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<p><b>8.W.8.P</b></p> <p>Choose a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses effectively to connect ideas.</p>	<p><i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> addresses this standard in Grade 7.</p> <p>Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 28, 30</p> <p>Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 11DD, 12DD, 18DD, 24DD, 26DD</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 16</p>
<p><b>8.W.9.P</b></p> <p>Develop writing stamina during single sessions and over extended periods of time.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 19, 23, 27</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 1, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 33</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 33</p>
<p><b>8.W.10.P</b></p> <p>Increase independent writing with support and collaboration from peers and adults, employing the stages of the writing process (e.g., draft, revise, edit) with a focus on purpose and audience.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 11, 17, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 8, 34, 37DD</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 10, 24, 26, 33, 35, 36, 35DD, 36DD</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 16, 26, 27, 31</p>
<p><b>8.W.11.P</b></p> <p>Include headings, graphics, and various multimedia to support ideas and information.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 5, 9, 10, 11, 15, 18, 21, 27, 28, 31, 32</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 16, 27</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 12</p>
<p><b>8.W.12.P</b></p> <p>Maintain formal style when appropriate, editing writing to include grade-appropriate conventions for publishing.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 23, 26</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 16, 29, 30, 31</p>

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**Research:** Research includes identifying a topic, gathering information, and assessing sources.

Arkansas Standards	Aligned Components of <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i>
<p><b>8.W.13.R</b> Conduct research to explore a topic, describe an idea, and/or answer a question, refocusing the inquiry to generate further questions or to allow for multiple avenues of exploration.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lesson 1 Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 1, 8 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 27, 33</p>
<p><b>8.W.14.R</b> Assess the credibility and accuracy of sources.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lesson 1 Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 1, 8 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 3, 5, 10, 13, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 33</p>
<p><b>8.W.15.R</b> Avoid plagiarism when quoting or paraphrasing data and conclusions, crediting sources and/or authors.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lesson 1 Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 1, 8 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 3, 5, 10, 13, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 33</p>
<p><b>8.W.16.R</b> Follow a standard format for citation, including a works cited/references.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lesson 1 Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 1, 8 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 3, 5, 10, 13, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 33</p>

## Vocabulary

**Vocabulary:** Vocabulary includes understanding and using words to communicate effectively.

Arkansas Standards	Aligned Components of <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i>
<p><b>8.V.1</b> Use general academic and content-specific words and phrases accurately</p>	<p>Grade 8 Modules 1-4 <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.</p>
<p><b>8.V.2</b> Decode and encode words, using knowledge of Greek combining forms and Latin prefixes, bases, and suffixes and connectives as needed.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 3DD, 4DD, 12DD, 13DD Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 10DD, 20DD, 22DD, 29DD Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 7DD, 10DD, 12DD, 14DD, 18DD, 20DD, 21DD, 22DD, 30DD Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 1, 6DD, 10, 17, 17DD, 28DD</p>
<p><b>8.V.3</b> Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing from a range of effective techniques:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use common Greek or Latin affixes and roots (i.e., morphology),</li> <li>• Trace the origins of words (i.e., etymology),</li> <li>• Use context,</li> <li>• Consult reference materials to clarify pronunciation and/or parts of speech, and/or</li> <li>• Use word relationships such as cause and effect, part to whole, and item into category to clarify the meaning of each word.</li> </ul>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 3DD, 4DD, 11DD, 12, 12DD, 13DD, 15, 23, 23DD, 27DD Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 1, 4, 6DD, 7DD, 10DD, 12, 12DD, 13, 20DD, 22DD, 29DD, 31 Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 1, 2, 3, 6DD, 7DD, 10, 10DD, 12DD, 14, 14DD, 18DD, 20, 21DD, 22DD, 30DD Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3DD, 6DD, 10, 10DD, 15DD, 17, 17DD, 19DD, 20DD, 28DD</p>

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<p><b>8.V.4</b> Examine words with similar denotations, considering how their connotations and nuances impact the words' meanings.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 15DD, 24DD Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 2DD, 4DD, 15, 19, 30DD, 31, 32 Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 2, 2DD, 7DD, 9DD, 10, 14, 15DD, 21 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 15DD, 21</p>
<p><b>8.V.5</b> Determine how word and phrase choice, including analogies or allusions to other texts, contributes to the meaning, style, and/or tone of a text.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 15DD, 24DD Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 2DD, 4DD, 15, 19, 30DD, 31, 32 Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 2, 2DD, 7DD, 9DD, 10, 14, 15DD, 21 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 15DD, 21</p>
<p><b>8.V.6</b> Demonstrate an understanding of figurative language in context, including verbal irony and puns.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 4, 8DD, 21DD Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 9DD, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 29 Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 4DD, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 19, 20, 20DD, 22, 28, 29, 30 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 18, 20, 22, 5DD, 6DD, 11DD</p>

## Collaborative Communication

**Speaking and Listening Comprehension:** Speaking and listening comprehension includes speaking with clarity, acknowledging what is said, and asking questions to further understanding.

Arkansas Standards	Aligned Components of <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i>
<p><b>8.CC.1.SLC</b> Express ideas in a collaborative setting, using effective discussion strategies</p>	<p>Grade 8 Modules 1-4 <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.</p>
<p><b>8.CC.2.SLC</b> Come to discussions prepared, citing researched evidence on the topic, text, or issue, and reflecting upon the discussion</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 15, 20, 27 Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 24, 33 Grade 8, Module 3, Lesson 11, 26 Grade 8, Module 4, Lesson 9</p>
<p><b>8.CC.3.SLC</b> Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, tracking progress towards specific goals and deadlines, and defining individual roles as needed.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 15, 20, 27 Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 24, 33 Grade 8, Module 3, Lesson 11, Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 9, 24</p>
<p><b>8.CC.4.SLC</b> Acknowledge new information expressed by others, qualifying or justifying one's own views after new evidence is presented.</p>	<p><i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> addresses this standard in Grade 7. Grade 7, Module 1, Lesson 7 Grade 7, Module 2, Lesson 30 Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 29, 37 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 31</p>



Arkansas Standards	Aligned Components of <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i>
<p><b>8.CC.5.SLC</b> Examine the reasons for using multimedia to present a topic, text, and/or issue.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 4, 9, 18, 19 Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 1, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 33, 34 Grade 8, Module 3, Lesson 18 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 33</p>
<p><b>8.CC.6.SLC</b> Articulate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the accuracy and adequacy of the evidence.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 6, 9, 11, 17, 29, 32, 34</p>

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**Presentation:** Presentation includes an individual or group verbally addressing an audience on a particular topic.

Arkansas Standards	Aligned Components of <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i>
<p><b>8.CC.7.P</b> Present claims and evidence, emphasizing important points in a focused, coherent manner.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 33 Grade 8, Module 3, Lesson 17 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32</p>
<p><b>8.CC.8.P</b> Support claims, central ideas, and/or themes with valid reasoning, relevant evidence, and well-chosen details.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 33 Grade 8, Module 3, Lesson 17 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32</p>

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<p><b>8.CC.9.P</b> Include relevant multimedia to clarify claims and findings.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 33 Grade 8, Module 3, Lesson 28 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 9, 10, 1 29, 30, 31, 32</p>
<p><b>8.CC.10.P</b> Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, using appropriate eye contact, tone, and pacing.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 33 Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 33 Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 26, 29 Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 9, 24, 33</p>
<p><b>8.CC.11.P</b> Demonstrate command of standard English when indicated or appropriate.</p>	<p>Grade 8 Modules 1-4 <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.</p>
<p><b>8.CC.12.P</b> Recite a passage from a well-known poem, play, or speech.</p>	<p>Grade 8 Modules 1-4 <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.</p>

## Language

**Structures:** Language structure involves correct use of parts of speech and creating sentences in speaking and writing, including how the arrangement of words within sentences impacts the meaning.

Arkansas Standards	Aligned Components of <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i>
<p><b>8.L.1.S</b> Use nouns effectively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct and indirect objects</li> <li>• Predicate nouns</li> </ul>	<p><i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> does not address direct objects</p>
<p><b>8.L.2.S</b> Ensure pronouns have a clear antecedent and are appropriate in number and person.</p>	<p><i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> does not address appropriate antecedents. <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> addresses correct shifts in pronoun number and person in Grade 6.</p> <p>Grade 6, Module 3, Lessons 4DD, 5DD, 8, 8DD, 9DD, 10DD, 15, 15DD, 19, 31, 35DD, 36, 37, 37DD, 38</p> <p>Grade 6, Module 4, Lessons 12, 22, 29</p>
<p><b>8.L.3.S</b> Use verbs effectively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shifts in mood and voice</li> <li>• Active and passive voice</li> <li>• Subject/verb agreement</li> <li>• Linking verbs</li> </ul>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 8DD, 11</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lesson 2</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 14DD, 15, 15DD, 16, 16DD, 25, 25DD, 26, 26DD, 27DD, 29DD, 37, 37DD</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 4, Lesson 32, 25DD, 26DD, 27DD, 30DD, 31DD, 32DD</p>
<p><b>8.L.4.S</b> Use verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) correctly.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 4, Lessons 1DD, 2DD, 4DD, 7DD, 8DD, 13DD, 14DD, 16DD, 21DD, 22DD, 23DD, 24DD</p>

Arkansas Standards	Aligned Components of <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i>
<p><b>8.L.5.S</b></p> <p>Use modifiers effectively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proper adjectives</li> <li>• Predicate adjectives</li> </ul>	<p><i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> addresses this standard in Grade 7.</p> <p>Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 16DD, 20, 21DD, 30DD</p>
<p><b>8.L.6.S</b></p> <p>Correct misplaced and dangling modifiers.</p>	<p><i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> addresses this standard in Grade 7.</p> <p>Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 16DD, 20, 21DD, 30DD</p>
<p><b>8.L.7.S</b></p> <p>Produce compound-complex sentences, using dependent clauses, subordinating conjunctions, conjunctive adverbs, correlative conjunctions, and coordinating conjunctions.</p>	<p>Supplemental material is necessary to address using dependent clauses, subordinating conjunctions, and coordinating conjunctions for the particular purpose of creating compound-complex sentences. <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> addresses producing compound-complex sentences in general, along with other advanced varieties of sentences, in Grade 7.</p> <p>Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 18DD, 19DD, 22DD, 30DD, 34DD</p> <p>Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 20DD, 26DD</p> <p>Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 21, 23DD, 24DD, 27DD, 28DD, 30, 30DD, 33, 35, 36DD, 37DD</p>
<p><b>8.L.8.S</b></p> <p>Use prepositional phrases effectively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjectival</li> <li>• Adverbial</li> </ul>	<p><i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> addresses this standard in Grade 4.</p> <p>Grade 4, Module 2, Lessons 18DD, 19DD, 20DD, 27DD, 28DD</p>
<p><b>8.L.9.S</b></p> <p>Choose language that precisely expresses ideas, eliminating redundancy.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, 21, 29, 31</p> <p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 3, 14, 16</p>

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**Conventions: Conventions involve the correct use of mechanics in writing.**

Arkansas Standards	Aligned Components of <i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i>
<p><b>8.L.10.C</b> Use commas to separate coordinate adjectives, set off series, phrases and clauses, and direct address.</p>	<p><i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> addresses this standard in Grade 7. Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 23DD, 26DD, 28DD, 34DD Grade 7, Module 2, Lesson 26DD Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 2DD, 5DD, 6DD, 9DD, 33, 35, 36, 37, 37DD</p>
<p><b>8.L.11.C</b> Introduce a list, quotation, or clarification, using a colon.</p>	<p><i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> does not address colons.</p>
<p><b>8.L.12.C</b> Join elements of a series when individual items of the series already include commas, using a semicolon.</p>	<p><i>Wit &amp; Wisdom</i> does not address semicolons.</p>
<p><b>8.L.13.C</b> Indicate an omission, using an ellipsis.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 31DD, 32, 32DD, 33DD, 37DD</p>
<p><b>8.L.14.C</b> Indicate a pause or break, using commas, ellipses, and dashes.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 1, Lessons 18DD, 19DD, 20DD, 22DD Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 1DD, 3DD, 5, 5DD, 35DD, 36</p>
<p><b>8.L.15.C</b> Use knowledge of reading foundational skills, spelling patterns, and generalizations such as syllable patterns, ending rules, and meaningful word parts (i.e., morphology) to spell correctly.</p>	<p>Grade 8, Module 2, Lessons 1DD, 32 Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 31, 36 Grade 8, Module 3, Lessons 30DD, 31DD, 32DD</p>

