



Curiosity, Inquiry, Knowledge

The North Dakota English Language Arts & Literacy Content Standards (2023) Alignment 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 North Dakota 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 North Dakota English Language Arts & Literacy Content Standards 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)

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COMMUNICATION (C)

Learners will organize and express ideas in a format appropriate for the audience and purpose, focusing on skills involved with collaboration, active listening, and oral presentation of information.

Presentational Communication

Learners will organize and express information in a format appropriate to the audience and purpose.

North Dakota Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
7.C.1 Construct and deliver formal and informal presentations considering the audience and purpose using multimedia components when appropriate	Grade 7, Module 1, Lesson 26 Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 12, 15 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22
7.C.2 Present ideas using proper eye contact, body language, volume, and pronunciation in formal and informal presentations.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 Grade 7, 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, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 11, 29, 37 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 18DD, 19DD, 20DD, 21, 22, 27, 31, 38
7.C.3 Standards C.3 and C.4 are K-5 standards only.	n/a

Collaboration

Learners will work effectively with their peers to accomplish a common goal or purpose.

North Dakota Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
7.C.5 Prepare for discussions by finding relevant and specific connections to the topic or text.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 7, 18, 24 Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 7, 19, 30 Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 11, 29, 37 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 27, 31, 38
7.C.6 Engage in a range of discussions and/or debates.	See 7.C.6a-b below.
7.C.6a Use active listening skills to stay focused and present.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lesson 7 Grade 7, Module 2, Lesson 30 Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 29, 37 Grade 7, Module 4, Lesson 31
7.C.6b Reference others' ideas and/or connections to a text.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 7, 18, 24 Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 7, 19, 30 Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 10, 11, 17, 19, 29, 37 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 27, 31, 38
7.C.7 Collaborate cooperatively with peers to accomplish a common goal or purpose.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 2, 5, 7, 18, 24, 30 Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 7, 19, 30 Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 11, 29, 37 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 27, 31, 38

READING (R)

Learners will comprehend, analyze, and evaluate literary and informational texts in various formats, genres, and levels of complexity.

Comprehension

Learners will read to understand various complex literary and informational texts.

North Dakota Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
7.R.1 Standard R.1 is a K-5 standard only.	n/a
7.R.2 Comprehend a variety of texts while developing inferences and providing supportive textual evidence and reasoning.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 33, 34, 35 Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, 35, 36, 37 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 38
7.R.3a Summarize and/or paraphrase nonfiction texts objectively, including relevant details and avoiding unnecessary information.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lesson 2 Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 23, 25, 26, 29 Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 7, 13, 14, 25, 31 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 3, 14, 17

North Dakota Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
7.R.3b Summarize and/or paraphrase literary texts objectively, including relevant details and avoiding unnecessary information.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lesson 2 Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 23, 25, 26, 29 Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 7, 13, 14, 25, 31 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 3, 14, 17
7.R.4 Determine main idea(s), claim(s), or theme(s) and provide supporting textual evidence and reasoning.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 2, 2DD, 3DD, 4, 5, 5DD, 6DD, 8DD, 9, 10, 10DD, 11DD, 13DD, 15, 16, 16DD, 17, 17DD, 19, 20, 20DD, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 27DD, 28, 29, 29DD, 31DD Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 1, 2DD, 3, 3DD, 4, 4DD, 5, 6, 7DD, 8, 8DD, 9, 10, 10DD, 11, 12, 13, 13DD, 14, 14DD, 15, 16, 17, 117DD, 8, 19, 19DD, 20, 22DD, 23, 24, 25, 25DD, 26, 27DD, 28, 29, 29DD, 30, 31, 31DD Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 1DD, 2DD, 3, 4, 5, 5DD, 6DD, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11DD, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 19DD, 20, 20DD, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 29DD, 30, 31, 32, 32DD, 34DD, 35 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 3, 3DD, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7DD, 8DD, 9, 10DD, 12DD, 13, 14, 15, 15DD, 16, 16DD, 17, 17DD, 18, 18DD, 19, 21DD, 23, 23DD, 24, 24DD, 25, 26, 28DD, 29, 30, 30DD, 32, 33DD, 38
7.R.5 Determine the meaning and purpose of words and phrases as they contribute to the text, including figurative, denotative, and connotative meanings.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 1DD, 2, 2DD, 3DD, 5, 5DD, 6DD, 8DD, 10DD, 11DD, 13DD, 16DD, 17DD, 20, 20DD, 24DD. 26, 27DD, 28, 29, 29DD, 31DD Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 1, 1DD, 2DD, 3DD, 4DD, 5, 7DD, 8DD, 9DD, 10, 10DD, 13DD, 14, 14DD, 17DD, 19DD, 22DD, 24, 25DD, 27DD, 28, 29DD, 31DD Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 1, 1DD, 2, 2DD, 3, 4, 5, 5DD, 6, 6DD, 8, 9, 10, 11DD, 12DD, 13, 13DD, 15, 18, 19DD, 20, 20DD, 24, 26, 29DD, 31, 32, 32DD, 34DD Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 3, 3DD, 4DD, 6, 7DD, 8DD, 9, 10DD, 12DD, 13, 13DD, 14, 14DD, 15. 15DD, 16. 16DD, 17DD, 18, 18DD, 21DD, 23, 23DD, 24DD, 25, 26, 28DD, 30DD, 33DD

Text Analysis

Learners will analyze, interpret, and evaluate complex literary and informational texts that include a wide variety of genres and formats.

7.R.6 Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections or stanzas contribute to the whole and the development of ideas, and the overall purpose of the text.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 1, 4, 8, 10, 15, 18, 23, 24 Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 1, 4, 8, 17 Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 3, 9, 14, 15, 16, 18, 30
7.R.7 Analyze how an author uses figurative language and specific word choice to affect the meaning in a text (See Appendix A for suggested terminology).	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 1DD, 12DD, 14DD, 21DD Grade 7, Module 2, Lesson 3 Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6DD, 9, 22DD Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 7, 12DD, 14DD
7.R.8 Analyze a variety of fiction texts using textual evidence for support.	Grade 7 Modules 1-4 Wit & Wisdom considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.
7.R.8a Analyze how the characters and plot develop over the course of a text and contribute to the development of the theme(s).	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30 Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 33, 34, 35 Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 28 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 17, 19, 28

7.R.8b Analyze the point of view and describe how it affects the story.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 6, 11, 16, 27 Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 13, 18
7.R.8c Describe how multiple works or genres address the same topic.	Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5
7.R.8d Describe how an author's background or the time period affects the telling of a story.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 5, 25 Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 4, 18 Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 9, 31 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 23, 26
7.R.9 Analyze a variety of nonfiction texts using textual evidence for support.	Grade 7 Modules 1-4 Wit & Wisdom considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.
7.R.9a Identify the author's point of view and purpose and analyze how it influences the meaning of the text.	Grade 7, Module 2, Lesson 18 Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 9, 31 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 9, 16, 17, 18, 26
7.R.9b Analyze how various authors present information on similar topics.	Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 4, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35 Grade 7, Module 3, Lesson 31 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 4, 8, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37

WRITING (W)

Learners will produce clear and coherent writing for various tasks, purposes, audiences, and formats.

Text Types and Structure

Learners will engage in the writing process and produce a variety of texts determined to address different audiences and purposes.

North Dakota Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
7.W.1 Produce clear and coherent writing organized according to the task, purpose, and audience.	Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 10, 16, 20, 23, 29, 31, 34, 35 Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 21, 22, 30, 33, 35, 36, 36DD Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 24, 32, 35, 36, 37
7.W.2 Write using a clear organizational structure incorporating an introduction, transitions, body paragraph(s), and a conclusion appropriate to the task.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 3DD, 4DD, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15DD, 17, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34DD Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 4, 5, 6, 8, 15, 18DD, 20, 23, 24, 24DD, 26DD, 32 33 Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 31, , 4, 6,11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 28, 30, 33, 35
7.W.3 Write using informative/explanatory techniques to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information utilizing different mediums when appropriate.	Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 4, 5, 5DD, 6, 6DD, 8, 15, 15DD, 16, 18DD, 20, 23, 23DD, 24, 24DD, 26DD, 28, 28DD, 29, 32, 33, 35DD Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 9DD, 10DD Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 28, 30, 33, 35, 37DD

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7.W.4 Write using argumentative techniques to develop claims using supportive evidence and logical reasoning, acknowledging counterclaims when applicable.	Grade 7, Module 2, Lesson 29 Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 3, 4, 6,8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36DD
7.W.5 Write using narrative techniques to develop real or imagined experiences or events using well-chosen details and structured event sequences.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 1, 3DD, 4DD, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15DD, 17, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34DD

Writing Process and Craft

Learners will develop, strengthen, and produce writing by planning, drafting, revising, editing, and rewriting.

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7.W.6 Develop and strengthen writing by planning, drafting, revising, and editing to address specific purposes for the genre and audience.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 3DD, 4DD, 9DD, 15DD, 18DD, 19DD, 22DD, 28DD, 30DD, 32, 32DD, 33, 34, 34DD Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 5DD, 15DD, 20, 20DD, 21, 23DD, 26DD, 31, 33, 34, 35, 35DD Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 4DD, 7DD, 8DD, 9DD,10DD, 21, 22, 23DD, 24DD, 27DD, 28DD, 30, 30DD, 33, 34, 35, 36, 36DD, 37DD Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 18DD, 19DD, 20DD, 31DD, 32, 32DD, 33, 34, 37, 37DD
7.W.7 Produce writing that uses intentional word choice and voice to match the writing purpose.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 22DD, 30DD, 32, 32DD, 33, 34, 34DD Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 21, 31, 33, 34, 35, 35DD Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 10DD, 21, 22, 30, 30DD, 33, 34, 35, 36, 36DD Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 32, 33, 34, 37, 37DD

Language Usage (L)

Learners will integrate appropriate language and style to ensure effective readability in writing.

North Dakota Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
7.L.1 Apply language knowledge for a specific task, purpose, intention, and audience, resolving issues of usage as needed.	See 7.L.1a-e below.
7.L.1a Use simple, compound, and complex sentences to add variety and interest.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 18DD, 19DD, 22DD, 30DD, 34DD Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 20DD, 21, 23DD, 26DD Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 21, 23DD, 24DD, 27DD, 28DD, 30, 30DD, 33, 35, 36DD, 37DD
7.L.1b Recognize and correct inappropriate fragments and run-ons.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 18DD, 19DD, 22DD, 30DD, 34DD Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 20DD, 21, 23DD, 26DD Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 21, 23DD, 24DD, 27DD, 28DD, 30, 30DD, 33, 35, 36DD, 37DD
7.L.1c Use varying forms of punctuation accurately.	Wit & Wisdom addresses this standard in Grade 5. Grade 5, Module 3, Lessons 22DD, 23DD, 24DD, 27DD, 28, 28DD, 37, 37DD
7.L.1d Follow agreement rules (e.g., subject/verb and pronoun/antecedent).	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 18DD, 19DD, 22DD, 30DD, 34DD Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 20DD, 21, 23DD, 26DD Grade 7, Module 3, Lessons 21, 23DD, 24DD, 27DD, 28DD, 30, 30DD, 33, 35, 36DD, 37DD

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7.L.1e Follow standard grammar conventions mastered in previous grades.	Grade 7 Modules 1-4 Wit & Wisdom considers this standard a Continuing Standard. Because it is fundamental to the learning design, it is addressed continually across all lessons and modules.

INQUIRY AND RESEARCH (IR)

Learners will pose and revise complex questions, identify and connect pertinent information, plan and prepare an inquiry process, and arrive at a plausible conclusion or solution.

North Dakota Standards	Aligned Components of Wit & Wisdom
7.IR.1 Develop a research question based on a given topic, problem, or need.	Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 2, 16 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 26, 34
7.IR.2 Locate relevant information from a variety of credible sources.	Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 27, 33, 34, 35, 36
7.IR.3 Organize main concepts from provided and self-selected sources using given and self-generated notetaking strategies.	Grade 7, Module 1, Lessons 2, 13, 14 Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 10, 11, 20, 27, 28, 30, 33, 34 Grade 7, Module 3, Lesson 26 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 3, 15, 17, 24
7.IR.4 Analyze information from credible sources considering multiple perspectives and identifying biases.	Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 8, 9, 11

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7.IR.5 Integrate information from sources using a standardized format.	Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 10, 11, 27, 33, 34, 35, 36
7.IR.5a Reference sources when quoting, paraphrasing, and/or summarizing to avoid plagiarism.	Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 10, 11, 27, 33, 34, 35, 36
7.IR.5b Generate a citation/bibliography page using a standardized format.	Grade 7, Module 2, Lessons 2, 16 Grade 7, Module 4, Lessons 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 25DD, 26, 26DD, 27, 27DD, 33, 34, 35, 36