

WELCOME

See your classrooms come to life with students passionately reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Through the *Arts & Letters*™ instructional approach, students build knowledge and skills by engaging with authentic, knowledge-rich texts. *Arts & Letters* is designed to empower educators, inspire joyful learning, and ignite student inquiry.

GET STARTED

We look forward to partnering with you to maximize success as you pilot *Arts & Letters*. Visit the [Pilot Support Page](#) for resources as you complete each step below.



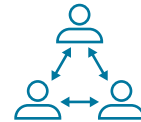
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STEP 1

Communicate Plans

- Communicate plans to foster engagement and a shared sense of purpose.
 - Share the reasons for participating in the pilot.
 - Identify participants and name expectations, including pacing and follow-up.



STEP 2

Set Timeline

Each pilot module includes 37–40 60-minute lessons for a total of 8 to 10 weeks of instruction.

- Create a pilot calendar, considering the following:
 - Holidays, abbreviated or alternate bell schedules, field trips, or other events
 - Arcs of lessons (so grade-level teams can align on pacing)
 - Major module assessments (so that grade-level teams can norm on scoring)
 - *Arts & Letters Prologue*™ lesson days (to support collaboration with special education (SPED) and teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) teachers)
 - Lessons that feature art (to support collaboration with art teachers)
 - Dates and times for any professional learning that is provided with your pilot
 - Scheduled classroom observations



STEP 3

Order and Distribute Materials

- Each pilot classroom needs print and digital materials and resources. Contact your Great Minds® representative to order and access materials and resources.
- Share the **Pilot Checklist for Teachers** with each participating teacher.



STEP 4

Support Participating Teachers

- Professional Learning ensures that participating teachers can succeed.
 - Schedule the Explore Arts & Letters 90-minute professional learning session with Great Minds, participating with teachers as possible.
 - Schedule time for preparation, collaboration, and debriefing.



ARTS & LETTERS PILOT MATERIALS

Most partners in school year 2024–2025 are piloting these modules.

- Level K Module 1: *The Five Senses*
- Level 1 Module 1: *A World of Books*
- Level 2 Module 1: *A Season of Change*
- Level 3 Module 1: *The Sea*
- Level 4 Module 1: *A Great Heart*
- Level 5 Module 2: *Extreme Settings*
- Level 6 Module 1: *The Great Depression*
- Level 7 Module 1: *The Middle Ages*
- Level 8 Module 1: *The Power of Poetry*

Some partners may opt to participate in alternative module 3 pilots.

- Level K Module 3: *America, Then and Now*
- Level 1 Module 3: *Wind Power*
- Level 2 Module 3: *Civil Rights Advocates*
- Level 3 Module 3: *A New Home*
- Level 4 Module 3: *The American Revolution*
- Level 5 Module 3: *Wordplay*

Print Materials

- *Teach* book (1 per teacher)
- *Learn* book (1 per student)
- *Arts & Letters Prologue* book (1 per teacher; student materials in the appendices)
- Knowledge Deck™ Cards (with Art Terms cards) (2 sets; one for practice, one for display)
- Journal (1 per student) (Journals are not provided with *Arts & Letters*. Educators choose the format that works best in their context—composition book, spiral notebook, or binder.)
- **Trade books** (Students have individual copies of some texts and shared copies of others.)

Digital Materials (for modules 1 and 2 pilots only)

- Teacher account access, including the following resources
 - Daily lesson slides for *Teach* and *Prologue* lessons
 - *More* videos for whole-class instruction
 - Fine art texts for digital display
 - Assessments
 - Fillable, assignable student pages from the *Learn* book
- Student account access, including the following resources
 - *More* videos for individual review
 - Fine art for independent viewing

Note that Arts & Letters will transition to a new platform with additional resources and enhanced functionality for school year 2025–2026. Additionally, schools piloting module 3 in school year 2024–2025 will only have print materials and need to source trade books separately.