



Wit & Wisdom® Grades K-5 Reviewer Guide

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Criteria of Effective English Language Arts Programs	Meets Criteria		
Wit & Wisdom® Grades K–5: Alignment at a Glance	Yes	No	
Knowledge Texts and tasks build students' knowledge systematically and coherently.	✓		
2. Texts a. Texts are of grade-appropriate complexity. b. Students engage regularly with varied text genres. c. Students engage regularly with texts that are authentic and exemplify quality. d. Students engage regularly with texts that represent diverse and multicultural perspectives.	1		
 Reading Curricular materials align with the college- and career-readiness expectation for close and repeated reading. 	✓		
 4. Writing a. Curricular materials align with the college- and career-readiness focus on informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and narrative writing. b. Curricular materials align with the college- and career-readiness focus on writing craft, organization, and structure. c. Curricular materials align with the college- and career-readiness shift to writing to sources/using evidence. 	1		
5. Inquiry Curricular materials align with the college- and career-readiness focus on research and inquiry-based learning .	✓		
 Speaking and Listening Curricular materials align with the college- and career-readiness shift to evidence-based discussions. Curricular materials align with the college- and career-readiness focus on ongoing opportunities for collaboration, speaking, and listening. 	✓		
7. Vocabulary Curricular materials align with the college- and career-readiness shift to explicit vocabulary instruction in content and academic vocabulary.	✓		
8. Style and Conventions Curricular materials align with the college- and career-readiness focus on integrated and coherent language instruction .	✓		
 Reading Foundations a. Curricular materials systematically build early readers' skills in print concepts, phonemic awareness, and phonics and word recognition (K-5). b. Curricular materials provide instruction and practice to build students' reading fluency. 	✓	✓	

Criteria of Effective English Language Arts Programs	Meets Criteria	
Wit & Wisdom® Grades K−5: Alignment at a Glance	Yes	No
10. Visual Art Curricular materials include visual texts .	✓	
11. Standards Alignment and Integration a. Curricular materials align with college- and career-readiness standards. b. Curricular materials integrate English language arts standards strands.	✓	
 12. Differentiation a. Curricular materials promote equity. b. Curricular materials provide scaffolds and instructional supports for striving readers—those performing below grade level and English learners. c. Curricular materials provide opportunities for extension to meet the needs of all students, including above-grade-level advanced learners. 	✓	
13. Assessment Curricular materials include frequent and varied assessments that provide information to guide teachers and students.	✓	
14. Organization and Usability a. Curricular content provides instruction for a full academic year. b. Curriculum is purposefully sequenced and designed for ease of use.	✓	

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Criteria of Effective ELA Programs	Meets (Criteria	Evidence from Wit & Wisdom		
1. Knowledge	Yes	No	W	it & Wisdom Alignment and Program Examples	
Texts and tasks build students' knowledge systematically and coherently.	✓		We know that the more a student knows, the more that student can learn; a strong foundation of knowledge advantag students in terms of their literacy skills, vocabulary, and ability to learn from text. For these reasons, important topics a knowledge-building texts are the heart of <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> instruction. Each grade of <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> includes four module that together form a year of instruction. Each module focuses on an important topic. Students learn, develop, practice and master literacy skills in the context of this topic. As the module titles below attest, <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> topics come from literature, history/social studies, science, and the arts. Examples		
			Wit & Wisdom builds knowledge	e as shown in these examples:	
			MODILET AND NOW K	Grade K Module 3: America, Then and Now Essential Question: How has life in America changed over time? Through literature and informational texts, poetry, songs, videos, photographs, and paintings, students investigate the nature of change in America—including Benjamin Franklin's inventions and influence—and learn about how America has changed over time.	
			TEACHER EDITON	Grade 5 Module 1: Cultures in Conflict Essential Question: How do cultural beliefs and values guide people? Students explore the development of cultural values in context of one of America's most tumultuous and heartbreaking eras. They examine a novel (Thunder Rolling in the Mountains), speeches, maps, photographs, film clips, informational texts, Nez Perce stories, and a painting of Chief Joseph, a Nez Perce leader. Through the study of these complex texts, students build knowledge of westward expansion, Nez Perce culture, and the conflict between the Nez Perce and the U.S. government.	

			From the left side navigation bar, select Module Overv search tool at the top left to search for Module Summa	Grade 3 Module 1: The Sea Grade 3 Module 2: Outer Space Grade 3 Module 3: A New Home Grade 3 Module 4: Artists Make Art Grade 4 Module 1: A Great Heart Grade 4 Module 2: Extreme Settings Grade 4 Module 3: The Redcoats Are Coming! Grade 4 Module 4: Myth Making Grade 5 Module 1: Cultures in Conflict Grade 5 Module 2: Word Play Grade 5 Module 3: A War Between Us Grade 5 Module 4: Breaking Barriers Overview). In Wit & Wisdom digital, navigate to your module of choice. riew. Select Module Summary from the dropdown menu or use the	
			expand their knowledge of each module topic. The Vol	ume of Reading list is Appendix D in each module. The Volume of lent Edition and as a link in the introductory text to the Volume of	
2. Texts	Yes	No	Wit & Wisdom Alig	nment and Program Examples	
a. Texts are of grade- appropriate complexity .	✓		Wit & Wisdom texts exemplify the appropriate grade-level complexity outlined by college- and career-readiness standards. Students engage in productive struggle with complex texts, which prepares them for future reading demands across content areas and grades. Wit & Wisdom teacher-writers assessed all core texts for their quantitative and qualitative complexity, evaluating elements of meaning and purpose, structure, language, and knowledge demands. Teacher-writers chose texts both to meet qualitative guidelines for grade-appropriate complexity and to fall within recommended quantitative Lexile® ranges for each grade band.		
			For More Detail See Appendix A in each module for a quantitative mea	sure and qualitative analysis of each core text.	
b. Students engage regularly with varied text genres.	✓		Wit & Wisdom texts include a variety and balance of text types as required by college- and career-readiness standards, including wide-ranging genres and a balance of literary and informational types. Texts include novels, stories, poems, myths, science fiction, historical fiction, literary nonfiction, informational texts, visual art, videos, audio, and multimedia. Every grade includes varied print and digital texts that cover topics from literature, history/social studies, science, and the arts.		

	study maps, paintings, photographs Overview.) In their study of the Nez Perce in Graccounts, and traditional stories. The Module Overview. For More Detail For a list of each module's texts, see	s, websites, songs, and videos. (See the rade 5 Module 1, students read a work o ney view film clips, paintings, and photo	Is listen to literary and informational texts and Grade K Module 4 Texts list in the Module If historical fiction, a speech, informational graphs. See the Grade 5 Module 1 Texts list in the eginning of each module. In Wit & Wisdom digital, the lists.
c. Students engage regularly with texts that are authentic and exemplify quality.	an exceptional example of author's content. Wit & Wisdom includes award-winn Book, Newbery Medal, National Bo Examples	craft, rich vocabulary, unique and engaging texts, recognized by such awards ar	rorthy of close reading and study. Each text is ging syntax, and important knowledge-building and honors as the Caldecott Medal, ALA Notable d authors: Patricia Polacco Pam Muñoz Ryan Cynthia Rylant Carl Sandburg Allen Say Dr. Seuss William Steig Chris Van Allsburg
d. Students engage regularly with texts that represent diverse and multicultural perspectives.	The curriculum represents the dive different people from the United St Wit & Wisdom teacher-writers crea	rse nature of society, now and throughout ates and around the world. Inted Wit & Wisdom with the goal of pres	enting texts that serve as mirrors and windows; as (mirrors) and gain insight into the experiences

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			Examples Examples of Grades K-5 texts that represent diverse and multicultural perspectives include the following: Grade K Module 4: The Continents • The Story of Ferdinand, Munro Leaf • Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale, Verna Aardema Grade 1 Module 4: Cinderella Stories • Adelita, Tomie dePaola • Cendrillon: A Caribbean Cinderella, Robert D. San Souci • Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella, Paul Fleischman • The Korean Cinderella, Shirley Climo Grade 2 Module 3: Civil Rights Heroes • I Have a Dream, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. • Ruby Bridges Goes to School: My True Story, Ruby Bridges
			 Ruby Bridges Goes to School: My True Story, Ruby Bridges Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation, Duncan Tonatiuh Grade 3 Module 3: A New Home Coming to America: The Story of Immigration, Betsy Maestro Grandfather's Journey, Allen Say Family Pictures, Carmen Lomas Garza The Keeping Quilt, Patricia Polacco Grade 4 Module 4: Myth Making Pushing Up the Sky: Native American Plays for Children, Joseph Bruchac Understanding Greek Myths, Natalie Hyde
			Walk Two Moons, Sharon Creech Grade 5 Module 1: Cultures in Conflict Thunder Rolling in the Mountains, Scott O'Dell and Elizabeth Hall "Lincoln Hall Speech," Chief Joseph "Coyote and the Monster Story" "How Beaver Stole Fire from the Pines"
3. Reading	Yes	No	Wit & Wisdom Alignment and Program Examples
Curricular materials align with the college- and career-readiness expectation for close and repeated reading.	✓		Wit & Wisdom texts, because of their quality and craft, are worthy of rereading and close reading. To support all students in reading complex texts, Wit & Wisdom uses a stage-based theory of reading to scaffold students' deepening comprehension and provide a focus for each rereading. Each Wit & Wisdom lesson focuses on one of five Content Stages for reading. Together, the Content Stages, and their aligned Content Framing Questions, move students from a literal understanding to deep comprehension by following a predictable, transferable process of critical thinking and questioning.

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informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and opinion/argument, and opinion/argument, and narrative. Each module tailors writing instruction to one type of writing. At the module's end,				Wonder about this text? What do I notice and wonder about this text? What is happening in this text? What is exploration of [text-specific element] reveal in the text? The Content Stage reading process is a foundation of Wit & Wisdom, one that students apply to all types of text—including literary, informational, and visual texts. The Content Stages develop in students the repeatable habits of mind that experienced readers use across all content areas to understand challenging new texts. Examples For examples, see this progression of Content Stages from Grade K Module 1: Lesson 1—Wonder: What do I notice and wonder about My Five Senses? Lesson 2—Organize: What is happening in My Five Senses? Lesson 3—Reveal: What does a deeper exploration of words and pictures reveal in My Five Senses? Lesson 4—Distill: What is the essential meaning of My Five Senses? Lesson 5—Know: How does My Five Senses build my knowledge of the senses? For More Detail For the complete sequence of Content Stages and Content Framing Questions across all lessons in a module, see the Module Map (in the Module Overview). In Wit & Wisdom digital, select Module Map under the Module Overview or search for Module Map.
align with the college- and career-readiness focus on informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and narrative writing. Writing tasks range from brief Quick Writes or Jot-Pair-Share responses to extended essays and research projects. Mo align with college- and career-readiness writing standards and teach the three writing types: informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and narrative. Each module tailors writing instruction to one type of writing. At the module's end, students respond to the End-of-Module Task by using that form of writing. At each grade level, one module also features extended research project.	4. Writing	Yes	No	Wit & Wisdom Alignment and Program Examples
Module 1 Module 2 Module 3 Module 4				Wit & Wisdom students write every day, learning to write and writing to learn.
	align with the college- and career-readiness focus on informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and	•		opinion/argument, and narrative. Each module tailors writing instruction to one type of writing. At the module's end, students respond to the End-of-Module Task by using that form of writing. At each grade level, one module also features an
K Informative Narrative Informative (Research) Opinion	align with the college- and career-readiness focus on informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and	•		align with college- and career-readiness writing standards and teach the three writing types: informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and narrative. Each module tailors writing instruction to one type of writing. At the module's end, students respond to the End-of-Module Task by using that form of writing. At each grade level, one module also features an extended research project.
1 Narrative Informative (Research) Narrative Opinion	align with the college- and career-readiness focus on informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and			align with college- and career-readiness writing standards and teach the three writing types: informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and narrative. Each module tailors writing instruction to one type of writing. At the module's end, students respond to the End-of-Module Task by using that form of writing. At each grade level, one module also features an extended research project. Module 1 Module 2 Module 3 Module 4
2 Informative Informative Narrative Opinion (Research)	align with the college- and career-readiness focus on informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and			align with college- and career-readiness writing standards and teach the three writing types: informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and narrative. Each module tailors writing instruction to one type of writing. At the module's end, students respond to the End-of-Module Task by using that form of writing. At each grade level, one module also features an extended research project. Module 1 Module 2 Module 3 Module 4 K Informative Narrative Informative (Research) Opinion
3 Informative Opinion Narrative Informative (Research)	align with the college- and career-readiness focus on informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and			align with college- and career-readiness writing standards and teach the three writing types: informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and narrative. Each module tailors writing instruction to one type of writing. At the module's end, students respond to the End-of-Module Task by using that form of writing. At each grade level, one module also features an extended research project. Module 1 Module 2 Module 3 Module 4 K Informative Narrative Informative (Research) Opinion Opinion
4 Informative Narrative Opinion (Research) Informative	align with the college- and career-readiness focus on informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and			align with college- and career-readiness writing standards and teach the three writing types: informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and narrative. Each module tailors writing instruction to one type of writing. At the module's end, students respond to the End-of-Module Task by using that form of writing. At each grade level, one module also features an extended research project. Module 1
5 Informative Narrative Opinion Informative (Research)	align with the college- and career-readiness focus on informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and			align with college- and career-readiness writing standards and teach the three writing types: informative/explanatory, opinion/argument, and narrative. Each module tailors writing instruction to one type of writing. At the module's end, students respond to the End-of-Module Task by using that form of writing. At each grade level, one module also features an extended research project. Module 1

	Examples For examples of how Wit & Wisdom teaches narrative writing, see these Grade 2 Module 3 lessons: Lessons 9–10, 14, 15, 18—Students explore authors' use of adjectives and adverbs to add detail. Lessons 14–18—Students build understanding and practice with first-person narrative. Lessons 19–23—Students learn the concept of an exploded moment as a narrative writing approach. Lessons 25–26—Students practice writing narrative endings. Lessons 30–33—Students craft an extended narrative response to the End-of-Module Task.
b. Curricular materials align with the college- and career-readiness focus on writing craft, organization, and structure.	To meet rigorous writing standards, students must learn the underlying structures of the required types of writing. Students will not intuit these complex structures on their own: They need explicit writing instruction, which Wit & Wisdom provides through a repeated sequence of four Craft Stages. Just as the Content Stages unpack the complex, internal process of comprehension, the Craft Stages illuminate the writing process. Students examine an exemplar, then experiment with specific skills, and finally produce work demonstrating their mastery of the new form or skill. The four Craft Stages, and corresponding Craft Questions, drive the writing experience as students move through the writing process. EXAMINE

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c. Curricular materials align with the college- and career-readiness shift to writing to sources/using evidence.	✓		To write effectively, students must and build their knowledge of contect Content-Craft-Create framework All Wit & Wisdom writing tasks requidence to write about module to use evidence organizers to collect reading to use in text-based writing	ent. Wit & Wisdom's reflects this approach. quire students to use pics and texts. Students evidence from their	CONTENT CRAFT	CREATE
			For one Craft Stage sequence foculesson 19—Examine: Why is in Lesson 20—Experiment: How do Lesson 22—Excel: How do I in For More Detail To see the prompts and Criteria for module writing assessment, go to Wit & Wisdom digital, search for Massessment.	it important to support an oping to do supporting reasons work and use supporting reasons in a support supporting reasons in a support supporting reasons in a support supporting reasons in a support	nion with reasons? in opinion writing? n opinion paragraph? an opinion paragraph? g requirements for using textuon of the Module Overview in	ual evidence) for each formal the front of each module. In
5. Inquiry	Yes	No	Wit	& Wisdom Alignment	and Program Exampl	es
Curricular materials align with the college- and career-readiness focus on research and inquirybased learning.	✓		Wit & Wisdom's structure promote and inquiry. As shown in this graphic, each Wit organized by an Essential Question learning and focuses their inquiry. is an open-ended question about to cannot ultimately be resolved with	& Wisdom module is n that guides students' Each Essential Question the module's topic that	Focusing Question Focusing Question 1 2 Lesson Les	
			Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
			The Five Senses How do our senses help us learn?	Once Upon a Farm What makes a good story?	America, Then and Now How has life in America changed over time?	The Continents What makes the world fascinating?
			A World of Books	Creature Features	Powerful Forces	Cinderella Stories

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2	A Season of Change How does change impact people and nature?	The American West What was life like in the West for early Americans?	Civil Rights Heroes How can people respond to injustice?	Good Eating How does food nourish us?
3	The Sea Why do people explore the sea?	Outer Space How do people learn about space?	A New Home How do stories help us understand immigrants' experiences?	Artists Make Art What is an artist?
4	A Great Heart What does it mean to have a great heart, literally and figuratively?	Extreme Settings How does a challenging setting or physical environment change a person?	The Redcoats Are Coming! Why is it important to understand all sides of a story?	Myth Making What can we learn from myths and stories?
5	Cultures in Conflict How do cultural beliefs and values guide people?	Word Play How and why do writers play with words?	A War Between Us How did the Civil War impact people?	Breaking Barriers How can sports influence individuals and societies?

Examples

As the Essential Question guides learning across the module, the Focusing Questions guide learning within arcs of lessons. By seeking the answers to each Focusing Question, students build the knowledge and skills needed to answer the Essential Question, as with these questions from Grade 1 Module 2:

Essential Question: What can we discover about animals' unique features?

Focusing Question 1: What lessons can we learn through stories about animals?

Focusing Question 2: How did Jane Goodall make discoveries about animals?

Focusing Question 3: How do sea horses use their unique features?

Focusing Question 4: How do animals use the same feature in unique ways?

Focusing Question 5: How do animals use their unique features in unexpected ways?

Students' research into the content needed to answer each Focusing Question prepares them to answer the Essential Question through their responses to the End-of-Module Task, the culminating performance that ends each module. For examples of the organizing structure of Focusing Questions that guides student inquiry across each module, see each module's Module Map (in the Module Overview).

In addition, at least one of the four modules in each grade includes an extended research project. In Grades K-5, these projects appear in the following modules:

Grade K Module 3 Grade 3 Module 4
Grade 1 Module 2 Grade 4 Module 3
Grade 2 Module 4 Grade 5 Module 4

6. Speaking and Listening	Yes	No	Wit & Wisdom Alignment and Program Examples	
a. Curricular materials align with the college-and career-readiness shift to evidence-based discussions.	√		Each module includes two or more Socratic Seminars: structured, student-led group discussions that center on a thought-provoking question related to the module's content. Socratic Seminars give students a chance to apply speaking and listening skills to express and extend their content learning. Examples See these lessons for Socratic Seminars in Grades K–5 Module 1: GK M1 L16, L29 G3 M1 L8, L17, L23, L28 G1 M1 L21, L27, L32 G4 M1 L16, L26, L31 G2 M1 L9, L19 G5 M1 L12, L32	
			For More Detail See the Major Assessments (in the Module Overview) in each module for a summary of each Socratic Seminar. Or in Wit & Wisdom digital, search the term Socratic Seminar to find examples in a module.	
b. Curricular materials align with the college- and career-readiness focus on ongoing opportunities for collaboration, speaking, and listening.	✓		 Wit & Wisdom gives students meaningful opportunities to speak, listen, and collaborate to meet learning goals: Grouping suggestions for each lesson activity recommend whether students should do the activity alone, in pairs, in small groups, or as a whole group. The Module Overview delineates speaking and listening goals, and lessons provide explicit instruction for attaining these goals. Recurring Wit & Wisdom instructional routines, such as Think-Pair-Share or Mix and Mingle, engage students in working together to deepen learning. 	
			Example For one example of speaking and listening instruction and practice in Wit & Wisdom, see Grade 1 Module 4 Lesson 22. Students review an Anchor Chart of speaking and listening skills. To reinforce the module speaking goal, "Speak to add relevant details," pairs share what they notice and wonder about a new text. For More Detail For a complete list and description of Wit & Wiedom's instructional routines, see the Implementation Guide (http://witong.	
			For a complete list and description of <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> 's instructional routines, see the Implementation Guide (http://witeng.link/IG), pages 114–127. To find examples of collaborative instructional routines in the digital Teacher Edition, search for key words such as Think-Pair-Share or Jigsaw.	

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7. Vocabulary	Yes	No	Wit & Wisdom Alignment and Program Examples
Curricular materials align with the college- and career-readiness shift to explicit vocabulary instruction in content and academic vocabulary.			Wit & Wisdom teaches both academic and content-area vocabulary by using words from the module texts. Vocabulary Deep Dives (about 15 minilessons of 15 minutes each that appear at the end of lessons in each module) provide targeted instruction on vocabulary in the context of the lesson's texts and ideas. Vocabulary instruction in Wit & Wisdom is designed to achieve three key outcomes: deeper comprehension of complex texts, increased knowledge of words (with a focus on academic, content-area, and text-critical vocabulary) and word parts, and an expanded ability to determine the meanings of unknown words. Examples For just a few of many program examples, see these Deep Dives in Grade 3 Module 4: Lesson 1 Deep Dive—Examine Content Vocabulary: inspiration Lesson 2 Deep Dive—Use a Dictionary Lesson 5 Deep Dive—Explore Academic Vocabulary: revelation For More Detail To see more Vocabulary Deep Dives, go to each module's Module Map (in the Module Overview) for Deep Dive Learning Goals; each Deep Dive follows the corresponding core lesson. For a module vocabulary list, see Appendix B of each module.
8. Style and Conventions	Yes	No	Wit & Wisdom Alignment and Program Examples
Curricular materials align with the college- and career-readiness focus on integrated and coherent language instruction.			Wit & Wisdom teaches style and conventions (or grammar) skills explicitly, following a grade-level progression. All language instruction occurs in the context of the module's texts and topic and is integrated into reading and writing instead of being taught in isolation or as stand-alone drills. Style and Conventions Deep Dives (about 15 minilessons of 15 minutes each) provide targeted instruction on style and convention skills. With the same Craft Stages as in writing instruction, students learn how authors use language effectively and from those examples learn how to apply language skills in their own writing. Examples For just a few of many program examples, see these Deep Dives from Grade 3 Module 3: Lesson 8 Deep Dive—Examine Subject-Verb Agreement Lesson 10 Deep Dive—Execute Subject-Verb Agreement Lesson 14 Deep Dive—Excel with Subject-Verb Revision For More Detail For a list of target language standards in each module, see the Language subsection of the Focus Standards section in the Module Overview. To see more Style and Conventions Deep Dives, go to the Module Map (in the Module Overview) for Deep Dive Learning Goals; each Deep Dive follows the corresponding core lesson.

9. Reading Foundations	Yes	No	Wit & Wisdom Alignment and Program Examples
a. Curricular materials systematically build early readers' skills in print concepts, phonemic awareness, and phonics and word recognition (K-5).		✓	 Wit & Wisdom does not teach reading foundational skills or standards. To meet these expectations, schools can adopt Great Minds® Wit & Wisdom for core English language arts instruction across Grades K-8, Great Minds Geodes® to support early reading instruction in Grades K-2, and a systematic, research-based phonics program, such as Wilson Language Training's Fundations®, for teaching foundational skills. About Geodes: Great Minds and Wilson Language Training collaborated to create a collection of accessible, knowledge-
			building books for emerging and developing readers. Geodes combine carefully selected words with highly engaging content to create an authentic reading experience, empowering students to apply decoding skills while building knowledge about important ideas. Grounded in the content of <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> , each module includes grade-appropriate books centered on an engaging subject.
b. Curricular materials provide instruction and	✓		Wit & Wisdom provides fluency instruction and practice. Because research shows that developing fluency can build students' comprehension, Wit & Wisdom continues its focus on fluency across all levels, Grades K-8.
practice to build students' reading fluency .			Each module includes fluency instruction, practice, and/or evaluation. Fluency homework uses passages from the module's texts so that students can build comprehension while improving fluency. Students engage in repeated readings of the passages, practicing for a listener at home. Students and their listeners evaluate the reading based on grade-level fluency criteria.
			Examples For some examples of fluency instruction in <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> , see Grade 1 Module 1 Lesson 7 or Grade 4 Module 1 Lesson 21. For examples of fluency homework and practice, see the Fluency Handouts in the print Student Edition or as digital PDFs in each module. (See the Materials section of each lesson's Overview for links to lesson handouts.) For examples of fluency handouts/homework in Grades K-5 • See G2 M1 L1 Handout 1A and Learn and Wrap sections of lesson. • See G5 M1 L5 Handout 5C and Learn and Wrap sections of lesson.
10. Visual Art	Yes	No	Wit & Wisdom Alignment and Program Examples
Curricular materials include visual texts .	✓		Each Wit & Wisdom module features one or more works of visual art, including works from diverse artists and periods and varied forms—paintings, photographs, collages, works of architecture, and sculptures.
			These works connect to the module topic and build students' cultural knowledge and visual analysis skills. They also offer an entry point for English learners and other striving readers to explore module ideas, acquire knowledge, and engage in complex tasks.

			Examples These artists are among the many whose works are featured in Wit & Wisdom: Diego Rivera (GK M1) Pablo Picasso (GK M1) Albrecht Dürer (G1 M2) Henri Matisse (G1 M2) Maurice de Vlaminck (G2 M4) Wayne Thiebaud (G2 M4) Mary Cassatt (G3 M1) For each module's visual art texts, see the Texts section in the Module Overview at the beginning of each module.	
11. Standards Alignment and Integration	Yes	No	Wit & Wisdom Alignment and Program Examples	
a. Curricular materials align with college- and career-readiness standards.			Wit & Wisdom modules were designed to teach the module's texts and topics while helping students meet expectations for learning defined by college- and career-readiness standards. Wit & Wisdom teacher-writers identified Focus Standards for each module based on the specific demands of the module's topic and texts. Wit & Wisdom teaches standards in a clear progression, with each standard a focus of instruction and assessment in one or more modules. Each module has Focus, Supporting, and Continuing Standards. • Focus Standards are explicitly taught in the module, practiced in multiple lessons, and assessed by one or more major module assessments. • Supporting Standards are practiced in the module but not explicitly taught and assessed. • Continuing Standards describe expectations that are foundational to all tasks and learning activities and thus are taught and practiced in all modules. For More Detail Where can you see more details about Wit & Wisdom's alignment with standards? • To see detailed analyses of how each grade of Wit & Wisdom aligns with specific state standards, go to https://greatminds.org . From the Resources section, add the ELA Standards Alignment Studies to your dashboard. New states are continually being added. • For a complete standards scope and sequence, go to the Teacher Resource Pack (https://greatminds.org/resources/products/wit-wisdom-teacher-resource-pack) to download or view the scope and sequence. • For each grade-level module's standards list, see the Standards section (in the Module Overview).	

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b. Curricular materials integrate English language arts standards strands.			Instead of teaching strands of literacy in isolation, Wit & Wisdom integrates standards instruction in every lesson. Reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language instruction and practice are integrated, with every strand of the standards woven throughout each module to build content knowledge and skills. Each learning activity and assessment integrates multiple standards. When specific skills are the focus of a lesson, they are modeled, taught, or practiced in context of the texts and content students are learning; Wit & Wisdom does not teach skills in isolation. Examples For examples, see these Wit & Wisdom tasks that integrate reading, or write an opinion piece for the End-of-Module Task.—After reading texts of write an opinion piece for the End-of-Module Task, creating a treatment of the structure of the paragraphs and supplies proper sentence capitalization and punctuation. • Grade 5 Module 1 End-of-Module Task—Students write an inforhow Chief Joseph's speech conveys two important Nez Perce be evidence from the speech. They vary sentence styles, punctuation connect ideas within and between paragraphs.	different types to learn about brochures, students ravel brochure on one continent. They use the Opinion port their opinions with text details. In their writing they rmative/explanatory essay in which they explain beliefs or values. They develop their ideas with specific
			For More Detail See the Module Map and Major Assessments list (in the Module Over instruction and formal assessments. Note how each lesson activity a multiple strands—Reading: Literature; Reading: Informational Text; V	nd each assessment incorporates standards from
12. Differentiation	Yes	No	Wit & Wisdom Alignment and	l Program Examples
a. Curricular materials promote equity .	✓		Wit & Wisdom reflects the Great Minds belief that all children deserve rich, engaging learning opportunities. With Wit & Wisdom, all students, regardless of reading ability, encounter and engage with the same complex texts. Instead of providing lower-level texts and lower learning expectations for some students, lessons support students who read below grade level. By engaging all students in shared learning with the same rigorous texts, Wit & Wisdom promotes equity. The program supports all students with instruction in content and vocabulary. Wit & Wisdom promotes different paths to the same shared learning goals. School-home connections can also support equity. Wit & Wisdom provides Family Tip Sheets to involve families and caregivers in students' learning. See the Family Tip Sheets in the Student Edition (print) or as downloadable PDFs in the Wit & Wisdom Family Resources (https://greatminds.org/resources/products/wit-wisdom-family-resources).	

b. Curricular materials provide scaffolds and instructional supports for striving readers—those performing below grade level and English learners.		Wit & Wisdom's learning design supports all students with deliberate sequencing, predictable structures, content in varied forms, scaffolds, a focus on vocabulary, and intentional instructional routines for learning. • Text-dependent questions and Content Stages focus all students on key terms, phrases, and passages for rereading and repeated exploration to deepen comprehension. • Varied texts, including visual, audio, and digital texts—as well as the program's focus on visual arts—offer text entry points for all students to explore module content and ideas. • Alternative Activity, Scaffold, Differentiation, and Extension ideas are provided in each lesson. • Suggestions for Scaffolds, such as sentence frames for writing or speaking, are embedded at the point of use. • Explicit vocabulary and grammar instruction, including a focus on morphology, provides all students with a shared foundation to support deeper learning. • Instruction integrates spoken and written English instruction with content-area knowledge building in literature, history/social studies, science, and the arts. • Ongoing, sequential, explicit writing instruction is based on text exemplars that model key elements of craft. • Partner work and routines like Think-Pair-Share include oral practice of written responses. Examples See Grade K Module 4 Lesson 9 to observe how a Wonder lesson scaffolds students' first experience with a new book. The following elements support students: • The Think-Pair-Share routine gives students a chance to rehearse their thinking with a partner. • A sentence frame, I notice gives young learners a structure for sharing. • The chance to question a text encourages curiosity. • Recording students' questions validates their thinking and gives them a purpose for rereading. Grade 4 Module 3 Lesson 25 offers a reminder to scaffold the task of finding evidence for striving readers by providing page numbers or paragraphs for them to target in their search. Grade 5 Module 3 Lesson 4 includes frequent Scaffo
c. Curricular materials provide opportunities for extension to meet the needs of all students, including above-grade- level advanced learners.	✓	With Wit & Wisdom's rigor and emphasis on deep knowledge of high-interest topics, the curriculum meets the needs of advanced students. Additionally, teachers can take advantage of the numerous extension opportunities embedded in lessons; act on the embedded differentiation suggestions, which often suggest ways to increase challenge; and assign students additional challenging texts from the Volume of Reading list.

			Examples Here are two of the many examples of Extensions throughout Wit & Wisdom: • Grade K Module 4 Lesson 34 includes an Extension suggestion that pairs can take turns sharing and engaging in peer review of their End-of-Module Task responses. • Grade 4 Module 3 Lesson 25 offers an Extension idea in the final Learn section for a research topic and question that stems from the lesson's text.
13. Assessment	Yes	No	Wit & Wisdom Alignment and Program Examples
Curricular materials include frequent and varied assessments that provide information to guide teachers and students.			In Wit & Wisdom, assessment occurs in every lesson; major assessments, which can be used for formative purposes, are embedded in every module. Assessments tie to module and lesson content and standards and build to a culminating performance task. All Wit & Wisdom modules provide the following assessments: • Focusing Question Tasks—formative, performance-based tasks in which students synthesize evidence and knowledge they have gained during an arc of lessons and respond in a variety of writing, research, or presentation forms • End-of-Module Tasks—summative, performance-based tasks in which students synthesize evidence and knowledge they have gained throughout a module and respond in a variety of writing, research, or presentation forms • New-Read Assessments—selected- and constructed-response item sets that test students' ability to transfer reading and vocabulary skills to an unfamiliar text connected to the module's topic • Socratic Seminars—formal, student-led discussions in which students synthesize and reflect on knowledge they have gained from an arc of instruction and apply speaking and listening skills • Checks for Understanding—lesson-level assessments aligned with standards that offer a quick, informal check on student learning (Checks for Understanding take many forms, including Exit Tickets, graphic organizers, and Quick Writes.) • Vocabulary Assessments—short-response checks to quickly test word knowledge students gain throughout the module Each module's Appendix C offers tools for teachers to evaluate student work, including sample responses, answer keys, and rubrics for writing and for speaking and listening. Additional assessment resources include Standards Trackers for Grades K-1 and Question Sets for Grades 2-8. Standards Trackers help teachers monitor students progress on the reading Focus Standards. Question Sets help teachers monitor students' reading comprehension and progress on targeted standards and help prepare students for standardized tests.

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			Examples For examples, see the Major Assessments section of the Module Overview. In the digital Teacher Edition, the Major Assessments tables link to the assessments; to link out, select the up-arrow icon . In the print materials, the Assessment Pack contains New-Read Assessments, Focusing Question Tasks, and End-of-Module Task assessments. In Grade 4 Module 1, for example, major assessments can be found here: Focusing Question Task 1—Lesson 5, Assessment 5A Focusing Question Task 2—Lesson 17, Assessment 17A Focusing Question Task 2—Lesson 28, Assessment 28A New-Read Assessment 1—Lesson 14, Assessment 14A New-Read Assessment 2—Lesson 30, Assessment 30A End-of-Module Task—Lesson 32, Assessment 32A For lesson-level Checks for Understanding, look for the ✓ icon. This icon appears under Learning Goals in each lesson's At a Glance section and in each lesson.
			For Wit & Wisdom Question Sets and Standards Trackers, add the Wit & Wisdom Assessment Resources to your dashboard.
14. Organization and Usability	Yes	No	Wit & Wisdom Alignment and Program Examples
a. Curricular content provides instruction for a full academic year.			Wit & Wisdom includes four modules, Modules 1–4, at each grade level, as well as the introductory Module 0, for Grades K–2, 3–5, and 6–8. Grade-level modules have 30–38 lessons; Module 0 has 6 lessons. Wit & Wisdom provides approximately 145–150 days of classroom instruction, allowing educators to flexibly plan their instructional calendars while meeting local needs. Because the program includes 75-minute core daily lessons and 15-minute Deep Dives, schools with fewer than 90 minutes allotted daily to English language arts can extend lessons across multiple days. To support pacing, the Module Map in the Module Overview provides a basic pacing calendar for the module that includes each lesson's goals and texts. Each lesson includes time frame suggestions for each student activity; scaffolding may take additional time. For More Detail See Mapping a Year of Wit & Wisdom, Implementation Guide (http://witeng.link/IG), pages 89–91. Preview Module 0, available as a downloadable PDF from Great Minds for Grades K–2 (http://witeng.link/MO-GK-G2) and Grades 3–5 (http://witeng.link/MO-G3-G5).

b. Curriculum is purposefully sequenced and designed for ease of use.

In Wit & Wisdom modules, instruction and assessment are purposefully sequenced, designed to build to the culminating End-of-Module Task assessment in which students answer the module's Essential Question.

Lessons are sequenced by the progression of Content and Craft Stages and grouped into arcs of lessons organized by Focusing Questions that help to answer the larger Essential Question.

To see the structure of a module, go to each module's Module Map (in the Module Overview).

For ease of use and to support implementation and student learning, all *Wit & Wisdom* lessons follow the same predictable structure: Welcome, Launch, Learn, Land, Wrap, and Deep Dive.

The **Overview** section, with the lesson At a Glance and Prepare sections, previews the lesson and connects student learning with broader module goals.

- 1. Welcome: Students independently engage in a task to prepare for the lesson's learning.
- 2. Launch: The teacher introduces the lesson's Content Framing Question and Learning Goals.
- 3. Learn: With varied instructional routines and tasks, teachers support students in productive struggle with the module texts to develop knowledge and skills to answer the Content Framing Question.
- 4. Land: Students reflect on their learning and answer a form of the Content Framing Question.
- 5. **Wrap**: The teacher directs closing activities and assigns homework. Homework often includes a fluency assignment, in which students practice reading a key text passage at home.

Analyze (after Land/Wrap) offers guidance on evaluating student success and determining next steps.

The Deep Dive is a minilesson focusing on either a vocabulary skill or a style and conventions skill.