



2012 Curriculum Catalog

Language Arts 600

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Course Overview

Language Arts 600 continues to build on the sequential development and integration of communication skills in four major areas—reading, writing, speaking, and listening. It most specifically focuses on deepening and furthering students' understanding in the following ways:

- **Reading**—develops students' reading skills, including the identification of main ideas, supporting details, sequence, and facts and opinions; introduces more advanced reading skills, showing students how to analyze propaganda, make inferences, and determine the author's authority; shows students how to identify parts of speech in sentences, with emphasis on kinds and uses of nouns, pronouns, and verb tenses; develops students' capacities for identifying basic elements of narrative prose; enhances students' abilities for reading newspaper articles and informative nonfiction; helps students develop basic literary comprehension skills through the reading of short stories, nonfiction pieces, and poetry.
- **Writing**—develops students' understanding of sentence structure, providing hands-on experience with subject-verb agreement, participles, and phrases; emphasizes parts of speech and their roles, including adjectives, nouns, and verbs; familiarizes students with roots, affixes, and basic word relationships, including homonyms, synonyms, and antonyms; develops students' vocabulary and spelling skills; gives students the opportunity to develop their abilities in writing paragraphs, business letters, poetry, and short stories; guides students through planning, organizing, writing, and revising a report.
- **Special Topics**—teaches dictionary skills and comprehension of graphic visual aids; introduces students to Biblical literature topics.

Curriculum Contents

Reading Comprehension Skills

- Analyzing Propaganda
- Comparing and Contrasting
- Determining Author's Purpose—Reading for Entertainment and Reading for Information
- Determining Author's Reliability
- Evaluating a Text Based on Biblical Merit
- Identifying Facts and Opinions
- Identifying Main Ideas and Supporting Details
- Finding Implied Meanings
- Reading Newspaper Articles
- Reading Poetry
- Reading Biblical Literature
- Reading Short Stories

Composition

- Paragraph Elements and Structure
- Paraphrasing a Psalm
- Report—on Sheep
- Using Invented Words
- Writing a Business Letter
- Writing Poetry—Pen Pictures, Cinquains, and Shaped Poems
- Writing a Report—Outlining, Writing, and Revising
- Writing with Metaphors
- Writing Short Stories—Plot, Setting, Structure, and Character Development

Grammar and Usage

- Adjectives—Comparative Adjectives, Superlative Adjectives, and Articles
- Adverbs—Comparative Adverbs and Superlative Adverbs
- Interjections
- Kinds of Sentences—Statement, Question, Command, and Surprise/Excitement
- Nouns—Plural, Possessive, and Common and Proper Nouns
- Pronouns—Pronoun Case, Personal Pronouns, and Demonstrative Pronouns
- Punctuation—Exclamation Points, Periods, Question Marks, and Commas
- Sentence Structure—Subject/Predicate, Prepositions, and Phrases
- Verbs—Verb Tense, Irregular Verbs, Auxiliary Verbs, Person, Number, and Compound Verbs

Literature Studies

- Fiction
 - Elements—Structure, Character, Plot, and Setting
 - Genre/Type—Fable, Legend, Animal Story, Myth, Fairy Tale, Adventure, Historical Piece, Mystery, and Science Fiction
- Nonfiction
 - Definition
 - Elements—Organization and Diction

Literature Studies Continued

- Genre/Type—Autobiography, Biography, Propaganda, and Articles
- Poetry
 - Definition
 - Elements—Structure, Rhyme, Meter, and Diction
 - Genre/Type—Ballad, Free Verse, Limerick, Shaped Poem, Epic, Narrative, and Pen Picture
 - Literary Device—Metaphors, Similes, Alliteration, Sound Effects, and Parallelism

Speaking and Listening

- Speaking Qualities

Spelling

- Homonyms
- Words with /sh/ sound
- Roots and Affixes

Vocabulary Building

- Dictionary Skills
- Word Relationships—Synonyms, Antonyms, and Homonyms
- Word Structure—Roots and Affixes

Special Topics

- The Bible as Literature—Nonfiction, Short Story, Poetry, Drama, and Parable
- The Nature of Advertising
- Creating an Advertisement
- Graphic Aids—Charts and Graphs
- Reference Materials—Dictionary, Encyclopedia, Almanac, Atlas, Who's Who, Thesaurus, and Concordance
- Study Skills—Note-Taking
- Word Play—Palindromes, Puns, and Conundrums

Literature List

The literary works students will encounter in Language Arts 600 include, but are not limited to:

Fiction

- Wier, Ester. *The Loner*.

Poetry

- Carroll, Lewis. "A Mouse's Tail."
- *Sir Patrick Spens*.
- Stevenson, Robert. "Rain."

UNIT 1: ELEMENTS OF GRAMMAR
Assignment Titles

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|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Course Overview | 14. Spelling Lesson 3 |
| 2. The Sentence | 15. Quiz 3 |
| 3. Sentence Types | 16. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 4. Spelling Lesson 1 | 17. Pronouns |
| 5. Quiz 1 | 18. Prepositions |
| 6. Spelling Quiz 1 | 19. Conjunctions and Interjections |
| 7. Nouns | 20. Quiz 4 |
| 8. Verbs | 21. Unit 1 Special Project |
| 9. Spelling Lesson 2 | 22. Review Game |
| 10. Quiz 2 | 23. Test |
| 11. Spelling Quiz 2 | 24. Alternate Test |
| 12. Adjectives | 25. Reference |
| 13. Adverbs | |

UNIT 2: GRAMMAR USAGE
Assignment Titles

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Capitalization | 14. Using Auxiliary Verbs |
| 2. Punctuation | 15. Spelling Lesson 3 |
| 3. Spelling Lesson 1 | 16. Quiz 3 |
| 4. Quiz 1 | 17. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 5. Spelling Quiz 1 | 18. Using Adjectives and Adverbs |
| 6. Word Parts | 19. Fragments and Run-on Sentences |
| 7. Word Parts: Exercises | 20. Quiz 4 |
| 8. Synonyms, Antonyms, and Idioms | 21. Unit 2 Special Project |
| 9. Spelling Lesson 2 | 22. Review Game |
| 10. Quiz 2 | 23. Test |
| 11. Spelling Quiz 2 | 24. Alternate Test |
| 12. Person and Number of Verbs | 25. Reference |
| 13. Principal Parts of Verbs | |

UNIT 3: READING SKILLS
Assignment Titles

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Developing Reading Skills | 13. Project: Book Report: Short Story |
| 2. Developing Vocabulary | 14. Analyzing Story Structure |
| 3. Spelling Lesson 1: /sh/ | 15. Comparing and Contrasting Stories |
| 4. Quiz 1 | 16. Spelling Lesson 3: Homonyms |
| 5. Spelling Quiz 1 | 17. Quiz 3 |
| 6. Finding Relationships: Sequence/Cause and Effect | 18. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 7. Comprehension: Distinguishing Fact from Opinion | 19. Unit 3 Special Project |
| 8. Reading to Comprehend | 20. Review Game |
| 9. Spelling Lesson 2: /sh/ | 21. Test |
| 10. Quiz 2 | 22. Alternate Test |
| 11. Spelling Quiz 2 | 23. Reference |
| 12. Reading Critically | |

UNIT 4: WRITING SKILLS
Assignment Titles

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Paragraph Writing | 14. Spelling Lesson 2: -ing |
| 2. Essay: Paragraph | 15. Spelling Quiz 2 |
| 3. Essay: Autobiography | 16. Writing the Report |
| 4. Business Letters | 17. Project: Research--Final Report |
| 5. Project: Business Letter | 18. Spelling Lesson 3 |
| 6. Report Writing: Preparation | 19. Quiz 2 |
| 7. Spelling Lesson 1: Plurals | 20. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 8. Quiz 1 | 21. Unit 4 Special Project |
| 9. Spelling Quiz 1 | 22. Review Game |
| 10. Report Writing: Researching | 23. Test |
| 11. Project: Research--Taking Notes | 24. Alternate Test |
| 12. Outlining | 25. Reference |
| 13. Project: Research--Outline | |

UNIT 5: NEWSPAPERS AND PROPAGANDA
Assignment Titles

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| 1. The Newspaper | 14. Recognizing Propaganda |
| 2. Fact and Opinion in News Reports | 15. Project: Propaganda |
| 3. Report: Newspapers Today | 16. Spelling Lesson 3: Plurals, Homonyms, and the /sh/ Sound |
| 4. Analyzing a News Story | 17. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 5. Project: News Story | 18. Quiz 2 |
| 6. Spelling Lesson 1: Words That Sound Alike | 19. Unit 5 Special Project |
| 7. Quiz 1 | 20. Review Game |
| 8. Spelling Quiz 1 | 21. Test |
| 9. Propaganda | 22. Alternate Test |
| 10. Project: Advertisement | 23. Reference |
| 11. Spelling Lesson 2 | |
| 13. Spelling Quiz 2 | |

UNIT 6: LITERARY FORMS
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Spelling Lesson 1 | 11. Mood |
| 2. Spelling Quiz 1 | 12. Spelling Lesson 3 |
| 3. Poetry | 13. Quiz 2 |
| 4. Types of Prose Fiction | 14. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 5. Types of Prose Fiction (2) | 15. Unit 6 Special Project |
| 6. Spelling Lesson 2 | 16. Review Game |
| 7. Quiz 1 | 17. Test |
| 8. Spelling Quiz 2 | 18. Alternate Test |
| 9. Prose Nonfiction | 19. Reference |
| 10. Project: Book Report: Biography | |

UNIT 7: READING FOR A PURPOSE
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Judging a Book | 13. Reading for Inspiration (1) |
| 2. An Author's Use of Expressive Language | 14. Reading for Inspiration (2) |
| 3. Spelling Lesson 1 | 15. Essay: Lambs in the Bible |
| 4. Quiz 1 | 16. Spelling Lesson 3: Suffixes and the /sh/ Sound |
| 5. Spelling Quiz 1 | 17. Quiz 3 |
| 6. Nonfiction Comprehension Practice | 18. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 7. Nonfiction: Main Idea and Supporting Details | 19. Project: Book Report: Novel |
| 8. Project: Outline | 20. Unit 7 Special Project |
| 9. Report: Sheepherding | 21. Review Game |
| 10. Spelling Lesson 2 | 22. Test |
| 11. Quiz 2 | 23. Alternate Test |
| 12. Spelling Quiz 2 | 24. Reference |

UNIT 8: POETRY
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Characteristics of Poetry | 17. Project: Cinquain and Shaped Poems |
| 2. Free Verse | 18. Spelling Lesson 3 |
| 3. Project: Youthfulness | 19. Quiz 2 |
| 4. Spelling Lesson 1 | 20. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 5. Quiz 1 | 21. Musical Poems |
| 6. Spelling Quiz 1 | 22. Report: Lullabies |
| 7. Figures of Speech: Similes | 23. Word Play: Riddles/Conundrums |
| 8. Figures of Speech: Metaphors | 24. Limericks |
| 9. Project: Metaphors | 25. Project: Limericks |
| 10. Poetic Devices | 26. Palindromes |
| 11. Essay: Invented Words | 27. Quiz 3 |
| 12. Spelling Lesson 2 | 28. Unit 8 Special Project |
| 13. Spelling Quiz 2 | 29. Review Game |
| 14. Poetic Forms (1) | 30. Test |
| 15. Project: Pen Picture | 31. Alternate Test |
| 16. Poetic Forms (2) | 32. Reference |

UNIT 9: BIBLE LITERATURE
Assignment Titles

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The Bible as Literature | 13. Spelling Quiz 2 |
| 2. A Bible Story | 14. Bible History |
| 3. Project: Bible Stories | 15. Law |
| 4. Parables and Proverbs | 16. Spelling Lesson 3 |
| 5. Spelling Lesson 1 | 17. Quiz 3 |
| 6. Quiz 1 | 18. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 7. Spelling Quiz 1 | 19. Unit 9 Special Project |
| 8. Bible Poetry | 20. Review Game |
| 9. Project: Psalm 19 | 21. Test |
| 10. Prophetic Writing | 22. Alternate Test |
| 11. Spelling Lesson 2 | 23. Reference |
| 12. Quiz 2 | |

UNIT 10: REVIEW
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Patterns in Language | 12. Project: Advertising |
| 2. Capitalization and Punctuation | 13. Essay: The President's Thoughts |
| 3. Quiz 1 | 14. Communication: Letters and Newspapers |
| 4. Organization in Literary Forms | 15. Project: Newspaper |
| 5. Quiz 2 | 16. Quiz 4 |
| 6. Project: Planning and Writing a Short Story | 17. Unit 10 Special Project |
| 7. Literary Forms (1) | 18. Review Game |
| 8. Project: Fish Story | 19. Test |
| 9. Literary Forms (2) | 20. Alternate Test |
| 10. Quiz 3 | 21. Reference |
| 11. Forms of Communication | |