

Weekly Pacing Guide- Grade 6

This weekly pacing guide is designed to serve as a guide for teachers in the daily routine of using this resource. This ensures that the necessary skills are addressed in a timely fashion over the course of a year. Although this is the recommended pacing, there will be times when students may require additional adjustments depending on level of ability and familiarity with the skills.

NOTE: The scope and sequence documents include a total of 32 weeks of instruction: 4 weeks of instruction for the Literacy Launch, 14 weeks of instruction for informational/opinion writing and 14 weeks of instruction for narrative writing. There is additional time across the year that can be used in several ways including test prep and project work. Additionally, we have provided a series of slides as another way to view/organize your weekly plans.

Baseline- Prior to starting the Literacy Launch, administer a baseline assessment in the genre you will instruct first. See the Planning Guide Section of The Hub for suggested prompts.

Literacy Launch (4 weeks)

The Literacy Launch lessons should be done consecutively at the beginning of the school year. This establishes the foundational work necessary for every reading and writing experience students will encounter throughout the year. These skills include genre, organization, summary, and annotation and analysis. The time you take to establish this common language and assured experiences will allow students an awareness of the skills they need to become strategic readers and writers.

Week 1
<u>Literacy Launch</u> Lesson 1: Introducing Graphic Organizers Lesson 2: Recognizing Genre Lesson 3: Informational and Narrative Book Covers and Summaries Lesson 4: Distinguishing Between Informational, Opinion and Argumentative Writing

Week 2

Literacy Launch

Lesson 5: Strategic Reading - Informed Writing

Lesson 6: Strategic Reading and Text Conventions

Lesson 7: Close Reading Challenge

Lesson 8: Cut and Paste

Week 3

Literacy Launch

Lesson 8: Distinguishing Between Three Genres of Writing (argument, narrative and informational)

I WANT MORE Annotation Informational and Narrative - to be used at your discretion

Lesson 10: Introduction to Literary Analysis

Week 4

Literacy Launch

Lesson 11: Givens and Variables

Lesson 12: Introduction to Inferential and Evaluative Thinking

I WANT MORE Literary Analysis - to be used at your discretion

Framing Questions - Make It Your Own - to be used with literature selections of your choice including students' independent reading

NOTE: Lessons titles in *italics* have similar objectives to the lessons in this Literacy Launch Unit and should be used at your discretion.

Informational/Opinion (14 weeks)

Introduction: This Informational/Opinion Unit can be done consecutively across all 14 weeks or broken into smaller units. For example, teach the first several skills, do a process piece and then move into narrative writing and come back to informational/opinion to continue the skills.

Connections Across Learning - These are opportunities to add how you will apply the skill across your day. For instance, when teaching Elaboration, apply the skill to a science topic - describe an invention, or a social studies topic - describe a historical artifact. Another suggestion is to use student independent reading books or your reading series to identify and analyze each skill in authentic text.

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Week 1
<p><u>Broad Yet Distinct Main Ideas</u> <i>Lesson 1: Sort and Categorize</i> Lesson 2: Compare These Pieces Lesson 3: Pick List Choose <i>Lesson 4: Pick List Choose Ask Find</i> Choose 1- Lesson 5: Main Ideas/Reasons- Don't Overlap Them! OR Lesson 6: Main Ideas/Reasons- Broad or Too Narrow? Lesson 7: Recognizing Main Ideas/Reasons in Prompts and Assignments Lesson 8: Naming Givens and Variables</p> <p>Connections Across Learning-</p>
Week 2
<p><u>Broad Yet Distinct Main Ideas</u> Choose 2- Lesson 9: Generating Broad Yet Distinct Main Ideas/Reasons Lesson 10: Alternative to Boring, Redundant Main Idea/Reason Sentences Lesson 11: Revising Boring, Redundant Main Idea/Reason Sentences <i>Lesson 12: Using a Thesaurus & Standard Proofreading/Editing Marks - optional</i> Lesson 13: Main Idea/Reason Blurbs into Sentences Lesson 14: Turning Questions into Responses <i>Lesson 15: The Missing Main Idea/Reason</i> Lesson 16: Word Referents Lesson 17: Preparing to Write a Response to Text <i>Lesson 18: Preparing to Write a Response to Multiple Text</i></p>

Connections Across Learning-

Week 3

Elaboration

Lesson 1: What Does it Look Like and Why is it Important?

Lesson 2: Just Okay...or Much Better?

Lesson 3: Sentence Matching

Lesson 4: Writing Sentences Using the Detail Generating Questions

Lesson 5: Find the Overly General Words or Phrases

Lesson 6: Break Up the Grocery List

Lesson 7: Using Detail Generating Questions

Lesson 8: Flip the Sentence Subject

Connections Across Learning-

Week 4

Elaboration

Lesson 9: Reading and Summarizing Texts

Lesson 10: Comparing and Contrasting in Research Simulation Tasks

Lesson 11: Paraphrasing

Lesson 12: Giving the Author Credit

Connections Across Learning-

Week 5

Process Writing

Day 1- Assign Prompt, Pick List Choose, Prewriting Plan

Day 2- Review Pillar, Introduction

Day 3- 1st Main Idea/Reason Paragraph

Day 4- 2nd Main Idea/Reason Paragraph

Flex

Allow peer conferencing, sharing, and skill review/reinforcement as needed.

Week 6

Process Writing

Day 1- Conclusion

Day 2- Reread, Revise, Edit

**Since introductions and conclusions have not been taught to this point, feedback/accountability should be on the prewriting plan, main idea sentences, and supporting details.*

Flex

Allow peer conferencing, sharing, and skill review/reinforcement as needed.

Week 7

Research

These lessons are all in relationship to learning how to research a topic, take notes, and use those notes to write a research paper. Feel free to use them with content area topics as needed.

Lesson 1: Reading Strategically and Finding Information Within Text

Lesson 2: Research! Using Search Engines - use as needed

Lesson 3: Images and Videos

Lesson 4: Researching a Topic of Interest

Lesson 5: Gleaning Information

Lesson 6: Taking Notes

Lesson 7: Research/Take Notes/Write/Cite

Lesson 8: Restating Information from Research

Connections Across Learning-

Week 8

Research

Lesson 9: Locating Golden Bricks for Research

Lesson 10: Transitional Words and Phrases

Choose 1: Lesson 11: Revise this Paragraph

Lesson 12: Writing a Paragraph Using Supporting Details

Lesson 13: Using Information to Create Well-Developed Paragraphs

Connections Across Learning-

Week 9

Introductions

Lesson 1: Leads and Topic Sentences

Lesson 2: Writing an Attention Grabbing Lead

Lesson 3: Effective Topic Sentences

Lesson 4: Writing Topic Sentences

Connections Across Learning-

Week 10

Introductions

Lesson 5: Writing the Introduction Paragraph

Lesson 6: Writing Response to Text Introduction Paragraphs

Connections Across Learning-

Week 11

Conclusions

Lesson 7: Revising Dull Conclusion Paragraphs

Lesson 8: Revise This Conclusion Paragraph

Lesson 9: Definitive Words and Phrases

Lesson 10: The Hypothetical Anecdote

Connections Across Learning-

Week 12

Conclusions

Lesson 11: Analyzing More Complex Conclusions

Lesson 12: Crafting Powerful Conclusion Paragraphs

Lesson 13: Broadening Your Topic

Lesson 14: Writing Response to Text Conclusion Paragraphs

Connections Across Learning-

Week 13

Process Writing

Day 1- Assign Prompt, Pick List Choose, Prewriting Plan

Day 2- Review Pillar, Introduction

Day 3- 1st Main Idea/Reason Paragraph

Day 4- 2nd Main Idea/Reason Paragraph

Flex

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Week 14

Process Writing

Day 5- Conclusion

Day 6- Reread, Revise, Edit

Flex

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Checkpoint- Informational/Opinion

Narrative (14 weeks)

Introduction: This Narrative Unit can be done consecutively across all 14 weeks or broken into smaller units. For example, teach the first several skills, do a process piece and then move into informational/opinion writing and come back to narrative to continue the skills.

Connections Across Learning - These are opportunities to add how you will apply the skill across your day. For instance, when teaching Elaborative Detail, apply the skill to a science topic - describe an invention, or a social studies topic - describe a historical artifact. Another suggestion is to use student independent reading books or your reading series to identify and analyze each skill in authentic text.

Before and After Revision Activities - These are designed for independent practice and application of skills that have been taught.

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Week 1
<p><u>Elaborative Detail</u></p> <p>Lesson 1: Story Critical Characters, Setting, Objects</p> <p>Lesson 2: Irrelevant Details</p> <p>Lesson 3: General or Specific?</p> <p>Lesson 4: Story Critical Elements in Literature</p> <p>Lesson 5: Creating Elaborative Segments</p> <p>Connections Across Learning-</p>
Week 2
<p><u>Elaborative Detail</u></p> <p>Lesson 5: Creating Elaborative Segments</p> <p>Lesson 6: Elaborative Detail - Reading with Author's Eyes</p> <p><i>Lesson 7: Flip the Sentence Subject</i></p> <p>Lesson 8: Feelings and Showing or Telling</p> <p><i>Before and After Revision Activities - Skill: Elaborative Detail</i></p> <p>Lesson 9: Literary Analysis Task - Elaborative Detail</p> <p><i>Lesson 10: Literary Analysis - Feelings - use at your discretion</i></p> <p><i>Lesson 11: Narrative Extension Task - Elaborative Detail - optional as needed</i></p> <p>Connections Across Learning-</p>

Week 3

Beginnings

Lesson 1: Starting Off on the Right Foot

Lesson 2: Analyze the Beginning

Lesson 3: Revising Story Beginnings

Connections Across Learning-

Week 4

Beginnings

Lesson 3: Revising Story Beginnings

Before and After Revision Activities - Skill: Beginnings

Lesson 4: Literary Analysis Task - Beginnings

Lesson 5: Narrative Extension Task - Beginnings - optional as needed

Connections Across Learning-

Week 5

Process Writing Timeline - *These skills have been directly taught. Hold students accountable for each.*

Day 1 - Introduce assignment, create summarizing framework

Day 2 - Review summarizing framework and share story summaries

Day 3 - Write entertaining beginning

Day 4 - Write elaborative detail

Flex

Use this time for additional revision including the lesson on "Flip the Sentence Subject" from Elaborative Detail if needed.

Week 6

Process Writing - *These skills have not been directly taught - allow students to practice them, however, they might not be fully formed yet. Assess for skills taught.*

Day 5 - Write suspense

Day 6 - Write main event

Day 7 - Continue main event

Day 8 - Write extended ending

Flex: Use this time for additional revision, peer conferencing, feedback, or a final product including any art component chosen.

Week 7

Suspense

Lesson 1: Find the Suspense

Lesson 2: Word Referents

Lesson 3: Red Flag Words and Phrases

Lesson 4: The Magic of Three

Lesson 5: Building Suspense

Connections Across Learning-

Week 8

Suspense

Lesson 5: Building Suspense

Before and After Revision Activities - Suspense

Lesson 6: Literary Analysis Task - Suspense

Lesson 7: Narrative Extension Task - Suspense - optional as needed

Connections Across Learning-

Week 9

Main Event

Lesson 1: Comparing Summaries and Fully Elaborated Main Events

Lesson 2: Main Event

Connections Across Learning-

Week 10

Main Event

Lesson 2: Main Event

Before and After Revision Activities - Skill: Main Event

Lesson 4: Literary Analysis Task - Main Event

Lesson 5: Narrative Extension Task - Main Event - optional as needed

Connections Across Learning-

Week 11

Endings

Lesson 1: Analyze the Ending

Lesson 2: Extending the Ending

Lesson 3: Writing Extended Endings

Connections Across Learning-

Week 12

Endings

Before and After Revision Activities - Skill: Endings

Lesson 4: Literary Analysis Task - Extended Endings

Lesson 5: Narrative Extension Task - Extended Endings - optional as needed

Connections Across Learning-

Week 13

Process Writing Timeline

Day 1 - Introduce the assignment, create summarizing framework

Day 2 - Review summarizing framework and share pre-writing plans

Day 3 - write the entertaining beginning

Day 4 - write the elaborative detail

Flex

Use this time for additional revision including the lesson on “Flip the Sentence Subject” from Elaborative Detail if needed.

Week 14

Process Writing Timeline

Day 5 - write suspense

Day 6 - write main event

Day 7 - continue main event

Day 8 - write extended ending

Flex

Use this time for additional revision, peer conferencing, feedback, or a final product including any art component chosen.

Checkpoint Assessment - Narrative