



STCA Year-at-a-Glance Curriculum

Subject: ELA

Grade-Level: 5th Grade

Focus: Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening, Language

Textbook Resource(s): Wit and Wisdom, Handwriting Without Tears

Other Resource(s): i-Ready, IXL, Achieve 3000, selected novel studies and mentor texts

Wit and Wisdom offers modules, or units of study. Each module integrates reading, writing, and language skills. Each module has an **essential question** that guides our study. Below, please find detailed information on each module's focus of study and end-of-unit product.

Trimester 1 (August-January)	Trimester 2 (February-June)
<p>Module 1: <i>Cultures in Conflict</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do cultural beliefs and values guide people?• Informative Writing on the essential question (above), informed by the following texts:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Thunder Rolling in the Mountains</i> by Scott O'Dell and Elizabeth Hall○ Excerpts from Chief Joseph's "Lincoln Hall Speech", Washington D.C., 1879• Language Skills<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Prepositional phrase and conjunctions○ Punctuate and capitalize titles○ Determine meaning of unknown words and phrases, including figurative language <p>Module 2: <i>Word Play</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How and why do writers play with words?• Narrative Writing: Students will write a narrative based on the main novel study of <i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i> by Norton Juster• Language Skills<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Expanding and rearranging sentences○ Rules for commas in dialogue	<p>Module 3: <i>A War Between Us</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How did the Civil War impact people?• Opinion Writing: Using the novel <i>The River Between Us</i> by Richard Peck, examine whether the Civil War had a mostly positive or mostly negative effect on the family in the text.• Language Skills:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Compare and contrast varieties of English○ Verb tenses○ Determine meaning of unknown words <p>If time allows, students will also delve into:</p> <p>Module 4: <i>Breaking Barriers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can sports influence individuals and societies?• Informational writing on the essential question, informed by individual research• Language Skills<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Conjunctions○ Items in a series○ Word meanings through relationships between words

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Determine meaning of unknown words and phrases, including idioms, puns, and adages | |
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