



STCA Year-at-a-Glance Curriculum

Subject: ELA

Grade-Level: 6th Grade

Focus: Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening, Language

Textbook Resource(s): Wit and Wisdom

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>Resilience in the Great Depression</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can enduring tremendous hardship contribute to personal transformation?• Informative Writing on the essential question (above), informed by the following texts:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> by Christopher Paul Curtis○ <i>Out of the Dust</i> by Karen Hesse• Language Skills<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Transitional words○ Varying sentence length and pattern○ Determine meaning of unknown words and phrases, including figurative language <p>Module 2: <i>A Hero's Journey</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the significance and power of the hero's journey?• Narrative Writing: Students create an original hero's journey using their knowledge of a monomyth, informed by the following texts:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>The Odyssey</i>○ <i>Ramayana: Divine Loophole</i>, Sanjay Patel• Language Skills<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Correcting vague pronoun-antecedent relationships	<p>Module 3: <i>Narrating the Unknown</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How did the social and environmental factors in the unknown world of Jamestown shape its development and decline?• Opinion Writing: Writing on the essential question (above), informed by the following texts:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Blood on the River: James Town 1607</i>, Elisa Carbone○ <i>Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland</i>, Sally Walker• Language Skills:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Varying sentence patterns○ Correct number, person, and case of pronouns○ Using reference materials to understand word meanings <p>If time allows, students will also delve into:</p> <p>Module 4: <i>Courage in Crisis</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can the challenges of a hostile environment inspire heroism?• Informational writing on the essential question, informed by individual research• Language Skills<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Establishing and maintaining consistent formal style and tone

- Intensive pronouns
- Punctuation
- Editing for spelling

- Note-taking and synthesizing information