Arts & letters | Language Arts

Curriculum Overview for New York City

Designed for How Students Learn. Built for How Teachers Teach.

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WHAT IS *ARTS & LETTERS: LANGUAGE ARTS*?

Arts & Letters® is a K–8 literacy solution designed to build the knowledge, vocabulary, and language skills every New York City student needs to become a confident, capable reader.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF TODAY'S EDUCATORS

COHERENCE

Coherent topics, texts, and instruction help students deepen understanding over time.

ENGAGEMENT

Rich texts, discussion, and writing invite students to think, question, and communicate ideas.

USABILITY

Clear instructional routines, teacher-friendly materials, and embedded supports help educators focus on teaching.

LEARNING WITH *ARTS & LETTERS: LANGUAGE ARTS*

Whole Books for Real Growth

Students engage with **complete works from a range of authors and across genres**, along with other text types and fine art pieces that support close reading, discussion, and writing.

Knowledge That Makes Skills Stick

Students build knowledge through **meaningful topics** in science, social studies, literature, and the arts—with vocabulary, language, and writing woven in, not bolted on.

Differentiation from the Start

Embedded scaffolds and language **supports help all students**, including multilingual learners, access and participate in grade-level work, with *Prologue for Language Development* offering an additional layer of support.

A CONSISTENT LESSON ROUTINE

Every **60-minute lesson*** follows Launch, Learn, and Land—a predictable sequence that builds knowledge, sharpens skills, and gives every student time to reflect and synthesize.

Launch
2–5 min
introduces the lesson focus through inquiry.

Learn
50–53 min
develops knowledge and skills coherently.

Land
5 min
encourages reflection and synthesis.

*Accelerated pacing guides support planning for 45-minute periods.

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EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR LANGUAGE ARTS INSTRUCTION

Arts & Letters®: Language Arts brings together **instructional materials, assessments, digital tools, and professional learning** to support literacy instruction grounded in rich texts, meaningful ideas, and student engagement.

CURRICULUM COMPONENTS

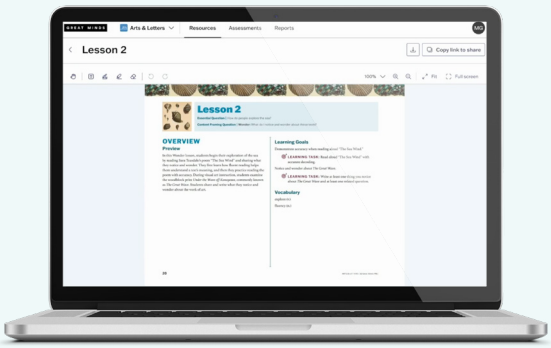
Language Arts

- ***Teach* books** (Teacher Editions) provide clear lesson guidance, embedded scaffolds, and responsive teaching supports.
- ***Learn* books** (Student Editions) capture student thinking through reading, writing, and reflection.
- ***Prologue for Language Development*** provides additional scaffolds that support participation in grade-level content.
- **Whole books** engage students with rich texts that build knowledge, vocabulary, and comprehension.
- **Knowledge Cards** reinforce academic vocabulary through a student-friendly definition, sample sentence, and image.



Additional Supports

- **Digital resources,** including instructional slides, fine art, and assessments, support lesson delivery and inform instruction.
- **Curriculum-aligned professional development and coaching** supports educators at every stage of implementation.



Explore how *Arts & Letters: Language Arts* builds knowledge through full books, rich topics, and integrated literacy instruction.

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