WIT & WISDOM™

Curriculum Overview

What is *Wit & Wisdom*?

Wit & Wisdom™ is a comprehensive K–8 English language arts curriculum that builds knowledge, develops literacy skills, and fosters a love of reading and writing.

Developed by our expert team of teacher–writers, the curriculum features **knowledge-building lessons** and carefully curated selections of art and **books that inspire** in students a passion for reading and writing.

BUILDING SKILLS WHILE FOSTERING KNOWLEDGE

WHOLE BOOKS

Wit & Wisdom students engage with complex, grade-level books spanning classics to newer literature, mastering essential ELA skills along the way.

INTEGRATED, NOT ISOLATED

Students read texts, write, and speak and listen as they gain content knowledge in science, social studies, fine art, and more.

SUPPORT FOR ALL STUDENTS

All students are supported as they build knowledge across topics and texts.

LEARNING WITH *WIT & WISDOM*

Inquiry Based

Students learn to read complex texts by using a sequence of five Content Stages—**Wonder, Organize, Reveal, Distill, and Know**—that provide a flexible yet predictable process for accessing, understanding, and analyzing complex texts.

Skills Development

The curriculum's four Craft Stages—**Examine, Experiment, Execute, and Excel**—help frame writing and speaking and listening instruction and practice.

> *"Students are learning for themselves, discovering, and growing. They are digging in, talking, and writing so much more. We never had so much excitement about literacy instruction."*
>
> —SARAH S., ROGERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AK

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Modules and Pacing

Each grade level is organized into four knowledge-building modules that allow students to explore complex topics over time.

- Four modules per year
- 30–38 lessons per module
- 90-minute lessons

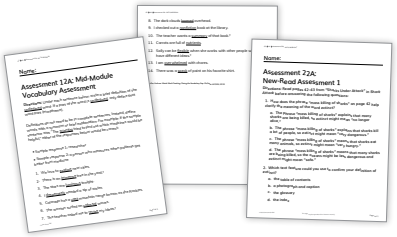
Curriculum Components

Every element of *Wit & Wisdom* serves a specific purpose in helping teachers facilitate student-driven learning in and out of the classroom.

Teacher Edition — clear, step-by-step guidance for daily instruction

Student Edition — purposeful learning supports for knowledge-building content

Core Texts — authentic texts that anchor inquiry and discussion



Assessment Pack — suite of assessments that measure growth and mastery building content

Multilingual Learner Resources for Grades K–5 and *Wit & Wisdom Prologue*™ for Grades 6–8 — proactive scaffolds that build language and confidence

Digital Platform — resources and assessments that enhance teaching and learning mastery building content

Professional Learning — practical and ongoing training and coaching offerings that strengthen instructional practice

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