

6th Language Arts

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Foreword

The purpose of this guide is to:

- Provide guidance for scoring student evidence.
- Identify pacing for evidence collection.

How to use this document:

This curriculum guide is not...

- Used for designing instruction (you'll use your curricular materials for that working through each lesson as designed).
- Meant to restrict your creativity as a teacher.
- A ceiling of what your students can learn, nor a set of unattainable goals.

Instead, the curriculum guide *is* meant to be a common vision for student learning and a set of targets and success criteria directed related to grade level standards by which to measure and report student progress and provide meaningful feedback.

The curriculum guide outlines the learning that is **most essential** for student success; it is our district's guaranteed and viable curriculum. The expectation is that every student in our district, regardless of school or classroom, will have access to and learn these targets. As the classroom teacher, you should use the materials within our adopted curriculum to help you to scaffold up to the learning targets and extend your students' learning beyond them.

Please consider this guide a living and dynamic document, subject to change and a part of a continuous feedback loop.

Curriculum Access: EL Education – Grade 6

Semester I	Module I: Greek Mythology The Lightning Thief		Module 3: American Indian Boarding Schools Two Roads		ding Schools	
	Unit I	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit I	Unit 2	
Topic Name	Topic I: Greek Mythology	Topic 2: Text to Film Comparison	Topic 3: Construct New Characters	Topic 4: Analyze Point of View	Topic 5: Theme and Motivation	
Reporting frequency of topic scores	4 weeks (16 lessons) 22 days	4 weeks (14 lessons) 18 days	3 weeks (12 lessons) 14 days	4 weeks (15 lessons) 19 days	3 weeks (13 lessons) 16 days	
Approximate beginning and end dates for the topics	8/24-9/23	9/26-10/14	10/17-11/4	11/9-12/8	12/12-1/13	
Focus Standards	RL.6.4 RL.6.6 L.6.4 L.6.5	RI/RL.6.2 RL.6.7 RL.6.9	W.6.3 SL.6.5	RI.6.6 RL.6.3 L.6.3 RL.6.5	RL.6.3 RL.6.2 L.6.1 L.6.2	

Semester 2	Module 3: American Indian Boarding Schools Two Roads		Module 4: Remarkable Accomplishments in Space Science Hidden Figures		
		Unit 3	Unit I	Unit 2	Unit 3
Topic Name		Topic 6: Argument and Evidence	Topic 7: The Space Race	Topic 8: Hidden Figures	Topic 9: Space Science
Reporting frequency of topic scores		3 weeks (13 lessons) 17 days	3.5 weeks (8 lessons) 18 days	4.5 weeks (16 lessons) 23 days	5 weeks (17 lessons) 26 days
Approximate beginning and end dates for the topics		1/19-2/10	2/15-3/10	3/22-4/20	4/25-5/31
Focus Standards		W.6.1 W.6.5 SL.6.2 SL.6.6	RI.6.4 RI.6.6 RI.6.2 RI.6.8	RI.6.4 L.6.4 RI.6.8	W.6.1 SL.6.1 SL.6.3 SL.6.4

Standards-Referenced Grading Basics

Our purpose in collecting a body of evidence is to:

- Allow teachers to determine a defensible and credible topic score based on a representation of student learning over time.
- Clearly communicate where a student's learning is based on a topic scale to inform instructional decisions and push student growth.
- Show student learning of Level 3 targets through multiple and varying points of data
- Provide opportunities for feedback between student and teacher.

Scoring

Updated SRG grading guidance COMING SOON

A collaborative scoring process is encouraged to align expectations of the scale to artifacts collected. Routine use of a collaborative planning and scoring protocol results in calibration and a collective understanding of evidence of mastery. Enough evidence should be collected to accurately represent a progression of student learning as measured by the topic scale. Teachers look at all available evidence to determine a topic score. All topic scores should be defensible and credible through a body of evidence.

***Only scores of 4, 3.5, 3, 2.5, 2, 1.5, 1, and 0 can be entered as Topic Scores.

Multiple Opportunities

Philosophically, there are two forms of multiple opportunities, both of which require backwards design and intentional planning. One form is opportunities planned by the teacher throughout the unit of study and/or throughout the semester. The other form is reassessment of learning which happens after completing assessment of learning at the end of a unit or chunk of learning.

Students will be allowed multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency. Teachers need reliable pieces of evidence to be confident students have a good grasp of the learning topics before deciding a final topic score. To make standards-referenced grading work, the idea of "multiple opportunities" is emphasized. If after these opportunities students still have not mastered Level 3, they may then be afforded the chance to reassess.

Guiding Practices of Standards-Referenced Grading

- 1. A consistent 4-point grading scale will be used.
- **2.** Student achievement and behavior will be reported separately.
- **3.** Scores will be based on a body of evidence.
- **4.** Achievement will be organized by learning topic and converted to a grade at semester's end.
- **5.** Students will have multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency.
- **6.** Accommodations and modifications will be provided for exceptional learners.

Anatomy of a Scale-

Topic Narrative:

Provide an overview and context of the unit, big understandings, and student experience—including by not limited to vocabulary, inquiry-based questions/concepts, pacing and number of lessons

Topic Title:

Named topic in infinite campus, with approximate number of paced weeks

Achieving Grade Level (AT):

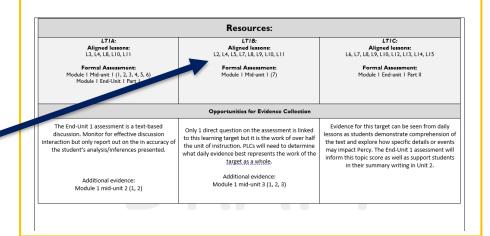
Level 3 targets are listed within the topic scale and are the grade level expectation for students in all classes.

Success Criteria (listed below the target) should be clarified/revised by the building level PLC as they collaborate to unpack the Level 3 targets.

Item Bank:

Linked resources for each learning target.
Guiding/Inquiry questions, ideas, and/or
concepts are below the base line
examples to ensure district wide
coherence.

Module 1, Unit 1: Build Background Knowledge: Greek Mythology Topic Narrative: Achieving Grade Level (AT) Topic sses. Success Criteria are provided below each target. The Level 3 Targets are the grade level expectation for stud When collecting evidence related to these targets, it will be recorded in this topic in Infinite Campus. LTIA- Analyze how an author introdu develops the point of view of complex characters in a narrative Learning that shows evidence o ressing towards grade-level learning target: ☐ Identify the central ide mational text ☐ Identify specific de at help convey the central idea ☐ Describe how icture contributes to the development of a central idea on/ interpretation with text evidence ow an author uses figurative language to convey meaning hat shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target: Greek Determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases Understand word relationships and how they convey meaning ☐ Determine the figurative and connotative meaning of words LTIC- Analyze how a character changes in response to events Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target: □ Demonstrate an understanding of excerpts of text ☐ Identify key details and events ☐ Describe how a character responds to specific events ☐ Infer how specific events impact a character's development



Module I, Unit I: Build Background Knowledge: Greek Mythology

Topic Narrative: https://curriculum.eleducation.org/curriculum/ela/2019/grade-6/module-1/unit-1

Topic	Achieving Grade Level (AT)			
When collecting evidence related to these targets, it will be recorded in this topic in Infinite Campus.	The Level 3 Targets are the grade level expectation for students in all classes. Success Criteria are provided below each target.			
	LTIA- Analyze how an author introduces and develops the point of view of complex characters in a narrative			
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target:			
	☐ Identify character's motivations			
	☐ Identify the relationships of a complex character to others			
	☐ Identify text-evidence to support analysis			
	LTIB- Analyze how an author uses figurative language to convey meaning			
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target:			
Greek	☐ Determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases			
Mythology	☐ Understand word relationships and how they convey meaning			
, 0,	☐ Determine the figurative and connotative meaning of words			
	LTIC- Analyze how a character changes in response to events			
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target:			
	Demonstrate an understanding of excerpts of text			
	☐ Identify key details and events			
	□ Describe how a character responds to specific events			
	☐ Infer how specific events impact a character's development			

Resources:

LTIA: Aligned lessons: L3, L4, L8, L10, L11

Formal Assessment: Module | Mid-unit | (7) Module | End-Unit | Part |

LTIB: Aligned lessons: L2, L4, L5, L7, L8, L9, L10, L11

Formal Assessment: Module I Mid-unit I (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

LTIC: Aligned lessons: L6, L7, L8, L9, L10, L12, L13, L14, L15

Formal Assessment: Module | End-unit | Part ||

Opportunities for Evidence Collection

The End-Unit 1 assessment is a text-based discussion. Monitor for effective discussion interaction but only report out on the in accuracy of the student's analysis/inferences presented.

Additional evidence: Module 1 mid-unit 2 (1, 2) Only 1 direct question on the assessment is linked to this learning target but it is the work of over half the unit of instruction. PLCs will need to determine what daily evidence best represents the work of the target as a whole.

Additional evidence: Module 1 mid-unit 3 (1, 2, 3) Evidence for this target can be seen from daily lessons as students demonstrate comprehension of the text and explore how specific details or events may impact Percy. The End-Unit 1 assessment will inform this topic score as well as support students in their summary writing in Unit 2.

Module I, Unit 2: Write to Inform: Compare and Contrast Text and Film

Topic Narrative: https://curriculum.eleducation.org/curriculum/ela/2019/grade-6/module-1/unit-2

Topic	Achieving Grade Level (AT)
When collecting evidence related to these targets, it will be recorded in this topic in Infinite Campus.	The Level 3 Targets are the grade level expectation for students in all classes. Success Criteria are provided below each target.
	LT2A- Analyze how an author develops a theme or central idea over the course of a narrative
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target:
	☐ Identify a theme/central idea in a complex text
	☐ Identify key details or events the author uses to emphasize that theme/central idea
	☐ Identify text- evidence that supports analysis
Text to Film	LT2B- Compare and contrast how different authors present similar themes in complex texts of different genres
Comparison	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target:
Companison	Examine similarities and differences in how themes are introduced, what types of details are emphasized, and its impact on the audience
	LT2C- Construct an objective summary of complex texts
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target:
	☐ Identify and describe key events in a complex text
	☐ Avoid opinion, bias or judgement in writing

	Resources:	
LT2A: Aligned lessons: L1, L2, L3 Formal Assessment: Module I mid-unit 2 (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)	LT2B: Aligned lessons: L4, L5, L6, L7, L8, L9, L10, L11, L12 Formal Assessment: Module I mid-unit 2 (8) Module I end-unit 2	LT2C: Aligned lessons: L1, L2, L3 Formal Assessment: Module 1 mid-unit 2 (5)
Additional opportunities appear in unit 3 (L2, L4 Additional Evidence: Module 1 mid-unit 3 (4)	Opportunities for Evidence Collection The essay students write for the end-unit 2 assessment is obviously the best representation of their understanding for this target. Additional evidence can be gathered from daily lessons and classroom discussions.	Students begin demonstrating this skill in Unit 1. Additional opportunities appear in unit 3 (L2, L4) Additional Evidence: Module 1 mid-unit 3 (5)

Module I, Unit 3: Research to Create a New Character and Write a Narrative

Topic Narrative: https://curriculum.eleducation.org/curriculum/ela/2019/grade-6/module-1/unit-3

Topic	Achieving Grade Level (AT)			
When collecting evidence related to these targets, it will be recorded in this topics in Infinite Campus.	The Level 3 Targets are the grade level expectation for students in all classes. Success Criteria are provided below each target.			
	LT3A- Compose a narrative scene that extends a complex story through the point of view of a new character.			
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target:			
	☐ Introduce new characters and setting			
	☐ Develop events in a logical sequence			
	☐ Pace the narrative with dialogue, description, and transitions to create suspense			
	☐ Use precise words and sensory language to convey events			
Construct New	☐ Follow standard conventions of written English			
Characters				
	LT3B- Present a personal reflection of their learning process.			
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target:			
	☐ Create a presentation that incudes multimedia elements			
	☐ Speak with clarity as appropriate to the audience and modality			
	 Use appropriate verbal and physical techniques (eye contact, volume, pace, body language) 			

Resources:		
LT3A: Aligned lessons: L3, L5, L6, L7, L8, L9, L10	LT3B: Aligned lessons: L1, L11, L12	
Formal Assessment: Module I end-unit 3	Formal Assessment: Performance Task	
Орр	portunities for Evidence Collection	
	This learning target focuses students on the preparation and presentation of the performance task. Support using the performance task checklist and preparing students for the opportunity to reflect and share what they have learned throughout the course of the module.	

Module 3, Unit 1: Build Background Knowledge: Analyze POV Toward American Indian Boarding Schools

Topic Narrative: https://curriculum.eleducation.org/curriculum/ela/2019/grade-6/module-3/unit-1

Topic	Achieving Grade Level (AT)			
When collecting evidence related to these targets, it will be recorded in this topic in Infinite Campus.	The Level 3 Targets are the grade level expectation for students in all classes. Success Criteria are provided below each target.			
	LT4A- Analyze point of view and how it is conveyed in a complex text			
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target: ☐ Identify the point of view of specific individuals in a text ☐ Identify details or events that impact a person's perspective ☐ Integrate multiple sources to construct a broader understanding of perspective ☐ Support explanation/ interpretation with text evidence			
Analyze Point of	LT4B- Analyze the impact of the author's use of language on character development.			
View	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target: ☐ Identify examples of figurative and connotative language used to describe or develop characters ☐ Analyze how the language a character uses contributes to their development			
	LT4C- Analyze how particular sections of text impact the development of plot, character, and setting.			
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target: ☐ Identify the function of specific pivotal sections of text (e.g., sentences, paragraphs, chapters) ☐ Describe how a section of text impacts other components			

LT4A:	LT4B:	LT4C:
Aligned lessons:	Aligned lessons:	Aligned lessons:
L3, L4, L5, L7, L8, L10, L11, L14, L15	L4, L7, L11, L13, L15	L2, L9, L10, L12, L13, L14, L15
Formal Assessment:	Formal Assessment:	Formal Assessment:
Module 3 mid-unit I (1, 2, 3)	Module 3 mid-unit 1 (3, 4, 5)	Module 3 end-unit I (5)
Module 3 end-unit I (3, 6)	Module 3 end-unit I (4)	
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		Additional opportunities to gather evidence app
		in Module 3, Unit 2, Lesson 3, 4, 7, 10

Module 3, Unit 2: Confront Challenges: Characters' Responses and Emerging Themes

Topic Narrative: https://curriculum.eleducation.org/curriculum/ela/2019/grade-6/module-3/unit-2

Topic	Achieving Grade Level (AT)			
When collecting evidence related to these targets, it will be recorded in this topic in Infinite Campus.	The Level 3 Targets are the grade level expectation for students in all classes. Success Criteria are provided below each target.			
	LT5A- Analyze how an author develops complex characters through choice and motivation			
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target: ☐ Identify factors that influence an individual's choices ☐ Describe how conflicting motivations impact an individual's choices ☐ Analyze how a character's point of view changes based on internal and/or external factors ☐ Support explanation/ interpretation with text evidence			
	LT5B- Analyze how an author develops a theme over the course of a narrative			
Theme and Motivation	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target: ☐ Identify a theme in the text ☐ Identify how the structure of specific segments of text enhance or help develop the theme ☐ Support explanation/ interpretation with text evidence			
	LT5C- Integrate specific use of commas, sentence patterns, and pronoun use to enhance meaning and style in writing.			
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target: ☐ Understand effective use of intensive or ambiguous pronouns ☐ Understand how commas set off a parenthetical element ☐ Use a variety of skills seen in exemplar texts in personal writing			

	Resources:	
LT5A: Aligned lessons: L1, L2, L7, L9, L10, L11, L12 Formal Assessment: Module 3 mid-unit 2 (1, 2)	LT5B: Aligned lessons: L1, L2, L3, L5, L6, L7 Formal Assessment: Module 3 mid-unit 2 (3)	LT5C: Aligned lessons: L4, L6, L8, L9, L11, L12, L13 Formal Assessment: Module 3 end-unit 2
	Opportunities for Evidence Collection	
Lesson 3, 4, 7, 10 can support LT4C as additional evidence but also inform Cal's choices and motivations in service of LT5A.		

Module 3, Unit 3: Literary Argument Writing: Gather Evidence and Reflect on Multiple Perspectives

Topic Narrative: https://curriculum.eleducation.org/curriculum/ela/2019/grade-6/module-3/unit-3

Topic	Achieving Grade Level (AT)
When collecting evidence related to these targets, it will be recorded in this topics in Infinite Campus.	The Level 3 Targets are the grade level expectation for students in all classes. Success Criteria are provided below each target.
	LT6A- Compose formal literary argument writing that presents a stance on the choices of the main character.
Argument and Evidence	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target: Introduces a clear claim
	LT6B- Revise and refine a recorded audio presentation to improve authenticity, complexity, and/or craftsmanship
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target: ☐ Create an audio recording that highlights the experiences and amplifies voices of American Indian boarding school students. ☐ Speak with clarity as appropriate to the audience and modality ☐ Use appropriate verbal (volume, pacing, intonation) ☐ Engage in self and peer critique

Resources:		
LT6A: Aligned lessons: L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, L6, L7, L8-9, Formal Assessment: Module 3 mid-unit 3	LT6B: Aligned lessons: L10, L11, L12, L13 Formal Assessment: Module 3 end-unit 3 Module 3 Performance Task	
Opportunities for Evidence Collection		

Module 4, Unit 1: Remarkable Accomplishments of the Space Race

Topic Narrative: https://curriculum.eleducation.org/curriculum/ela/2019/grade-6/module-4/unit-17

Topic	Achieving Grade Level (AT)	
When collecting evidence related to these targets, it will be recorded in this topic in Infinite Campus.	The Level 3 Targets are the grade level expectation for students in all classes. Success Criteria are provided below each target.	
	LT7A- Analyze an author's purpose and point of view in a text	
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target: ☐ Identify the point of view of specific individuals in a text ☐ Identify details or events that impact a person's perspective ☐ Describe the author's purpose ☐ Identify words or phrases that help convey point of view ☐ Support explanation/ interpretation with text evidence	
The Space Race	LT7B- Trace and evaluate arguments presented in a text.	
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target: Determine an author's claim Identify specific evidence and reasoning an author uses to support a claim Evaluate the extent to which claims are supported by reasons and evidence	

Resources:		
LT7A: Aligned lessons: L2, L3, L4, L5, L7, L8	LT7B: Aligned lessons: L3, L7, L8	
Formal Assessment: Module 4 mid-unit I (1, 2) Module 4 end-unit I (4a & 4b)	Formal Assessment: Module 4 end-unit I (I, 2, 3)	
Opportunities for Evidence Collection		

Module 4, Unit 2: Remarkable Accomplishments Topic Narrative: https://curriculum.eleducation.org/curriculum/ela/2019/grade-6/module-4/unit-2

Topic	Achieving Grade Level (AT)
When collecting evidence related to these targets, it will be recorded in this topics in Infinite Campus.	The Level 3 Targets are the grade level expectation for students in all classes. Success Criteria are provided below each target.
LT8A- Compare authors' presentations of events or people in terms of content, author methods, and point of view	
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target:
	☐ Identify an author's point of view towards an event or person
	☐ Analyze how that point of view is conveyed
	☐ Identify similarities and differences in how different authors approach a subject
Hidden Figures	LT8B- Analyze and evaluate the argument an author presents in a text
i iludeli i igures	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target:
	☐ Identify the main claim of an argumentative text
	☐ Identify evidence and reasoning used to support the main claim
	☐ Determine if the evidence and reasoning presented is relevant and sufficient

Resources:		
LT8A: Aligned lessons: L1, L4, L6, L7, L10, L15, L16	LT8B: Aligned lessons: L3, L5, L6, L7, L9, L10, L11, L12, L13	
Formal Assessment: Module 4 mid-unit 2 (3) Module 4 end-unit 2 Part I & Part II	Formal Assessment: Module 4 mid-unit 2 (1, 2)	
Opportunities for Evidence Collection		
	Students are both analyzing other's arguments and preparing to write their own in Unit 3.	

Module 4, Unit 3: Remarkable Accomplishments in Space Science Topic Narrative: https://curriculum.eleducation.org/curriculum/ela/2019/grade-6/module-4/unit-3

Topic	Achieving Grade Level (AT)	
When collecting evidence related to these targets, it will be recorded in this topics in Infinite Campus.	The Level 3 Targets are the grade level expectation for students in all classes. Success Criteria are provided below each target.	
	LT9A- Compose formal argument writing that presents a stance on the merit of an individual's accomplishments.	
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target:	
	☐ Introduces and clearly states a claim	
	Supports the claim with clear points/reasons and evidence	
	Uses words and phrases to show the relationships among your claim and points/reasons	
	☐ Includes a conclusion that follows from the argument presented	
	☐ Follows the rules of writing (spelling, punctuation, and grammar).	
Space Science	LT9B- Present a personal reflection of their learning process	
	Learning that shows evidence of progressing towards grade-level learning target:	
	☐ Present picture book pages and highlight the figure's accomplishments	
	☐ Delineate argument, claims, reasoning, and evidence	
	☐ Speak with clarity as appropriate to the audience and modality	
	☐ Engage as an active listener of others	
	☐ Demonstrate authenticity and craftsmanship in the final product	
	☐ Demonstrate deep knowledge of their researched problem	

Resources:		
LT9A: Aligned lessons: LI-10	LT9B: Aligned lessons: L11-17	
Formal Assessment: Module 4 mid-unit 3	Formal Assessment: Module 4 end-unit 3 Performance Task	
Opportunities for Evidence Collection		