Journey Through the B.E.S.T. Standards for English Language Arts

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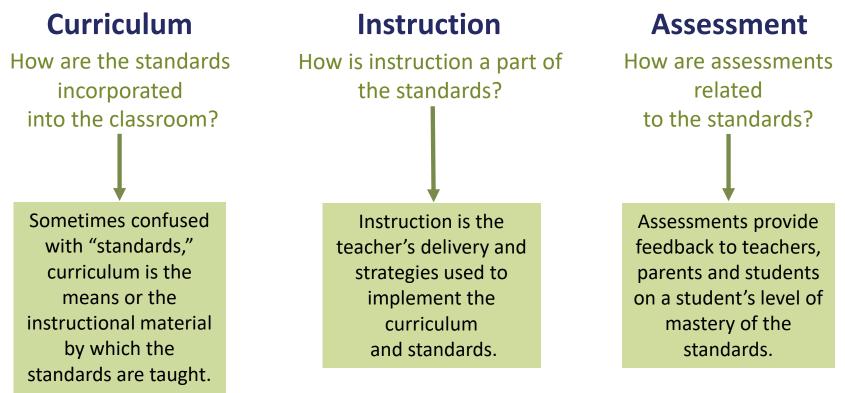


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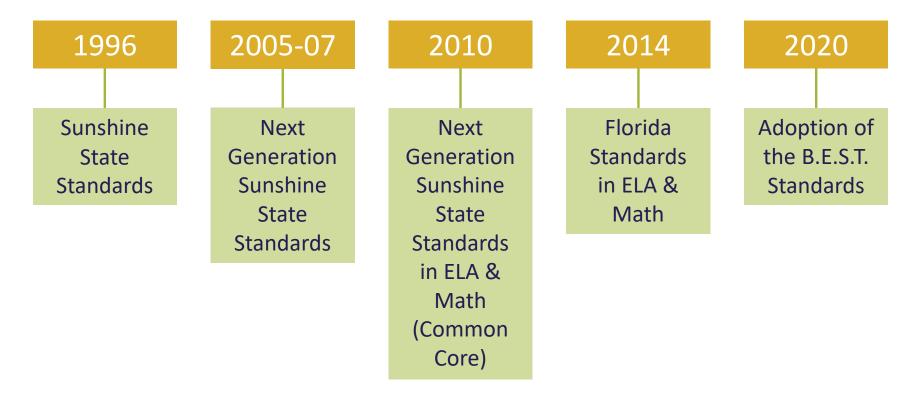
What are the Standards?

The standards are student-centered expectations from which all curriculum, instruction and assessments are based. The standards are what the state has revised.





History of Statewide Student Standards in Florida





The B.E.S.T. Standards were created by Florida educators for Florida students.

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- ELA Expectations
- Benchmark Clarifications
- Stackable Benchmarks
- Literary Time Periods
- ELA & Civics Booklists
- Rhetoric (starting in 6th)
- Secondary Foundations
- Reasoning
- Reading and Writing Connection
- Comprehensive Glossary

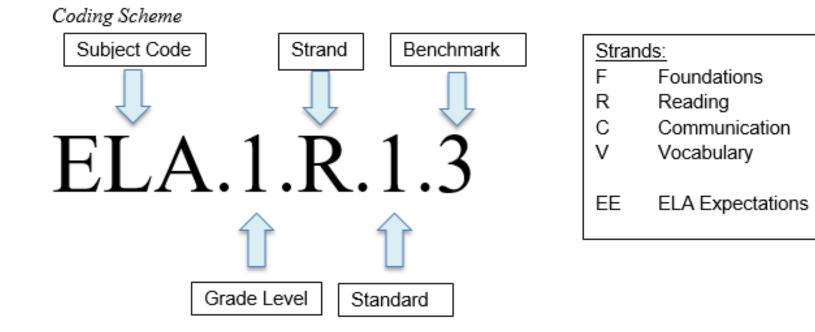


Coding Scheme



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Standards Map



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Standards Map

Strand	Standard	Benchmark	Code
Foundations (F)	Learning and Applying	Print Concepts	F.1.1
	Foundational Reading Skills	Phonological Awareness	F.1.2
		Phonics and Word Analysis	F.1.3
		Fluency	F.1.4
	Applying Foundational Reading Skills for Secondary Students Needing Reading Interventions	Phonological Awareness	F.2.1
		Phonics	F.2.2
		Encoding	F.2.3
		Fluency	F.2.4
Reading (R)	Reading Prose and Poetry	Literary Elements	R.1.1
		Theme	R.1.2
		Perspective and Point of View	R.1.3
		Poetry	R.1.4
	Reading Informational Text	Structure	R.2.1
		Central Idea	R.2.2
		Purpose and Perspective	R.2.3
		Argument	R.2.4
	Reading Across Genres	Interpreting Figurative Language	R.3.1
		Paraphrasing and Summarizing	R.3.2
		Comparative Reading	R.3.3
		Understanding Rhetoric	R.3.4
Communication (C)	Communicating Through Writing	Handwriting	C.1.1
		Narrative Writing	C.1.2
		Argumentative Writing	C.1.3
		Expository Writing	C.1.4
		Improving Writing	C.1.5
	Communicating Orally	Oral Presentation	C.2.1
	Following Conventions	Conventions	C.3.1
	Researching	Researching and Using Information	C.4.1
	Creating and Collaborating	Multimedia	C.5.1
		Technology in Communication	C.5.2
Vocabulary (V)	Finding Meaning	Academic Vocabulary	V.1.1
		Morphology	V.1.2
		Context and Connotation	V.1.3



Design of the B.E.S.T. ELA Standards





Underlying Premises of Florida's B.E.S.T. ELA Standards

- English Language Arts is not a discrete set of skills, but a rich discipline with meaningful, significant content, the knowledge of which helps all students actively and fully participate in our society.
- Back-to-basics building foundational reading skills
- The standards are clear and concise so they are easily understood by every stakeholder.
- The texts students read are meaningful and thought-provoking, preparing them to be informed, civic-minded members of their community.
- Standards should not stand alone as a separate focus for instruction, but should be combined purposefully.



Clarifications

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Design of Standards

The standards are designed to be user-friendly, so every stakeholder will understand what students are expected to master. Taken together, the **benchmarks**, **clarifications**, **and appendices** represent the expected outcomes for the students of Florida and carry the full weight of the standards.





Using Clarifications

ELA.2.C.5 Creating and Collaborating

Multimedia

ELA.2.C.5.1: Use one or more multimedia element(s) to enhance oral or written tasks.

Benchmark Clarifications:

Clarification 1: Multimedia elements may include, but are not limited to, drawings, pictures, artifacts, and audio or digital representation. At this grade level, the element(s) should relate directly to the task. There is no expectation that the element(s) be integrated into the task. The student can but is not required to use more than one multimedia element.



Benchmarks and Clarifications

ELA.7.R.1.2: Compare two or more themes and their development throughout a literary text.

Benchmark Clarifications:

Clarification 1: For the purposes of this benchmark, theme is not a one- or two-word topic, but a complete thought that communicates the author's message.

Clarification 2: Students should continue to work with the concept of universal themes, although mastery isn't expected until 9th grade. A universal theme is an idea that applies to anyone, anywhere, regardless of cultural differences. Examples include but are not limited to an individual's or a community's confrontation with nature; an individual's struggle toward understanding, awareness, and/or spiritual enlightenment; the tension between the ideal and the real; the conflict between human beings and advancements in technology/science; the impact of the past on the present; the inevitability of fate; the struggle for equality; and the loss of innocence.











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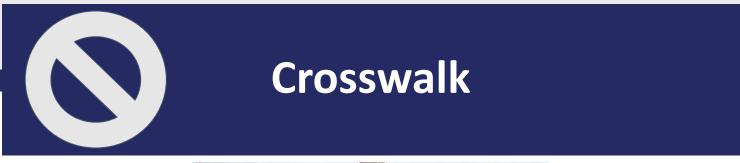




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ELA Expectations



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ELA Expectation			
ELA.K12.EE.I.1	Cite evidence to explain and justify reasoning.		
ELA.KIZ.EE.Z.I	proficiently.		
ELA.K12.EE.3.1	Make inferences to support comprehension.		
	Use appropriate collaborative techniques and active listening skills when engaging in discussions in a variety of situations.		
ELA.K12.EE.5.1	Use the accepted rules governing a specific format to create quality work.		
ELA.K12.EE.6.1	A.K12.EE.6.1 Use appropriate voice and tone when speaking or writing.		



Foundations







"Benchmarks for the standards are mastery goals that students are expected to attain by the end of the year. To build mastery, students will continue to review and apply earlier grade-level benchmarks and expectations. If skills are not mastered, students will be given instruction and practice opportunities to address skill gaps from previous grades."

B.E.S.T. Standards



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COMPONENTS	TYPES OF ASSESSMENTS	CORE	INTERVENTION	INTENSIVE INTERVENTION
Oral Language Development	Screening	Explicit and Systematic	Explicit and Systematic	Explicit and Systematic
Phonological Awareness	Progress Monitoring	Scaffolded	Small Group targeted instruction	Small Group and/or one-one instruction
Phonics	Diagnostic	Differentiated	Multiple opportunities to practice targeted skill(s)/feedback	More guided practice
Fluency	Summative	Content-Rich	Occurs in addition to Tier 1	Immediate corrective feedback
Vocabulary		Write in response to reading		Frequent progress monitoring
Comprehension				Occurs in addition to Tier 1 and Tier 2



Tier 1 is Key!





"A rising tide lifts all boats."





Elementary Foundational Standards

- Print Concepts
- Phonological Awareness
- Phonics and Word Analysis
- Fluency

Science of Reading



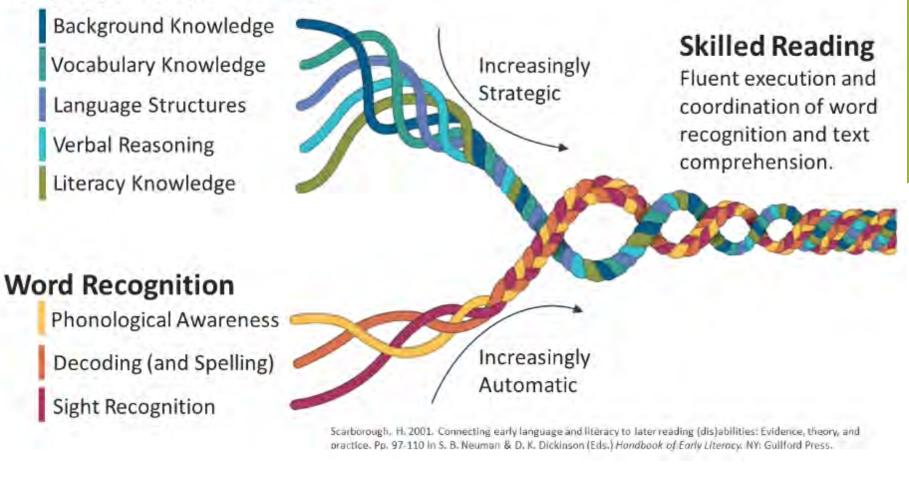


Secondary Foundational Standards

- Phonological Awareness
- Phonics and Word Analysis
- Encoding
- Fluency

*Secondary foundational standards will only appear in elective remedial reading course descriptions. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION fildoe.org

Language Comprehension



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Foundational Instruction Matters

In the early grades, the standards emphasize explicit, systematic phonics instruction as the foundation of literacy. Decoding and fluency are essential to creating proficient readers. "Readers who have strong decoding skills can figure out unfamiliar words so quickly that the process requires no conscious effort," says Dr. Holly Lane, Director, University of Florida Literacy Institute. When decoding is effortless, a reader's limited working memory is freed up so the reader can focus on meaning.

-Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards: English Language Arts (page 6)



Spiraled Standards in a Vertical Progression



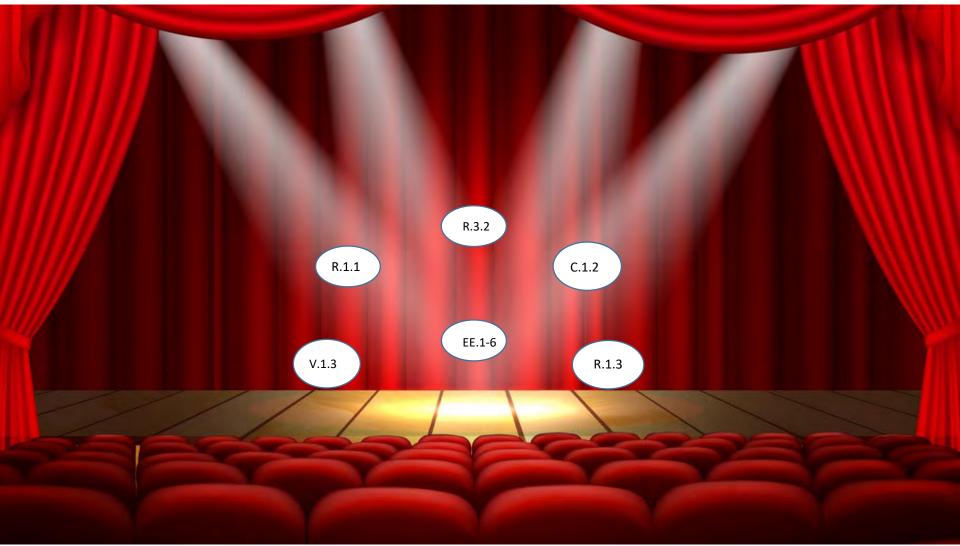
Spiraled Standards in a Vertical Progression

R.2.2 Central Idea		
ELA.12.R.2.2	Evaluate how an author develops the central idea(s), identifying how the author could make the support more effective .	
ELA.11.R.2.2	Analyze the central idea(s) of speeches and essays from the Classical Period.	
ELA.10.R.2.2	Analyze the central idea(s) of historical American speeches and essays.	
ELA.9.R.2.2	Evaluate the support an author uses to develop the central idea(s) throughout a text.	
ELA.8.R.2.2	Analyze two or more central ideas and their development throughout a text.	
ELA.7.R.2.2	Compare two or more central ideas and their development throughout a text.	
ELA.6.R.2.2	Analyze the central idea(s), implied or explicit, and its development throughout a text.	
ELA.5.R.2.2	Explain how relevant details support the central idea(s) , implied or explicit.	
ELA.4.R.2.2	Explain how relevant details support the central idea, implied or explicit.	
ELA.3.R.2.2	Identify the central idea and explain how relevant details support that idea in a text.	
ELA.2.R.2.2	Identify the central idea and relevant details in a text.	
ELA.1.R.2.2	Identify the topic of and relevant details in a text.	
ELA.K.R.2.2	Identify the topic of and multiple details in a text.	



Stacking Benchmarks







Spotlight Benchmark:		
ELA.1.R.3.2 Retell a text in oral or written form to e		
a. Use main story elements at the beginning, midd	le, and end for a literary text.	
Purpose of Stack:		
The purpose of this stack is for students to retell a	story in written form focused on the	
setting, characters, sequence of events, and moral	of the story, The Tale of Peter Rabbit.	
Benchmarks:	Outcomes:	
ELA.1.R.3.2 Retell a text in oral or written form to enhance comprehension. a. Use main story elements at the beginning, middle, and end for a literary text.	Students will be guided to read each text considering each text's plot structure and main story elements (setting, characters, and sequence of events of a story), characters' perspectives and theme.	
 ELA.1.R.1.1 Identify and describe the main story elements in a story. ELA.1.R.1.2: Identify and explain the moral of a story. ELA.K12.EE.3.1 Make inferences to support comprehension. ELA.K12.EE.4.1 Use appropriate collaborative techniques and active listening skills when engaging in discussions in a variety of situations. 	THE TALE OF PETER RABBIT	
Possible Text(s)		
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter		

Possible Duration:

1-2 days



Text Selection

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What is a text?

"For the purposes of text within the standards, the full breadth of the term *text* is intended. The standards are meant to prepare students to interpret a variety of texts in a variety of formats. In planning instruction, make sure that students are exposed to a diverse selection of quality texts."

ELA B.E.S.T. Standards





Why are literary periods important?

Restore Context:

Knowing the timeframe of when the text was written gives us insight on why an author included certain content, his/her perspective, and social issues during that time.

We encounter works from the time frame we are reading in rather than the time frame the work was written.



Grades 9-12

Literary PeriodsClassical (1200 BCE-455 CE)Medieval (455 CE-1485 CE)Renaissance (1300-1660)FeaturesAuthorsFeaturesAuthors• Focus on balance and form• Plato • Socrates • Aristotle • Aesop trationality/ chaos• Starts with a • Socrates • Aesop • Euripides • Sophocles• Starts with a • Starts with a • Christopher of the focus of myth • Euripides • Sophocles• Starts with a contention • Euripides • Sophocles • Virgil • Ovid• Starts with a contention • Chaucer • Classical epriod, a shift in focus the elationship of man to the gods• Ovid• Starts with a contention • Classical epriod, a shift in focus to everyday, common people • Dictated memoirs• Author unknown - distribution of ilterature • Cassical epriod, a of man to the gods• Dictated memoirs• Author • New thinking, innovation • Author • New thinking, • New thinking, • New thinking, • Author • Christopher Marlowe • Din Donne • John Milton • Classical epriod, a • Moliere • Moliere • Margery Kempe • Omar Khayam • Thomas Malory• New thinking, • New thinking, • New thinking, • Niccolo • Christopher • Author • Christopher 	Glades 9-12					
deus ex machina and the chorus• Later in the period, a shift in focus to everyday, of man to the gods• Later in the period, a shift in focus to everyday, of man to the gods• Later in the period, a shift in focus to everyday, of man to the gods• Careater monon becauce• Petrarch Thomas• Emphasis on the relationship of man to the gods• Later in the period, a shift in focus to everyday, common people• Geoffrey of Monmouth • Giovanni Boccaccio• Greater reproduction and distribution of literature because of invention of the printing press• Petrarch • Thomas More	 (1200 BCE– Features Focus on balance and form Emphasis on reason vs. irrationality/ chaos Incorporation of myth Direct expression Emergence of conventions 	Authors Authors Plato Socrates Aristotle Aesop Euripides Aeschylus Sophocles Homer Sappho Virgil	M (455 C) Features • Starts with a continuation of the focus on the epic hero • "Epics" are written in the vernacular and do not follow all of the features of classical	edieval E-1485 CE) Authors • Author Unknown - Beowulf • Author Unknown - Gawain poet • Author Unknown - The Nibelungenlied • Dante Alighieri • Geoffrey Chaucer	 Features New thinking, innovation and philosophy A "rebirth" returning to many of the ideas of the Classical period Focus on philosophy Humanistic 	Authors Authors Ben Johnson Christopher Marlowe Edmund Spenser John Donne John Milton Miguel de Cervantes Moliere Niccolo
	 Direct expression Emergence of conventions such as the deus ex machina and the chorus Emphasis on the relationship of man to the 	SapphoVirgil	 and do not follow all of the features of classical epics Later in the period, a shift in focus to everyday, common people Dictated 	Nibelungenlied • Dante Alighieri • Geoffrey Chaucer • Geoffrey of Monmouth • Giovanni Boccaccio • Marco Polo • Margery Kempe • Omar Khayyam	 period Focus on philosophy Humanistic ideals Greater reproduction and distribution of literature because of invention of the printing 	Cervantes • Moliere • Niccolo Machiavelli • Petrarch • Thomas More • William



Grades 9-12		Grades 6-12	2 (Focus for 6-	-8)	
	nd 18th Century —1790)		Early National –1830)		nantic)–1870)
 Features A great age of satire in English literature, including a flowering of comic drama Revival of classical models (Dryden did a famous translation of The Aeneid, Pope of The Odyssey) Rise of the novel as a major literary form Concern over the boundary between reason and madness 	Authors • John Dryden • William Congreve • John Gay • Daniel Defoe • Alexander Pope • Jonathan Swift • Thomas Gray • Samuel Johnson	 Features Puritan influence strongest during first part of period Largely marked by short prose Rooted in colonial and early national beliefs Inspired by cultural, societal, and political forces Rhetorical devices and persuasive writing techniques The rise of the short story as a form 	Authors Alexander Hamilton Anne Bradstreet Benjamin Franklin Cotton Mather James Madison Johnathan Edwards Olaudah Equiano Phillis Wheatley Thomas Paine Washington Irving William Cullen Bryant 	Features • Emphasis on imaginative freedom and modern individualism • Experiments with form and style • Inspired by nature, emotion, and sensibility	Authors Alfred Lord Tennyson Bronte Sisters Charles Dickens Edgar Allan Poe Emily Dickinson Henry David Thoreau Jane Austin John Keats Nathaniel Hawthorne Ralph Waldo Emerson Walt Whitman William Wordsworth Samuel Taylor Coleridge



Grades 6-12 (Focus for 6-8)

d Naturalism)–1910)	 lernist —1945)	emporary –Present)
 Authors Abraham Lincoln Booker T. Washington Edith Wharton Jack London James Weldon Johnson Mark Twain Nelly Bly Stephen Crane Theodore Dreiser 	 	-Present) Authors Adrienne Rich Alice Walker Anne Sexton Elizabeth Bishop Eudora Welty Flannery O'Connor Gwendolyn Brooks James Baldwin Lorraine Hansberry Ray Bradbury
 W.E.B. DuBois Willa Cather 	 Zora Neal Hurston T.S. Eliot 	• Tennessee Williams



Infusion of Literary Periods

Comparative Reading

ELA.12.R.3.3: Analyze the influence of classic literature on contemporary world texts.

Benchmark Clarifications:

Clarification 1: Classic literature for this benchmark should be drawn from and representative of the following periods:

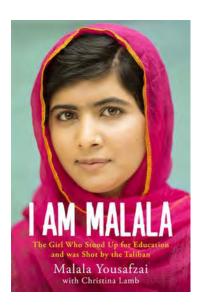
- Classical Period (1200 BCE–455 CE)
- Medieval Period (455 CE–1485 CE)
- Renaissance Period (1300–1600)
- Restoration and 18th Century (1660–1790) British Literature
- Colonial and Early National Period (1600–1830) American Literature
- Romantic Period (1790–1870)
- Realism and Naturalism Period (1870–1930)
- Modernist Period (1910–1945)

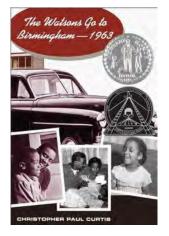
Clarification 2: Contemporary world texts are those written after World War II that, through quality of form and expression, convey ideas of permanent or universal interest.

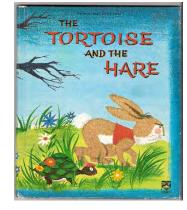


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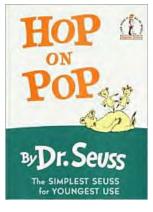
In the elementary grades, students should be exposed to a variety of literature from different time periods. Students will not be expected to know the characteristics of the time periods.











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Classics Infused at Every Grade Level

- K Brown Bear, Curious George, Hop on Pop, Corduroy
- 1 Clifford, Three Little Pigs, Velveteen Rabbit, Madeline
- 2 Winnie the Pooh, The Gingerbread Man, Seven Blind Mice
- 3 Charlotte's Web, The Boxcar Children, Pippi Longstocking
- 4 Johnny Tremain, Little House on the Prairie, Homer Price
- 5 "Paul Revere's Ride," Call it Courage, Island of the Blue Dolphins



Classics Infused at Every Grade Level

- 6 Hatchet, Treasure Island, Little Women, The Hiding Place
- 7 The Yearling, The Prince and the Pauper, Old Yeller, "Sonnet 18"
- 8 The Diary of Anne Frank, The Call of the Wild, Rip Van Winkle
- 9 The Iliad, Animal Farm, Romeo and Juliet, Beowulf, 1984
- 10 A Tale of Two Cities, Lord of the Flies, Common Sense, Macbeth
- 11 Julius Caesar, Night, Jane Eyre, "O Captain, My Captain"
- 12 Pride and Prejudice, Don Quixote, King Lear, Utopia, Walden



Sample Texts by Standard

Title	Author
"At the Seaside"	Stevenson, Robert Louis
"The Clock" - a Mother Goose Poem	Unknown
A Mother for Choco	Kasza, Keiko
Brown Bear, Brown Bear	Carle, Eric
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom	Martin, Bill and Archambault, John
Corduroy	Freeman, Don
Curious George	Rey, H.A
Hop on Pop	Dr. Seuss
I am Jackie Robinson	Meltzer, Brad
Mission to Space	Herrington, John
Now We Are Six	Mílne, A.A.
On a Farm	Andrews, Alexa
Red is Best	Stinson, Kathy
Rumble in the Jungle	Andreae, Gíles
Swimmy	Lionni, Leo
The Bald Eagle	Pearl, Norman
The Carrot Seed	Krauss, Ruth and Crockett Johnson
The Sky Painter: Louis Guertes, Bird Artist	Engle, Margarita
The Very First Americans	Ashrose, Cara
Two Ways to Count to Ten: A Liberian Folktale	Dee, Ruby
Wandering Whale Sharks	Shingu, Susumu
We Have a Little Garden	Potter, Beatrix
Where the Wild Things Are	Sendak, Maurice

Civic Literacy Reading List

Kindergarten-1st Grade

Title	Author	
A Picture Book of Benjamin Franklin	Adler, David A.	
D is for Democracy: A Citizen's Alphabet	Grodin, Elissa	
George Washington	Abraham, Philip	
I Pledge Allegiance	Martin, Bill Jr. and Sampson, Michael	
Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln: The Story of the Gettysburg Address	Fritz, Jean	
Liberty Rising	Shea, Pegi Deitz	
Red, White, and Blue: The Story of the American Flag	Herman, John	
Saving the Liberty Bell	McDonald, Megan	
The Bald Eagle	Pearl, Norman	
The Camping Trip That Changed America: Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, and our National Parks	Rosenstock, Barb	
The Flag We Love	Ryan, Pam Munoz	
The Liberty Bell	Firestone, Mary	
The Star-Spangled Banner	Spier, Peter	
The Very First Americans	Ashrose, Cara	
The White House	Douglas, Lloyd G.	
Woodrow, the White House Mouse	Barnes, Peter	

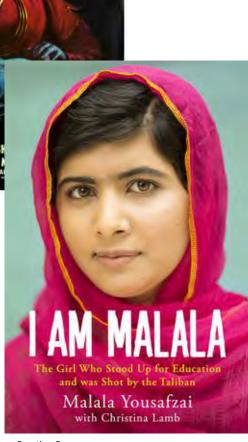


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50% Literature and 50% Informational Text

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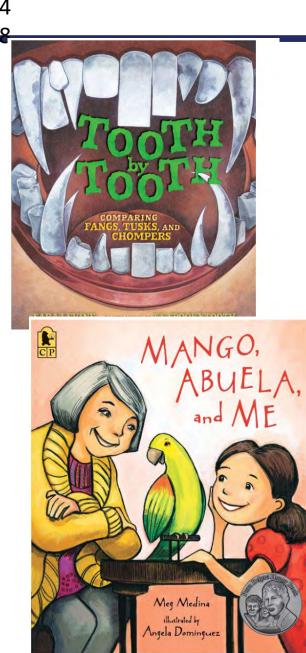
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The full text should be used where possible.

Excerpts would be permissible where there was a sense of completeness:

- For literary texts, there should be a complete story arc.
- For informational texts, the text should be able to stand alone with minimal scaffolding.

*Texts can be included as text sets.





Change is great...

...you go first!



Supports for Successful Implementation



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- State Regional Literacy Directors
- Summer Literacy Institutes
 - June 29 July 1, 2021
 - June 21–23, 2022
- Regional Literacy Institutes
 - Spring 2021
 - Fall 2021
- K-12 Reading Contacts Monthly Meetings/Webinars



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What action steps can we take to ensure the success of the B.E.S.T. ELA Standards implementation?



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