



Only Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) reflects research findings that reading comprehension requires not just formal decoding skills, but also wide-ranging background knowledge.

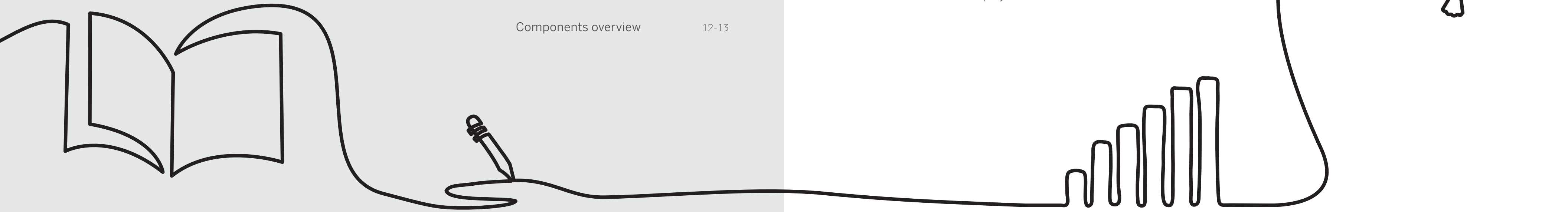
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## Address the knowledge gap. Close the reading gap.

With a fundamentally different approach to ELA instruction, CKLA carefully sequences **background knowledge**, building vocabulary and comprehension along with the critical **foundational skills** needed to ensure every student is college-and-career ready.

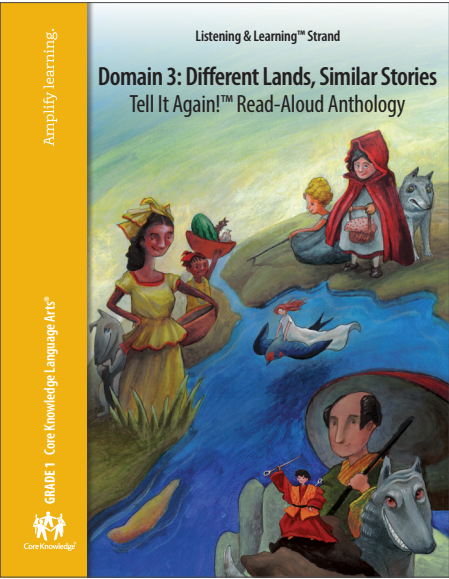
- **Innovative, research-based structure** places equal emphasis on both language comprehension and decoding skills
- **Coherent design of content within and across grades** provides unprecedented knowledge building
- **Rich content and immersive learning experiences** bring history, science, art and literature to life
- **A systematic, sounds-first approach to phonics instruction** helps students access text more rapidly



# Unique structure

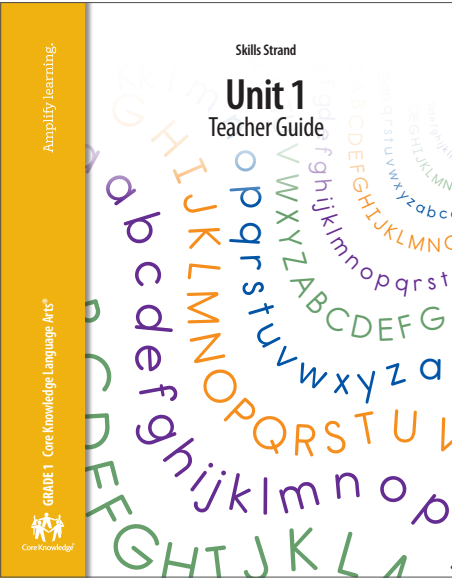
CKLA integrates developmentally appropriate activities in PreK, offers two distinct strands for K-3 and merges them into one comprehensive offering for grades 4-5.

## K-3 Listening & Learning strand



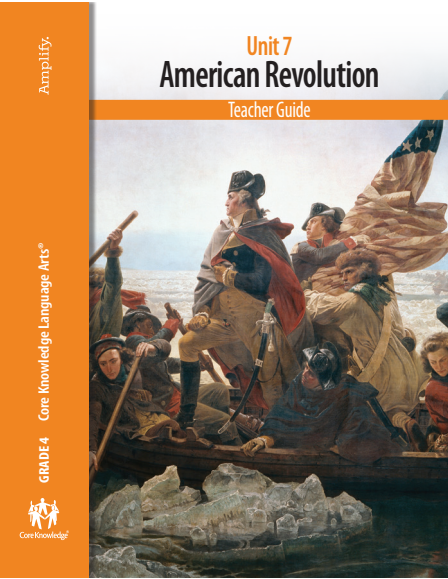
CKLA blends a sequence of increasingly complex literary and informational teacher read-alouds, text-based class discussions and application across content-based domains to develop content knowledge and vocabulary.

## K-3 Skills strand



CKLA teaches the foundational skills in a sequence that includes decoding and encoding, blending, segmenting, spelling, tricky words, alternative spellings and morphology. Lessons also cover writing, grammar and vocabulary.

## PreK, 4, 5 Integrated instruction



CKLA provides instruction and activities that begin building knowledge and foundational skills in PreK. In grades 4-5 a sequence of content-based units integrate close reading and writing, speaking and listening, vocabulary and grammar lessons.

# Coherent design

CKLA teaches related topics within and across grades, building a base of content knowledge that enables deep comprehension.

Pre-K	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
All About Me	Nursery Rhymes and Fables	Fables and Stories	Fairy Tales and Tall Tales	Classic Tales: <i>The Wind in the Willows</i>	Personal Narratives	Personal Narratives
Families and Communities	The Five Senses	The Human Body	Early Asian Civilizations	Classification of Animals	Europe in the Middle Ages	Early American Civilizations
Plants	Stories	Different Lands, Similar Stories	The Ancient Greek Civilization	The Human Body: Systems and Senses	Poetry	Poetry
Animals	Plants	Early World Civilizations	Greek Myths	The Ancient Roman Civilization	Islamic Empires in the Middle Ages	<i>The House on Mango Street</i>
Habitats	Farms	Early American Civilizations	The War of 1812	Light and Sound	Quest: Eureka!	<i>Adventures of Don Quixote</i>
Classic Tales	Native Americans	Astronomy	Cycles in Nature	The Viking Age	Geology	The Renaissance
Important People in American History	Kings and Queens	The History of the Earth	Westward Expansion	Astronomy: Our Solar System and Beyond	The American Revolution	The Reformation
	Seasons and Weather	Animals and Habitats	Insects	Native Americans: Regions and Cultures	Treasure Island	Quest: <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>
	Columbus and the Pilgrims	Fairy Tales	The U.S. Civil War	Early Explorations of North America		Native Americans
	Colonial Towns and Townspeople	A New Nation: American Independence	Human Body: Building Blocks and Nutrition	Colonial America		
	Taking Care of the Earth	Frontier Explorers	Immigration	Ecology		
	Presidents and American Symbols		Fighting for a Cause			

- Coherent and cumulative knowledge-building
- Vertical and horizontal articulation
- Repeated exposure and constant reinforcement

# The power of content-rich curriculum

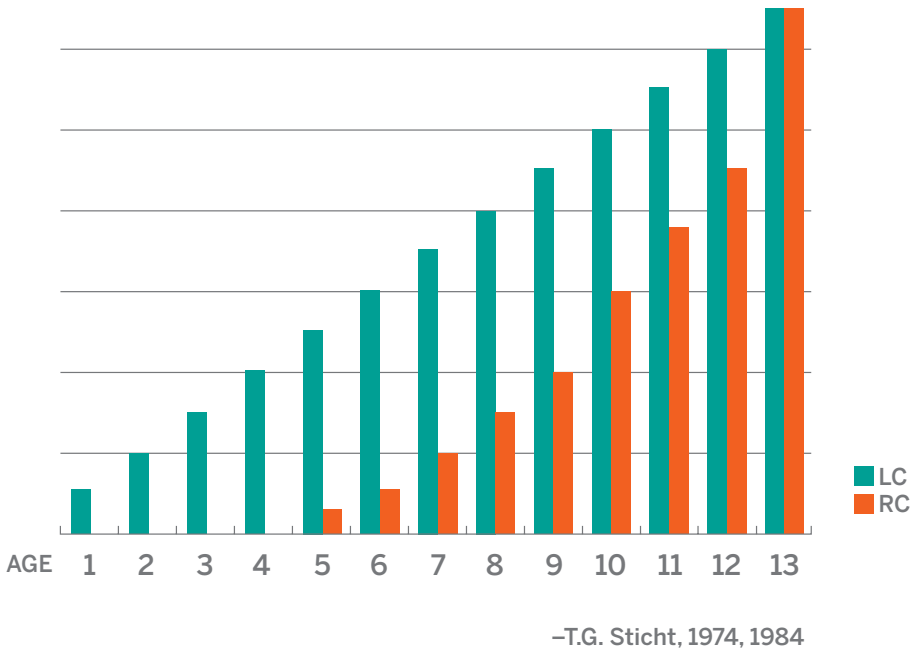
Increasingly complex texts bring content to life and inspire discussion, with a focus on building background knowledge and vocabulary across domains.

- **Read-Alouds provide students** with above-grade-level content and vocabulary that they will recognize and understand when decoding complex texts
- **A mix of informational and literary read-alouds** are organized with supporting images and question prompts to support all learners
- **Whole-class, small-group, and partner discussion** provide repeated exposure to vocabulary and allow students to practice and apply what they learn

“By the time [students] get to third grade, they have covered land bridges, ancient civilization, body system, the War of 1812. They’ve covered a plethora of various topics.”

Joyce Barrett-Walker,  
Principal, P.S. 960

Listening comprehension outpaces reading comprehension until age thirteen.



## Engaging informational texts across history, science, and culture



Native Americans: Regions and Cultures



Age of Exploration



Astronomy: Our Solar System and Beyond

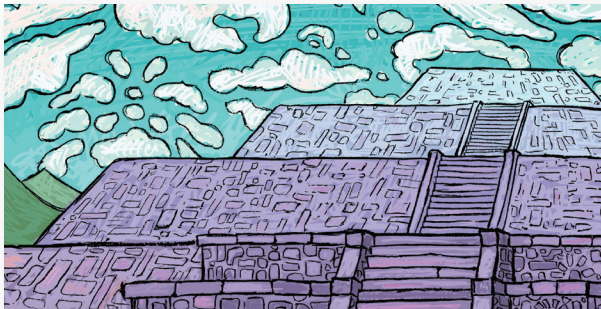
## Literature from different lands and different times



The Viking Age



Different Lands, Similar Stories

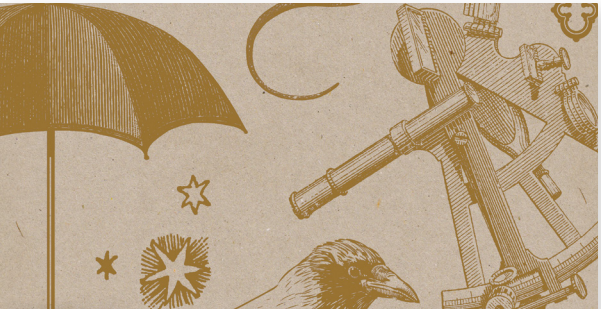


Early American Civilizations

## Classic and contemporary literature



Classic Tales: *The Wind in the Willows*



Poetry

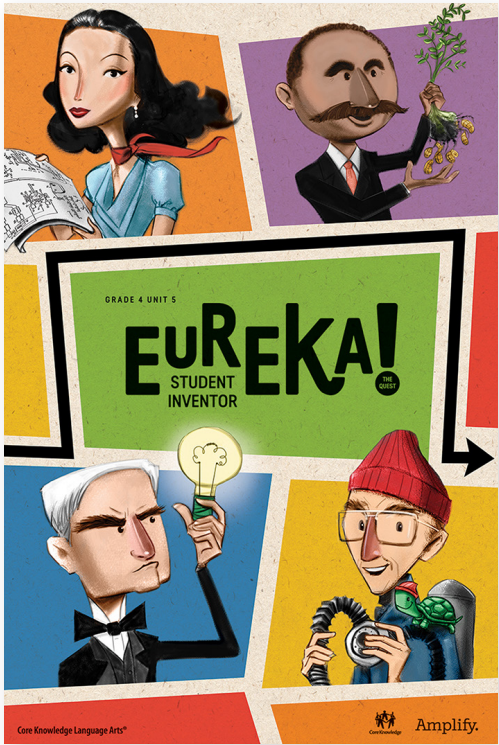


Contemporary Fiction: *The House on Mango Street*

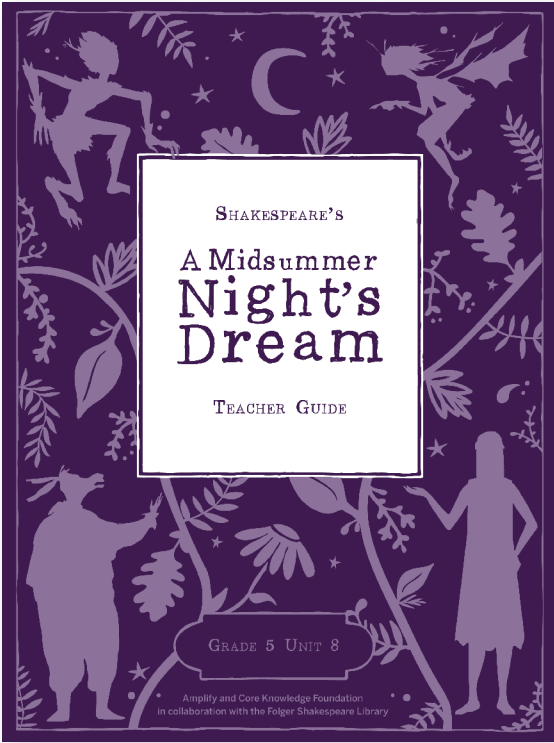


# Interactive Quests fuel the imagination.

Exclusive adventure-based units bring students together for immersive team experiences that provide every opportunity to practice close reading and writing skills.



◀ As contestants on Eureka!, a wacky game show, students learn about landmark inventions while practicing close reading, writing, and speaking and listening.



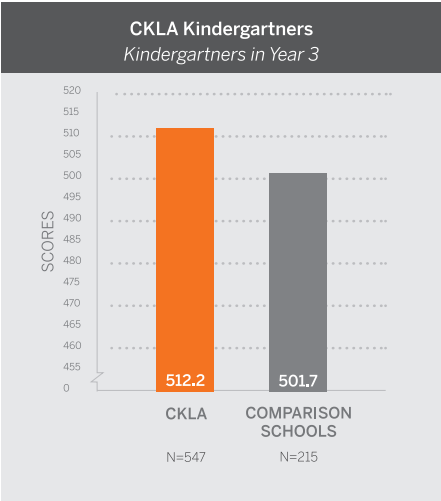
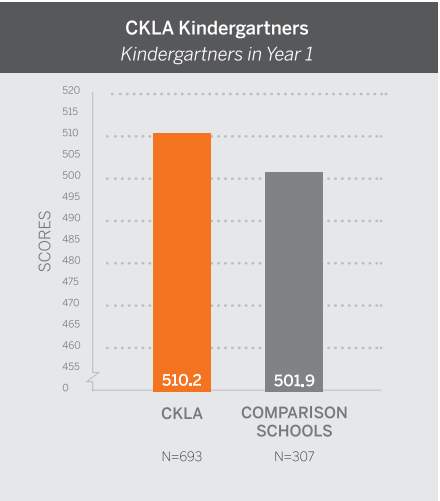
▶ In the *A Midsummer Night's Dream* unit, students read an adapted version of Shakespeare's text, learn about terms such as “act” and “scene,” perform scenes, and study the role of the Globe Theatre in productions.



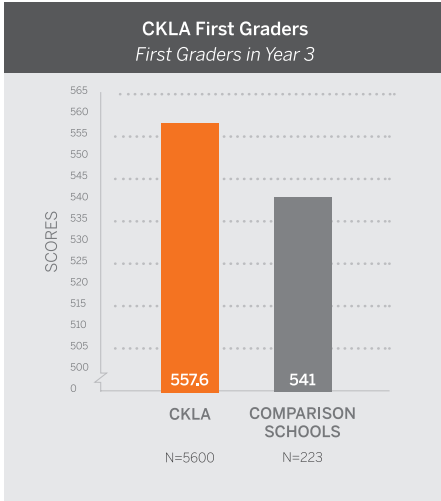
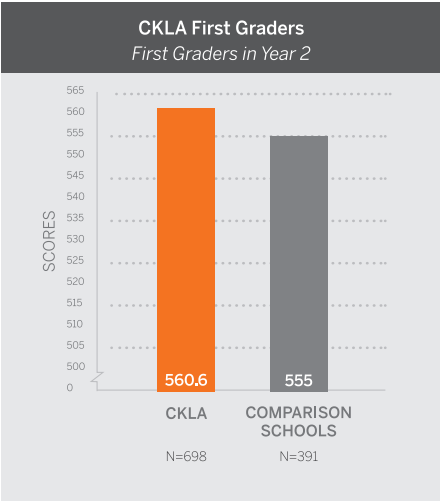
# CKLA results

Results of a three year pilot study in 20 schools show that CKLA is proven to positively impact student performance.

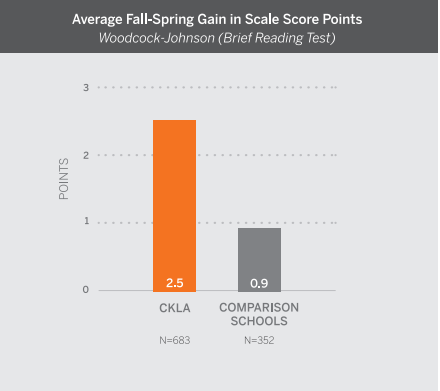
## Grade K



## Grade 1



## Grade 2

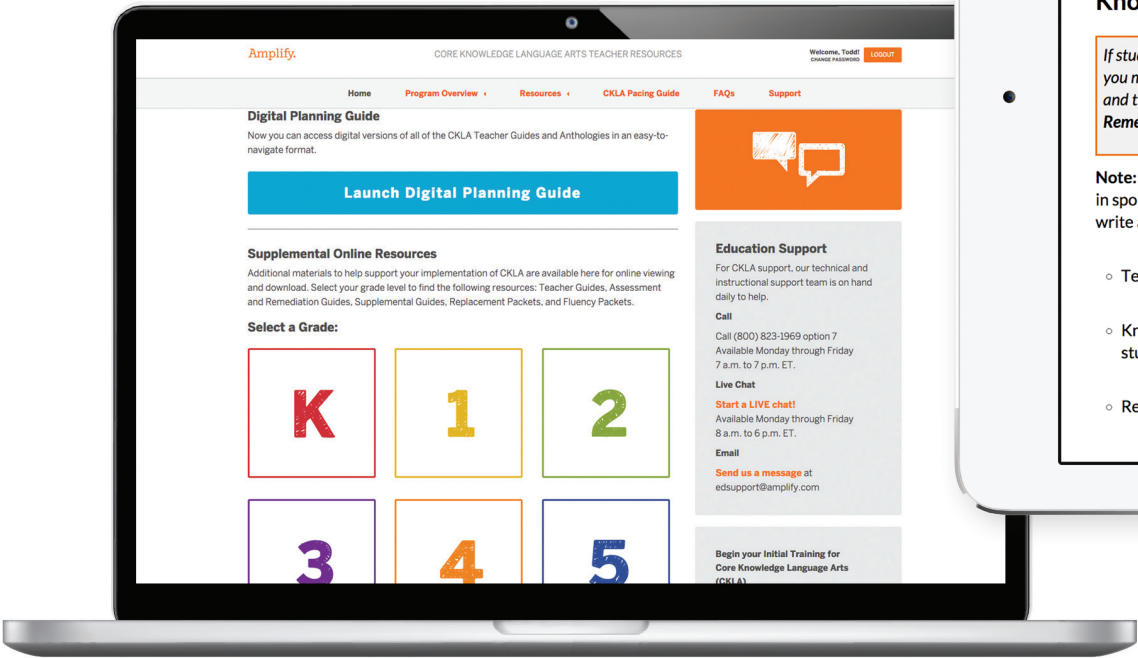


# Digital support

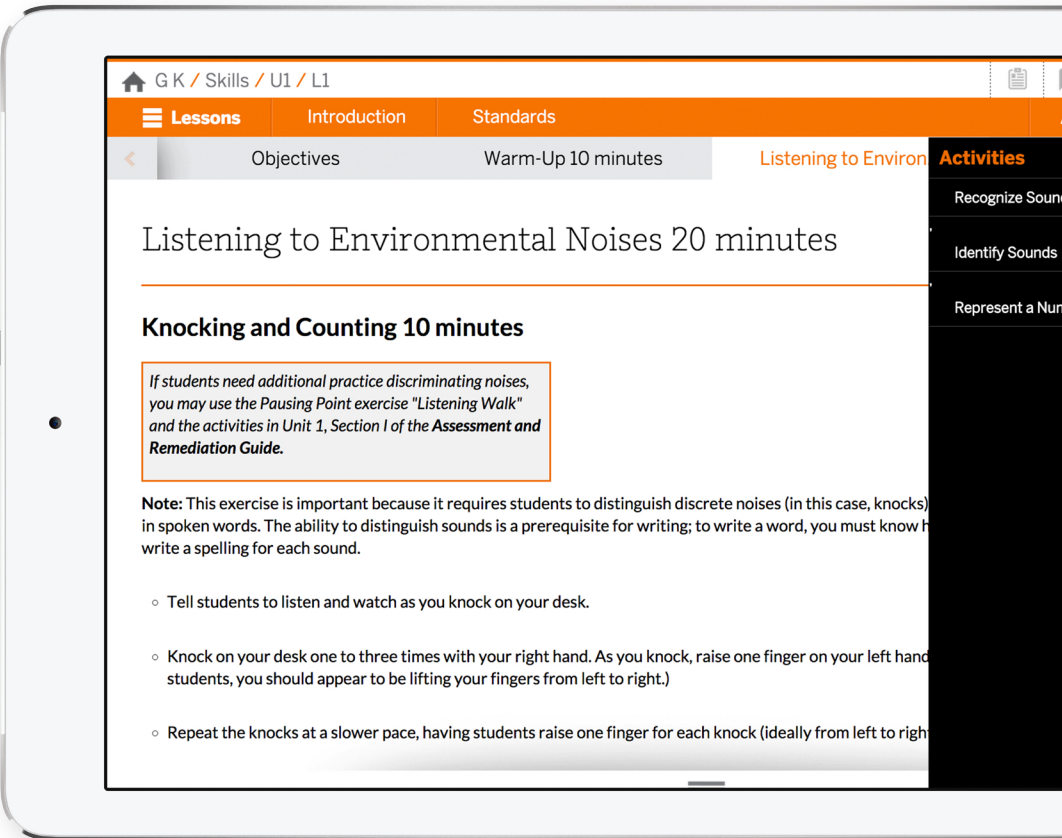
Digital materials ensure that teachers have, at their fingertips, the necessary resources to plan and deliver instruction.

- **Online access** to lesson plans and materials includes support for differentiated instruction
- **Flexible delivery of instruction** brings 21st century learning to your classroom
- **Quests digital environment** helps teachers plan and engage students in close reading, writing, speaking and listening

## Digital Planning Guide



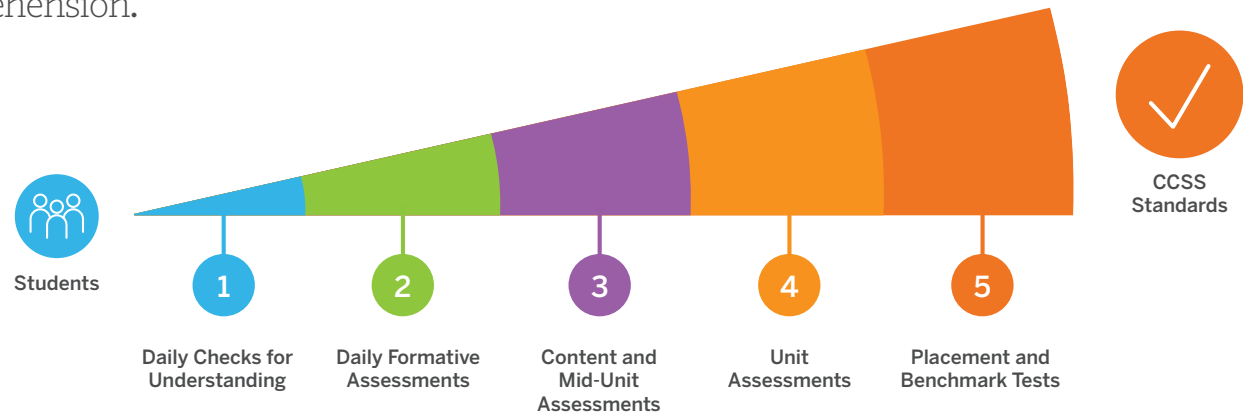
## Step-by-step lessons



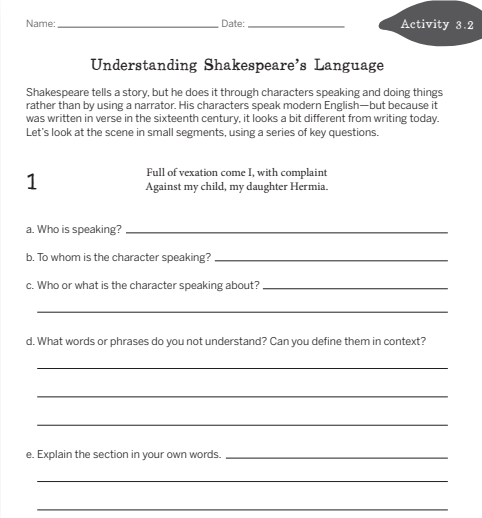
# Assessment and intervention

Assessments and guides help to measure and reinforce development of foundational skills and reading comprehension.

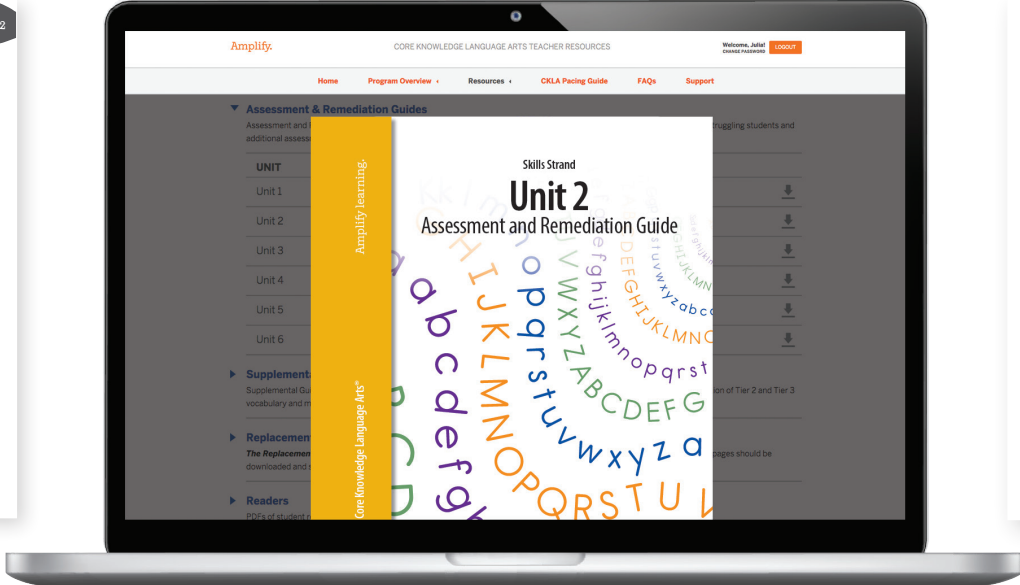
- All assessments provide clear instructional paths and tie directly to core, intervention and extension lessons
- Assessment, Remediation and Supplemental Guides provide a range of supports to adjust instruction for all students



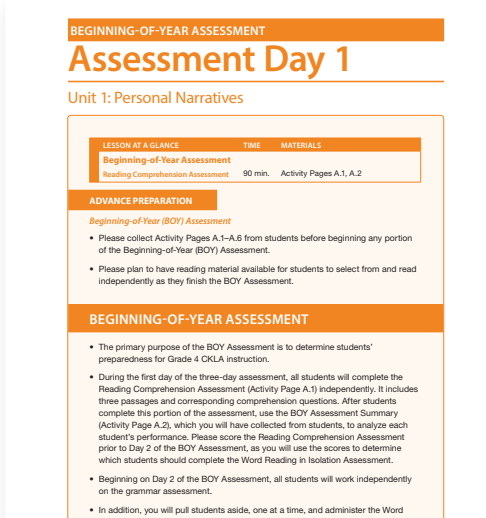
## Embedded formative assessments



## Assessment and Remediation Guides



## BOY, MOY and EOY assessments



# Kit components

Each classroom kit accommodates reading and writing instruction for 25 students with a range of print materials that support instruction.

## Grades K-3

- **Teacher anthologies** include carefully sequenced read-alouds with rich content and support for robust, text-based discussion
- **Teacher ancillaries** provide grade-level materials and activities to reinforce learning through flip books, image cards, letter cards, spelling cards, code charts and more
- **Teacher guides** provide step-by-step lessons for developing critical language arts skills, from decoding to evidence-based writing
- **Decodable student readers** include appealing texts that build in complexity for practice on recently taught spellings and material
- **Student workbooks** reinforce content and skills through a variety of activities and take-home copies of each story in the student readers

## Listening and Learning Strand



## Skills Strand



## Grades 4-5

- **Teacher guides** provide comprehensive, integrated instruction and assessment for each unit, including skills lessons based on content-rich text
- **Student readers** include colorful, highly visual, and appropriately complex texts with enrichment selections
- **Student activity books** reinforce content and skills through a direct application of newly taught content, including text-based, standards-aligned writing activities
- **Poet's/Writer's journals** combine content of the student reader and activity book so students study core elements of different texts and connect elements of text through writing
- **Quests materials** create a whole-class experience, including activities and presentations

## Grade 4 Kit



## Grade 5 Kit



PreK-Grade 5



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