

Language Arts 6—Scope and Sequence: Schedule for Topics and Skills

Week	Mechanics Practice	Creative Expression
1	Sentence Basics Nouns: common/proper; gender; concrete/abstract; compound; collective	Write Your Descriptive Paragraph (Description/ Writing Process)
2	Sentence Basics Verbs: action; helping; form—singular/plural	Spatial Organization (Spatial Skills/Organization) Research for Travel Journal (Research) Write the Travel Journal (Creative Expression)
3	Sentence Basics Pronouns: personal; antecedent; possessive; gender	Point of View (Writing Process) Pre-write a Peace Treaty (Writing Process) Write a Peace Treaty (Writing Process)
4	Sentence Basics Person of pronouns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd	Topic Sentences (Paragraph Organization) Write a Paragraph with Unity (Paragraph Fluency) Write a Paragraph with Coherence (Paragraph Fluency)
5	Sentence Basics Types of pronouns: interrogative; demonstrative	Identify Elaboration (Paragraph Organization) Write a Paragraph to Elaborate (Paragraph Organization) Add Elaboration in Your Paragraph (Paragraph Organization)
6	Sentence Basics More Types of pronouns: Intensive, Reflexive and Indefinite	Dialogue and Attributions (Narrative) Add Dialogue to the Myth (Narrative) Finalize the Dialogue (Narrative)
7	Mechanics Commas	Comparison/Contrast (Research) Comparison/Contrast Outlines (Analysis) Write a Comparison/Contrast Essay (Analysis)
8	Mechanics Synonyms	Transitions (Paragraph Fluency) Revise Comparison/Contrast Essay (Writing Process) The Final Draft (Writing Process)
9	Sentence Basics Adjectives— Proper and Common; Articles	Symbolism (Analysis) Symbolism in Literature (Analysis) Symbolism in Poetry (Analysis)
10	Sentence Basics Types of adjectives: demonstrative; indefinite	Avoiding Clichés (Word Choice) Choice and Tone (Word Choice) The Mystery—Planning (Narrative)
11	Sentence Basics Types of adverbs: review definition; adverbs of time, of place, of manner, of degree; conjunctive adverbs	Character Development for the Mystery (Narrative) Write the Plot (Narrative) Write the Mystery (Narrative)
12	Sentence Basics Adjective & Adverb forms: positive, comparative, superlative	Pre-writing the Classification Essay (Classification) Write the Classification Essay (Classification) Revise the Classification Essay in Active Voice (Classification)
13	Sentence Basics Complete sentences: subject/predicate; understood subjects; Linking verbs: & predicate adj.; predicate nouns	Cause and Effect Essay Preparation (Writing Process) Write the Cause and Effect Essay (Writing Process) Revise the Cause and Effect Essay (Writing Process)
14	Sentence Basics Types of subjects and predicates: simple; compound; complete; modifiers	Novel Log for Literary Analysis (Analysis) Types of Conflict (Analysis) Characterization Diagram (Analysis)
15	Mechanics Capitalization	Plot (Analysis) Plot-Rising Action (Analysis) Plot Resolution (Analysis)
16	Mechanics Plurals	Poetry Dissection (Analysis) Sound Devices (Analysis) Comparison/Contrast Poems (Analysis)

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17	Building Blocks of Sentences Verb Tenses: simple; perfect; continuous	Imagery (Analysis) The Apostrophe in Poetry (Analysis) Use of Theme in Poetry (Analysis)
18	Building Blocks of Sentences Verb Forms: transitive, direct objects, object pronouns, indirect objects; intransitive	Coming Soon, to a Bookshelf Near You! (Book Commercial) Summarize the Plot Write the Book Commercial Script (Narrative)
19	Mechanics Apostrophes	Headlines (Critical Thinking) Research for Interview (Research) Knightly News (Informative)
20	Mechanics Quotation Marks	Persuasion (Persuasive) Please, Please, Please, Let Me Get What I Want (Persuasive) Smooth Talker (Persuasive)
21	Building Blocks of Sentences Active & Passive Voice; avoid too many “be” verbs	Eliminate Redundancy (Sentence Fluency) Eliminate Wordy Sentences (Sentence Fluency) Revise Your Writing (Sentence Fluency)
22	Building Blocks of Sentences Phrases: noun, verb, & adverb; prepositional phrase; appositive phrase	The Definition of a Hero (Definition) The Protagonist as a Hero (Analysis) Other Types of Characters (Analysis)
23	Building Blocks of Sentences Prepositional phrases: prepositions, object of the preposition	Start with a Thesis Statement (Research Process) Begin Your Research (Research Process) Source Cards (Research Process)
24	Mechanics How to Write Titles	Note Cards—Quotations (Research Process) Note Cards—Paraphrase (Research Process) More Note Cards and Works Cited (Research Process)
25	Building Blocks of Sentences Clauses: conjunctions; independent clause; coordinating conjunctions, correlative conjunctions	The Research Paper Outline (Research Process) Refine Thesis and Begin Body Paragraphs (Research Process) Complete the Body Paragraphs (Research Process)
26	Building Blocks of Sentences Dependent clauses & subordinating conjunctions; relative pronouns; complex sentences	The Introduction and the Conclusion (Research Process) Revision (Research Process) The Final Draft (Research Process)
27	Building Blocks of Sentences Sentence Structure: simple, compound, complex	Change the Tone (Exploratory) Change the Setting (Exploratory) Creating Setting and Tone (Productive)
28	Building Blocks of Sentences Verbals: gerunds, participles, infinitives	Ad Copy (Critical Thinking) The Head is the Heart (Writing Process) The Body (Writing Process)
29	Building Blocks of Sentences Agreement: subject-verb; noun-pronoun; Improve Sentences: fragments, rambling sentence, run-on; avoid double negatives	The Introduction (Writing Process) The Conclusion (Writing Process) Revising Introductions and Conclusions (Revision)
30	Building Blocks of Sentences Types of Sentences: declarative, interrogative, imperative; exclamatory	Hear Ye, Hear Ye... (Public Speaking) Vivacious Visuals (Public Speaking) The Presentation (Public Speaking)
31	Mechanics Ellipses & Parentheses	Fairy Tales with a Twist (Creative)
32	Mechanics Hyphens & Dashes	The Speaker in the Poem (Diagnostic) Dramatic Interpretation of a Poem (Interpretation) Present the Poem (Creative)

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33	Mechanics Improve Your Spelling	The Biographical Summary (Research) Write the Bio/Leo-graphy (Biographical Writing) Revise the Bio/Leo-graphy (Revision)
34	Mechanics Colons & Semicolons	Prepare for the Definition Essay (Writing Process) Write the Definition Essay (Writing Process) Revision of the Definition Essay (Writing Process)
35	Mechanics Commonly misused words (Homonyms)	Aphorisms (Inquiry) The Kigo (Symbolism) The Tanka (Creative)
36	Mechanics Writing Numbers	Careers—I want to be... (Research and Budgeting) Business Letter (Communication) Reflective Essay (Reflection)