

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

Week	Mechanics Practice	Creative Expression
1	Sentence Basics Nouns: common/proper; gender; concrete/abstract; compound; collective	"What a Character" (Descriptive; Writing a character sketch)
2	Sentence Basics Verbs: action; state of being; helping; form—singular/plural	"Time Travel" (Creative; Using flashbacks, writing a short story)
3	Sentence Basics Pronouns: personal; subject; possessive; gender	"Where and When" (Literary Elements; Argumentative; Evaluating a setting, writing an opinion essay)
4	Sentence Basics Person of pronouns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd	"How to Change a Nation" (Persuasive; Conducting research, writing a persuasive essay)
5	Sentence Basics Types of pronouns: interrogative; demonstrative	"Personal Reflection" (Reflection)
6	Sentence Basics More Types of pronouns: Intensive, Reflexive and Indefinite	"Write Many Haiku; Like the Mighty Samurai; Practice Makes Perfect" (Poetry within a pattern)
7	Mechanics Commas	"Diary of an Escapee" (Journal writing)
8	Mechanics Synonyms & Antonyms	"Across Time and Space" (Reflection; Compare and contrast essay)
9	Sentence Basics Adjectives—Proper and Common; Compound; Articles	"The Plot Thickens" (Writing Process; Creative Writing; Using plot lines to write a story)
10	Sentence Basics Types of adjectives: demonstrative; indefinite	"Who Controls Your Destiny?" (Literary Analysis; Response paper)
11	Sentence Basics Types of adverbs: review definition; adverbs of time, of place, of manner, of degree; conjunctive adverbs	Research Paper: Steps 1 & 2 Research a disease of interest and state why the disease or its cure is historically significant. Select topic and locate sources.
12	Sentence Basics Adjective & Adverb forms: positive, comparative, superlative; irregular	Research Paper: Step 3 Collect Information; test hypothesis
13	Mechanics How to Write Titles	Research Paper: Step 4 Generate Informational Outline
14	Sentence Basics Complete sentences: subject/predicate; understood subjects; Linking verbs: & predicate adjectives; predicate nouns	Research Paper: Step 5 Write Working Outline; Hooks, conclusion, bibliography
15	Sentence Basics Types of subjects and predicates: simple; compound; complete	Research Paper: Step 6 Write first draft of paper; transitions, sentence variety
16	Mechanics Capitalization	Research Paper: Steps 7–9 Edit; Write final draft; Turn in
17	Mechanics Plurals	"Changing the World" OR "Napoleon is Dynamite" (Opinion/argumentative; Research/Support)
18	Building Blocks of Sentences Verb Tenses: simple; perfect; continuous; irregular	"Just the Facts, Ma'am" (Expository; Writing a newspaper article)
19	Building Blocks of Sentences Verb Forms: transitive, direct objects, object pronouns, indirect objects; intransitive	"Analyzing Theme" (Writing an analysis essay)
20	Mechanics Apostrophes; Similes & Metaphors	"A Good Hook" (Hooks, Writing Style; Rewriting a story's beginning)

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21	Mechanics Quotation Marks	"There's No Place Like..." (Descriptive; Describing a memorable place)
22	Building Blocks of Sentences Active & Passive Voice: avoid "be" verbs	"It's Only Natural" (Creative; Short Story; Creating folklore)
23	Building Blocks of Sentences Phrases: noun, verb, adverb, verbal, prepositional phrase, appositive phrase	"I Do" (Compare / Contrast paper)
24	Building Blocks of Sentences Prepositional phrases: prepositions, object of the preposition; modifiers	"Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Read All about It!" (Newspaper / Expository; Research and journalism)
25	Building Blocks of Sentences Clauses: conjunctions; independent clauses; coordinating conjunctions, correlative conjunctions; non-restrictive phrases and clauses	"Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Read All about It! (Cont.)" (Newspaper / Expository; Research and journalism)
26	Building Blocks of Sentences Dependent clauses & subordinating conjunctions; relative pronouns; complex sentences	"Who Are These People?" (Argumentative; Research / Support; Character analysis)
27	Building Blocks of Sentences Sentence Structure: simple, compound, complex	"Number the Stars" (Analysis / Argumentative; Examining Biblical references)
28	Building Blocks of Sentences Verbals: gerunds, participles, infinitives	"I'll Never Forget That Day" (First-Person Narrative; Understanding point-of-view)
29	Building Blocks of Sentences Agreement: subject-verb; noun-pronoun; Improve Sentences: fragments, rambling sentence, run-on; avoid double negatives; Personification	"John 13:34-35" (Response / Reflection; Argumentative writing)
30	Building Blocks of Sentences Types of Sentences: declarative, interrogative, imperative; exclamatory	"Year of Impossible Assignments" (Expository; Reflection paper on Communism)
31	Mechanics Ellipses & Parentheses	"Escape from Creativity" (Summarization; Writing a detailed book summary)
32	Mechanics Hyphens & Dashes	"A veiled Unveiling" (Descriptive writing; Creative writing)
33	Mechanics Improve Your Spelling	"The Good Fight" (Literary Analysis; Writing about conflict)
34	Mechanics Colons & Semicolons	"A Prayer" (Prayer; Cultural research)
35	Mechanics Commonly misused words (Homonyms); Review: Nonrestrictive phrases	"You're Not Going to Believe This!" (Retell; Creative Writing; Writing a realistic story)
36	Mechanics Writing Numbers	"Lights, Camera, Action!" (Oral Presentation; writing an oral news report)

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