

Appendix 1: Language Arts W—Scope and Sequence: Schedule for Topics and Skills

Week	Mechanics Practice	Creative Expression
1	Nouns: common/proper; gender; concrete/abstract; compound; collective; Similes & Metaphors	Write Your Descriptive Paragraph (Descriptive/Writing Process)
2	Verbs: action; helping; form—singular/plural	Spatial Organization (Spatial Skills/Organization) Research for Travel Journal (Research) Write the Travel Journal (Creative Expression)
3	Pronouns: antecedent; personal; subject; gender	Point of View (Writing Process) Pre-write a Peace Treaty (Writing Process) Write a Peace Treaty (Writing Process)
4	Person of pronouns: 1st, 2nd, 3rd	Topic and Thesis Sentences (Paragraph Organization) Write a Paragraph with Unity (Paragraph Fluency) Write a Paragraph with Coherence (Paragraph Fluency)
5	Types of pronouns: interrogative; demonstrative	Identify Elaboration (Paragraph Organization) Write a Paragraph to Elaborate (Paragraph Organization) Add Elaboration in Your Paragraph (Paragraph Organization)
6	More types of pronouns: intensive; reflexive and indefinite	Dialogue and Attributions (Strategy: Dialogue) Add Dialogue to the Myth (Narrative)
7	Commas	Symbolism (Analysis) Symbolism in Literature (Analysis) Symbolism in Poetry (Analysis)
8	Synonyms & antonyms	Avoiding Clichés (Strategy: Clichés, Word Choice) Choice and Tone (Strategy: Tone) The Mystery—Planning (Narrative—Mystery)
9	Adjectives—proper and common; compound; articles	Character Development (Protagonist and Antagonist; Narrative) Write the Plot (Narrative) Writing the Mystery (Narrative)
10	Types of adjectives: demonstrative; indefinite	Comparison/Contrast (Analysis) Comparison/Contrast Outlines (Analysis) Write a Comparison/Contrast Essay (Analysis)
11	Types of adverbs: review definition; adverbs of time; of place; of manner, of degree; conjunctive adverbs	Transitions (Paragraph Fluency) Revise Comparison/Contrast Essay (Writing Process) The Final Draft (Writing Process)
12	Adjective and adverb forms: positive, comparative, superlative, irregular	A Good Hook (Hooks, Writing Style) Write the New Hook (Imaginative/Descriptive) Revise the New Hook (Writing Process)
13	Complete sentences; subject/predicate; understood subjects; linking verbs; predicate adjective; predicate nouns	Poetry Dissection (Analysis) Sound Devices (Analysis) Comparison/Contrast Poems (Analysis)
14	Types of subjects and predicates: simple; complete; compound; modifiers	Imagery (Analysis) The Apostrophe in Poetry (Analysis) Use of Theme in Poetry (Analysis)
15	Capitalization	Change the Tone (Exploratory) Change the Setting (Exploratory) Creating Setting and Tone (Productive)

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16	Plurals	Where and When (Literary Elements; Opinions) Write the Opinion Paper (Outlines; Opinion) Revise the Opinion Paper (Writing Process)
17	Verb tenses: simple; perfect; continuous	Ad Copy (Critical Thinking) The Head is the Heart (Writing Process) The Body (Writing Process)
18	Verb forms: transitive; direct objects; object pronouns; indirect objects; intransitive	The Introduction (Writing Process) The Conclusion (Writing Process) Revising Introductions and Conclusions (Revision)
19	Apostrophes	Coming Soon to a Bookshelf Near You! (Book Commercial) Summarize the Plot (Summary; Persuasion) Write the Book Commercial Script (Persuasion)
20	Quotation marks	Prepare for the Definition Essay (Expository: denotative/ connotative definition of honor) Write the Definition Essay (Writing Process) Revision of the Definition Essay (Writing Process)
21	Active and passive voice; avoid “be” verbs	Aphorisms (Poetry: analysis; Inquiry) The Kigo (Symbolism) The Tanka (Creative)
22	Phrases: noun, verb, adverb, prepositional phrases, appositive phrases, verbal phrases	Research Paper: Thesis; Gather Sources; Write Source Cards
23	How to write titles	Research Paper: Record Research on Note Cards; Works Cited
24	Prepositional phrases: prepositions, object of the preposition	Research Paper: Outline / Body Paragraphs
25	Clauses: conjunctions; independent clause; coordinating conjunctions; correlative conjunctions; non-restrictive phrases and clauses	Research Paper: Write Introduction & Conclusion; Revise; Final Draft
26	Dependent clauses and subordinating conjunctions; relative pronouns; complex sentences	Hear Ye, Hear Ye ... (Oral Presentation) Vivacious Visuals (Oral Presentation) The Presentation (Oral Presentation)
27	Sentence structure: simple, compound, complex	The Newspaper Article (Analysis) Extra! Extra! Read All About It! (Research) Write a Hard News Article (Informative/Expository)
28	Agreement: subject-verb; noun-pronoun; improve sentences: fragments; rambling sentence; run-on; avoid double negatives; personification	Write a Soft News Article (Expository/Creative) A News Element of Your Choice (Writer’s Choice) The Final Layout (Writing Process)
29	Verbals: gerunds, participles and infinitives	The Speaker in the Poem (Poetry: Analysis; Speakers) Dramatic Interpretation of a Poem (Poetry: Recitation/ Memorization) Present the Poem (Poetry: Recitation/Memorization)
30	Types of sentences: declarative, interrogative, imperative, exclamatory	A Veiled Unveiling (Description) What Is It? (Description) The Final Unveiling (Writing Process)
31	Ellipses and parentheses	Number the Stars (Analysis / Argumentative) Explain the Reference (Research; Writing Process) Revise and Write the Final Draft (Writing Process)

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32	Hyphens and dashes	Year of Impossible Assignments (Expository; Analysis; Reflection) Write the Paper on Communism (Expository) Revise the Not-So Impossible Assignment (Writing Process)
33	Improve your spelling	The Good Fight (Literary Analysis; Types of Conflict) Draft the Primary Conflict (Outline; Draft) Finalize the Conflict Paper (Writing Process)
34	Colons and semicolons Review: conjunctive adverbs; nonrestrictive clauses	Careers—I want to be ... (Research) Business Letter (Communication) Reflective Essay (Reflection)
35	Writing numbers	Fairy Tales with a Twist—Plot (Fairy Tales; Literary Elements; Creative) Fairy Tales with a Twist—Setting (Literary Elements; Draft) Fairy Tales with a Twist—Final Draft (Writing Process)
36	Commonly misused words (homonyms)	Lights, Camera, Action! (Oral Presentation; News Report) Testing...One, Two... (Rehearse) Reporting Live Tonight... (Present)