

ELA Guidebook Unit Progressions Grades 3-12

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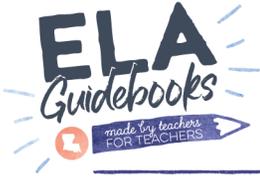
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ELA Guidebooks for Grades 3-8

ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022)

ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) are available on [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#). Implement **one Development unit at each writing progression level per grade** in a school year, **plus the Application unit**. Units are taught in the sequential order shown to ensure the proper [writing progression](#) is followed.

Unit Progression						
Grade	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3	Application Unit
	Development 1	Development 2	Development 3	Development 4	Development 5	
3	Stories Julian Tells	Cajun Folktales	Because of Winn Dixie	Treasure Island	Louisiana Purchase	3rd Grade Application Unit
4	The Whipping Boy	Hurricanes	The Lightning Thief	Pushing Up the Sky	American Revolution	4th Grade Application Unit
5	The Birchbark House	The Making of a Scientist	Wonderstruck	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	Shutting Out the Sky	5th Grade Application Unit



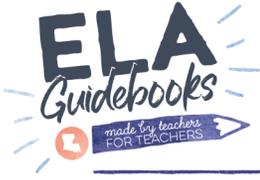
ELA Guidebooks 3-8 (2018)

Implement **up to 4 units per grade** in a school year. Below is a suggested unit order; however, the choice and order of units is a local decision.

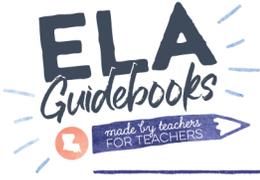
Schools participating in [Louisiana’s Innovative Assessment Program](#) follow a slightly different [unit progression](#)¹.

Traditional Unit Progression				
Grade	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
3	Stories Julian Tells , or Because of Winn Dixie	Cajun Folktales	Louisiana Purchase	Treasure Island
4	The Whipping Boy , or Pushing Up the Sky	American Revolution	The Lightning Thief	Hurricanes
5	The Making of a Scientist	The Birchbark House	The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	Wonderstruck , or Shutting out the Sky
6	If Stones Could Speak	Steve Jobs	Hatchet	Out of the Dust , or The Witch of Blackbird Pond
7	Written in Bone	A Christmas Carol , or The Giver	Memoir	Behind the Scenes
8	Flowers for Algernon	Sugar	The Tell-Tale Heart	Conservation , or The Call of the Wild

¹ The first, second, and third units will culminate in unit tests. Please note that the third unit’s placement is mandatory while LEAs can adjust the order of the first, second, and fourth units.



LEAP ELA Guidebooks Assessment Unit Progression				
Grade	Unit 1 (Tested)	Unit 2 (Tested)	Unit 3 (Tested)	Unit 4 (Not Tested)
5	Choice of: The Birchbark House or The Making of a Scientist	Choice of: Wonderstruck or The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	Shutting out the Sky	Application Unit
6	Hatchet	Choice of: Steve Jobs , Out of the Dust , or The Witch of Blackbird Pond	If Stones Could Speak	Choice of: Hatchet , Steve Jobs , Out of the Dust , or The Witch of Blackbird Pond
7	The Giver	Choice of: Written in Bone or A Christmas Carol	Behind the Scenes	Choice of: Written in Bone , A Christmas Carol , The Giver , or Memoir
8	Flowers for Algernon	Choice of: The Tell-Tale Heart , or The Call of the Wild	Sugar	Choice of: Flowers for Algernon , The Tell-Tale Heart , Conservation , or The Call of the Wild



ELA Guidebooks for Grades 9-12

ELA Guidebooks 9-12 (2016)

Implement **up to 3 units per grade** in a school year. Below is a suggested unit order; however, the choice and order of units is a local decision.

Traditional Unit Progression				
Grade	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
9	The Odyssey	Hope, Despair, and Memory	Romeo and Juliet	Fahrenheit 451
10	Rhetoric	Metamorphosis	Henrietta's Dance	Macbeth
11	Our Town	American Dream	The Scarlet Letter	A Connecticut Yankee in King Authur's Court
12	Hamlet	Politics		

ELA Guidebooks 9-12 (2020)

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Unit Progression						
Grade	Development 1	Development 2	Development 3	Development 4	Development 5	Application
9	Photojournalism	A Lesson Before Dying	The Joy Luck Club	Romeo and Juliet	The Teenage Brain	Application Unit
10	Life of Pi	Hamilton	Things Fall Apart	The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Bioethics	Application Unit
11	The Great Gatsby	Friday Night Lights	Film in America	The Warmth of Other Suns	Homeownership	Application Unit
12	Education	Hamlet	In the Time of the Butterflies	1984	Artificial Intelligence	Application Unit