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Language Arts 300

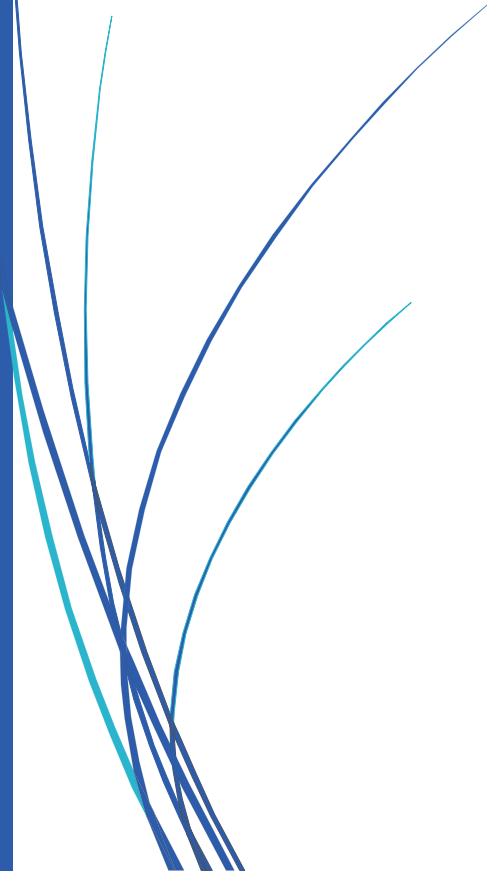


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Language Arts 300 Course Overview

Language Arts 300 focuses on the sequential development and integration of communication skills in four major areas: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Students are introduced to basic reading skills, as well as close reading strategies to use in short stories, a short play, poetry, and fables. Students learn to read digital text. Special attention has been paid to teaching students advanced word decoding skills. Students' understanding of sentence structure will lead to hands-on experience with complete sentences and writing complete paragraphs. Students will use graphic organizers to follow the writing process to write for a variety of genres. Students will be given the opportunity to use their verbal communication skills in a variety of projects, in addition to learning strategies for research and gathering information.

After completion of course assignments, student understanding will be deepened in the following ways:

- **Unit 1:** Display an understanding of the basic elements of reading and writing, including summarizing, sentence structure, and personal narratives
- **Unit 2:** Construct complete sentences and decode words using spelling rules and use understanding of story structure to interpret and replicate the style of a text
- **Unit 3:** Use parts of words to identify meaning, and find relationships between words and read and write fiction, in fables, folk tales, fairy tales, and personal experiences
- **Unit 4:** Classify parts of speech as part of a broader understanding of English grammar and use questioning techniques with texts and discussions including biographies
- **Unit 5:** Review grammar rules for capitalization and punctuation of sentences and analyze short stories
- **Unit 6:** Apply knowledge of poetry structure to write haiku poems and analyze digital media
- **Unit 7:** Identify and use parts of speech and use comprehension strategies while reading
- **Unit 8:** Use knowledge of word parts to identify and use parts of speech and read and interpret details in a story or play
- **Unit 9:** Use various strategies for reading non-fiction and fiction texts and follow the writing process to write an informational book report and different types of letters

Unit 1: Introduction to the Language Arts	
Assignments	
1. Course Overview	9. Prepositions
2. Reading to Find the Main Idea	10. Project: Personal Narrative
3. Project: Learning a New Language	11. Quiz: Person, Prepositions, and Punctuation
4. Complete Sentences and Capitalization	12. Unit Review
5. Project: Writing Paragraphs	13. Special Project*
6. Quiz: Main Ideas and Language	14. Test
7. Grammar: Punctuation	15. Alternate Test*
8. First Person Versus Third Person	16. Glossary and Credits

Unit 2: Capitalization Rules and Story Context**Assignments**

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| 1. Sentence Sense and Capitalization Rules | 12. Quiz: Context, Order, and Writing a Story |
| 2. Capitalizing Holidays | 13. Using Sentences Correctly |
| 3. Reading a Story About Sharing | 14. Decoding Words Using Spelling Patterns |
| 4. Quiz: Capitalization and Sentence Sense | 15. Spelling Words with Complex Consonants |
| 5. Alphabetical Order | 16. Quiz: Spelling, Decoding, and Sentences |
| 6. Understanding Sequence and Context in a Story | 17. Unit Review |
| 7. Context and Decoding Multi-syllable Words | 18. Special Project* |
| 8. Vowels | 19. Test |
| 9. Decoding With Vowel Digraphs and Diphthongs | 20. Alternate Test* |
| 10. Project: Writing a Story | 21. Glossary and Credits |
| 11. Project: Revising a Story | |

Unit 3: Words and Meaning**Assignments**

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| 1. Using the Dictionary | 11. Synonyms |
| 2. Project: Making Your Own Dictionary | 12. Capitalization Rules |
| 3. Conventions and Academic Language | 13. Using Titles Correctly |
| 4. Quiz: Using a Dictionary and Academic Language | 14. Project: Writing a Story about Pets |
| 5. Root Words and Prefixes | 15. Quiz: Synonyms and Titles |
| 6. Suffixes | 16. Unit Review |
| 7. Reading a Story with New Words | 17. Special Project* |
| 8. Project: Fable, Folklore, or Fairy Tale Report | 18. Test |
| 9. Antonyms | 19. Alternate Test* |
| 10. Quiz: Word Parts and Reading for Meaning | 20. Glossary and Credits |

Unit 4: Grammar Practice and Biography**Assignments**

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| 1. Nouns | 14. Determining Shades of Meaning in Words |
| 2. Adjectives | 15. Reading a Biography |
| 3. Quiz: Nouns and Adjectives | 16. Project: Rules for a Classroom Discussion |
| 4. Verbs | 17. Difference Between Spoken and Written Words |
| 5. Adverbs | 18. Preparing for a Discussion |
| 6. Quiz: Verbs and Adverbs | 19. Project: Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas |
| 7. Punctuation Marks | 20. Project: McCoy Today |
| 8. Using Capital Letters | 21. Quiz: Reading and Discussing Biographic Stories |
| 9. Using the Dictionary | 22. Unit Review |
| 10. Project: Biography Report | 23. Special Project* |
| 11. Quiz: Capitalization and Punctuation | 24. Test |
| 12. Reviewing Words and Word Parts | 25. Alternate Test* |
| 13. Asking and Answering Questions | 26. Glossary and Credits |

Unit 5: Short Stories and Grammar Review		
Assignments		
Language Arts 300	1. Practicing Grammar Knowledge	11. Identifying Theme in Fables
	2. Punctuation Marks	12. Analyzing a Plot
	3. Capitalization Review	13. Close Reading Strategies
	4. Project: Vowels	14. Quiz: Plot and Theme
	5. Quiz: Grammar Review	15. Unit Review
	6. Reading to Understand	16. Special Project*
	7. Reading a Longer Story for Meaning - Part 1	17. Test
	8. Reading a Longer Story for Meaning - Part 2	18. Alternate Test*
	9. Project: Animal Story Report	19. Glossary and Credits
	10. Quiz: Reading and Writing to Show Understanding	

Unit 6: Digital Communication in Fables and Poetry		
Assignments		
Language Arts 300	1. Cause and Effect in a Fable	13. What's Your Opinion
	2. Understanding Main Ideas and Cause and Effect	14. Opinions and Evidence
	3. Using Capital Letters and Commas Correctly	15. Linking Words and Phrases in Opinion Writing
	4. Project: Book Review	16. Conjunctions
	5. Digital Communication	17. Project: Writing an Opinion Piece
	6. Project: Publishing with Technology	18. Quiz: Opinions and Evidence
	7. Quiz: Cause and Effect and Digital Communication	19. Unit Review
	8. Haiku Poetry and Homographs	20. Special Project*
	9. Project: Poetry Review	21. Test
	10. Project: Haiku Poetry	22. Alternate Test*
	11. Project: Multimedia Presentation of Poetry	23. Glossary and Credits
	12. Quiz: Reading and Writing Haiku Poetry	

Unit 7: Nouns and Friendly Letters		
Assignments		
Language Arts 300	1. Reading for Main Ideas	13. Quiz: Following Directions, Contractions, and Suffixes
	2. Writing a Story	14. Writing Letters
	3. Noun Review	15. Friendly Letters
	4. Writing Singular and Plural Nouns	16. Project: Writing a Friendly Letter
	5. Complex Singular and Plural Nouns	17. Quiz: The Friendly Letter
	6. Quiz: Main Ideas and Nouns	18. Unit Review
	7. Reading to Follow Directions	19. Special Project*
	8. Fun With Language	20. Test
	9. Project: Following Directions*	21. Alternate Test*
	10. Spelling Complex Contractions	22. Glossary and Credits
	11. Pronouns	
	12. Suffixes (-er and -est)	

Unit 8: Close Reading and Adjectives		
Assignments		
Language Arts 300	1. Reading for Sequence	11. Action Verbs
	2. Adjective Review	12. State of Being Verbs
	3. Using Figurative Language to Describe	13. Project: Cinderella Comparison and Contrast
	4. Quiz: Reading For Sequence and Adjectives	14. Quiz: Reading a Play and Identifying Verbs
	5. Reading for Details	15. Unit Review
	6. Comparing with Adjectives	16. Special Project*
	7. Adjective Rules	17. Test
	8. Project: Adjective Extra Practice	18. Alternate Test*
	9. Quiz: Reading For Details and Adjectives	19. Glossary and Credits
	10. Reading a Play	

Unit 9: Reading and Writing		
Assignments		
Language Arts 300	1. Reading to Classify	14. Skimming and Scanning a Text for Information
	2. Adverbs Review	15. Visual Sources of Information
	3. Reading for Information	16. Project: Gathering Information from Surveys and Interviews
	4. Reading to Predict Outcome	17. Preparing to Write an Informational Report
	5. Reading Fiction and Nonfiction	18. Using Reference Books
	6. Project: Nonfiction Report	19. Project: Informational Report
	7. Quiz: Purposes for Reading and Adverbs	20. Quiz: Reading for Information and Research
	8. Thank You Letters	21. Unit Review
	9. Cursive Writing	22. Special Project*
	10. Project: Writing a Thank You Letter	23. Test
	11. Quiz: Cursive and Thank You Letters	24. Alternate Test*
	12. Reading Procedural Texts	25. Glossary and Credits
	13. Project: Improving Research Questions	

(*) Indicates alternative assignment