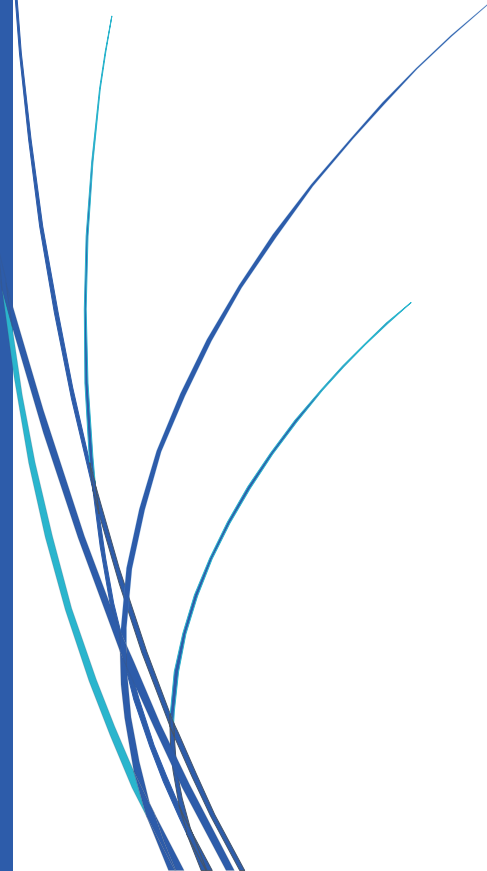




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# CALVERT HOMESCHOOL™ CURRICULUM CATALOG

## Language Arts 600



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## Language Arts 600 Course Overview

In Language Arts 600, students will delve into texts that span the genres of narrative fiction, poetry, literary nonfiction, and informational texts to build reading, writing and thinking skills. Students will also develop their writing skills as they focus on the six traits while producing narrative, argumentative, and explanatory compositions, as well as creative pieces including poetry. The course concludes with students completing a full research report.

With a strong emphasis on close reading instruction, writing and thinking activities, as well as speaking and listening tasks, this course will help students expand their understanding of literature while building 21st century skills. Multimedia and interactive elements are built into every lesson to ensure a high-level of student engagement. English 600 students will be enriched as they expand their skills and confidence in English language arts through a comprehensive study that includes the following units:

- **Unit 1:** Compare characters in both literature and informational text to build on reading strategies and further develop skills in both grammar and writing
- **Unit 2:** Understand mood and character types and learn how characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution in different text types including drama and epic poetry
- **Unit 3:** Justify the power of words and analyze how authors use language to communicate ideas in varied poetry forms and explanatory essays
- **Unit 4:** Analyze exposition in both fiction and non-fiction text and compare and contrast texts from different genres in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics
- **Unit 5:** Identify argument and specific claims found in news media, distinguish facts from opinion, as well as identifying bias, propaganda, and fallacies
- **Unit 6:** Identify argument, claims and evidence by completing a close read of nonfiction texts and complete an in-depth, multi-unit formal writing project on an argumentative essay
- **Unit 7:** Learn that important issues, such as civil rights and environmentalisms can be looked at from different perspectives and integrate information presented in different media and formats to develop a coherent understanding on a complex topic
- **Unit 8:** Explain that research and inquiry deepen understanding on topics and complete an in-depth, multi-unit formal research project answering an essential question

Unit 1: What a Character! Part I	
Assignments	
1. Course Overview	20. Making Predictions Based on Evidence
2. Adjectives Describe	21. Understanding Pronouns
3. Understanding a Character: Using Descriptions to Draw Conclusions	22. Quiz: Predictions, Evidence, and Pronouns
4. Understanding a Character: Reading Verses Listening	23. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Predictions, Evidence, and Pronouns*
5. Identifying and Forming Types of Nouns	24. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Predictions, Evidence, and Pronouns*
6. Project: Character Description	25. Finding the Main Idea
7. Quiz: Nouns, Adjectives, and Character	26. Evidence to Support a Main Idea
8. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Nouns, Adjectives, and Character*	27. Writing a Main Idea
9. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Nouns, Adjectives, and Character*	28. Identifying Story Elements and Summarizing
10. Understanding a Key Figure in Nonfiction: Preface	29. Reading to Compare and Contrast
11. Understanding a Character: Using Plot	30. Quiz: Main Idea, Story Elements, Summaries, and Comparisons
12. Identifying Action and Linking Verbs and Voice	31. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Main Idea, Story Elements, Summaries, and Comparisons*
13. Context Clues Vocabulary	32. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Main Idea, Story Elements, Summaries, and Comparisons*
14. Commonly Confused Words	33. Special Project*
15. Project: Writing a Personal Narrative	34. Review
16. Quiz: Verbs, Context, and Character	35. Test
17. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Verbs, Context, and Character*	36. Alternate Test - Form A*
18. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Verbs, Context, and Character*	37. Alternate Test - Form B*
19. Providing Evidence to Make Predictions	38. Glossary and Credits

Unit 2: What a Character! Part II	
Assignments	
1. Using 1st Person Point of View to Tell a Story	20. Understanding Heroes in Poetry
2. Using Pronouns Correctly	21. Creating Mood in a Story
3. Project: Another Point of View	22. Quiz: Heroes, Mood, and Poetry
4. Using 3rd Person Point of View to Tell a Story	23. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Heroes, Mood, and Poetry*
5. Identifying Conjunctions and Interjections	24. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Heroes, Mood, and Poetry*
6. Using Prepositional Phrases to Describe	25. Context Clues
7. How Parts of a Play Work Together to Tell a Story	26. Analogies: Parts to the Whole
8. Quiz: Point of View and Parts of Speech	27. Reference Materials
9. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Point of View and Parts of Speech*	28. Nonfiction - Providing Evidence to Understand a Key Figure
10. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Point of View and Parts of Speech*	29. Nonfiction - Summarizing a Text with a Central Idea
11. Understanding Purpose for Reading and Writing	30. Quiz: Context Clues, Evidence, Analogies, and Summarizing
12. Inspirational Characters	31. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Context Clues, Evidence, Analogies, and Summarizing*
13. Compare and Contrast Characters	32. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Context Clues, Evidence, Analogies, and Summarizing*
14. Project: Compare and Contrast Writing Assignment	33. Special Project*
15. Greek Affixes	34. Review
16. Quiz: Purpose, Affixes, and Character Comparison	35. Test
17. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Purpose, Affixes, and Character Comparison*	36. Alternate Test - Form A*
18. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Purpose, Affixes, and Character Comparison*	37. Alternate Test - Form B*
19. Heroes: Understanding Common Story Characters	38. Glossary and Credits

## Unit 3: Journeys

## Assignments

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| Language Arts 600 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Figurative Language</li> <li>2. Close Reading for Figurative Language</li> <li>3. Using Verbs with Point of View</li> <li>4. Word Choice and Tone</li> <li>5. Project: Write a Recipe in Figurative Language</li> <li>6. Quiz: Figurative Language, Word Choice, and Tone</li> <li>7. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Figurative Language, Word Choice, and Tone*</li> <li>8. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Figurative Language, Word Choice, and Tone*</li> <li>9. Characteristics of Poetry</li> <li>10. Poetry Forms</li> <li>11. Narrative and Nonsense Poetry</li> <li>12. Dialect and Character</li> <li>13. Project: Write a Poem</li> <li>14. Understanding Ballads and Lullabies</li> <li>15. Project: Lullaby Example</li> <li>16. Understanding Word Play in Poems</li> <li>17. Project: Word Play</li> <li>18. Project: Write Your Own Limericks</li> <li>19. Quiz: Poetry Forms and Elements</li> <li>20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Poetry Forms and Elements*</li> <li>21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Poetry Forms and Elements*</li> <li>22. Identifying Verb Tense</li> <li>23. Using Verbs and Verb Phrases Correctly</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24. Explanatory Essay Part I: Choose a Topic</li> <li>25. Explanatory Essay Part II: Developing the Topic</li> <li>26. Explanatory Essay Part III: Transitions</li> <li>27. Project: 3 Body Paragraphs</li> <li>28. Quiz: Verbs and Explanatory Essay Writing</li> <li>29. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Verbs and Explanatory Essay Writing*</li> <li>30. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Verbs and Explanatory Essay Writing*</li> <li>31. Capitalizing Correctly in Your Writing</li> <li>32. Choosing Accurate Punctuation</li> <li>33. Explanatory Essay Part IV: Introductory Paragraph</li> <li>34. Explanatory Essay Part V: Concluding Paragraph</li> <li>35. Explanatory Essay Part VI: Language and Style</li> <li>36. Project: Explanatory Essay</li> <li>37. Quiz: Explanatory Essay Writing and Formatting</li> <li>38. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Explanatory Essay Writing and Formatting*</li> <li>39. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Explanatory Essay Writing and Formatting*</li> <li>40. Special Project*</li> <li>41. Review</li> <li>42. Test</li> <li>43. Alternate Test - Form A*</li> <li>44. Alternate Test - Form B*</li> <li>45. Glossary and Credits</li> </ol> |
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**Unit 4: Journey into Literature****Assignments**

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| Language Arts 600 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Elements of Exposition</li> <li>2. Breaking Down Words into Parts</li> <li>3. Project: Word Part Practice</li> <li>4. Identifying Synonyms, Antonyms, and Idioms</li> <li>5. Expressions and Idioms</li> <li>6. Introductory Information in Literary Nonfiction</li> <li>7. Project: Compare Prairie Fiction and Nonfiction</li> <li>8. Quiz: Story Parts, Word Parts, and Expressions</li> <li>9. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Story Parts, Word Parts, and Expressions*</li> <li>10. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Story Parts, Word Parts, and Expressions*</li> <li>11. Creating Complete Sentences</li> <li>12. Classifying Types of Sentences</li> <li>13. Varied Sentence Structure</li> <li>14. Plot Development: Pacing</li> <li>15. Plot Development: Dialogue</li> <li>16. Quiz: Sentence Structure, Pacing, and Dialogue</li> <li>17. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Sentence Structure, Pacing, and Dialogue*</li> <li>18. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Sentence Structure, Pacing, and Dialogue*</li> <li>19. Punctuation: Parenthetical Elements</li> <li>20. Resolution Techniques</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21. Alternate Endings</li> <li>22. Quiz: Parenthetical Elements, Resolution Techniques</li> <li>23. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Parenthetical Elements, Resolution Techniques*</li> <li>24. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Parenthetical Elements, Resolution Techniques*</li> <li>25. Writing a Setting</li> <li>26. Personal Narrative</li> <li>27. Making a Plot Map</li> <li>28. Writing a Resolution</li> <li>29. Identifying Adjectives and Possessive Pronouns</li> <li>30. Identifying Adverbs and Adverb Phrases</li> <li>31. Project: Write a Narrative</li> <li>32. Quiz: Writing Parts of Plot, Adjectives, and Adverbs</li> <li>33. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Writing Parts of Plot, Adjectives, and Adverbs*</li> <li>34. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Writing Parts of Plot, Adjectives, and Adverbs*</li> <li>35. Special Project*</li> <li>36. Review</li> <li>37. Test</li> <li>38. Alternate Test - Form A*</li> <li>39. Alternate Test - Form B*</li> <li>40. Glossary and Credits</li> </ol> |
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**Unit 5: Controversy in Our World****Assignments**

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| Language Arts 600 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The News Article</li> <li>2. Analyzing a News Article</li> <li>3. Distinguishing Fact from Opinion</li> <li>4. Quiz: The News Article, Analyzing a News Article, Fact vs. Opinion</li> <li>5. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The News Article, Analyzing a News Article, Fact vs. Opinion*</li> <li>6. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The News Article, Analyzing a News Article, Fact vs. Opinion*</li> <li>7. Propaganda</li> <li>8. Recognizing Propaganda or Bias</li> <li>9. Advertisements and Fallacies</li> <li>10. Project: Write an Advertisement</li> <li>11. Quiz: Propaganda, Bias, and Advertisements</li> <li>12. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Propaganda, Bias, and Advertisements*</li> <li>13. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Propaganda, Bias, and Advertisements*</li> <li>14. Using Adjectives and Adverbs Effectively</li> <li>15. Recognizing Run-On or Fragment Sentences</li> <li>16. Project: Spelling and Spell Check</li> <li>17. Editorials</li> <li>18. Opinion Pieces</li> <li>19. Project: Writing a Persuasive Paragraph</li> <li>20. Using Graphics and Visuals</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21. Quiz: Editorials, Opinion Pieces, and Effective Sentences</li> <li>22. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Editorials, Opinion Pieces, and Effective Sentences*</li> <li>23. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Editorials, Opinion Pieces, and Effective Sentences*</li> <li>24. Considering Pros and Cons</li> <li>25. Gathering Evidence</li> <li>26. Using a Dictionary and Thesaurus to Understand Meaning</li> <li>27. Listening and Summarizing Effectively</li> <li>28. Preparing for a Discussion</li> <li>29. Project: Debate Speech</li> <li>30. Quiz: Evidence, Discussion, and Debate Styles</li> <li>31. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Evidence, Discussion, and Debate Styles*</li> <li>32. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Evidence, Discussion, and Debate Styles*</li> <li>33. Special Project*</li> <li>34. Review</li> <li>35. Test</li> <li>36. Alternate Test - Form A*</li> <li>37. Alternate Test - Form B*</li> <li>38. Glossary and Credits</li> </ol> |
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**Unit 6: Argument, Claims, and Evidence****Assignments**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arguments: Identifying the Position</li> <li>2. Arguments: Identifying Claims</li> <li>3. Arguments: Identifying Evidence that Supports Claims</li> <li>4. Quiz: Identifying Position, Claims, Evidence</li> <li>5. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Identifying Position, Claims, Evidence*</li> <li>6. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Identifying Position, Claims, Evidence*</li> <li>7. Arguments: Position/Counter Position</li> <li>8. Arguments: Examining Both Sides</li> <li>9. Project: Oral Presentation - Solving a Problem</li> <li>10. Arguments: Analyzing Claims- Supported or Unsupported</li> <li>11. Project: Evaluate the Argument</li> <li>12. Quiz: Arguments, Positions, and Claims</li> <li>13. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Arguments, Positions, and Claims*</li> <li>14. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Arguments, Positions, and Claims*</li> <li>15. Model Argumentative Essay: Thesis Statement</li> <li>16. Model Argumentative Essay: Trace the Argument</li> <li>17. Model Argumentative Essay: Conclusion</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18. Quiz: Parts of an Argumentative Essay</li> <li>19. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Parts of an Argumentative Essay*</li> <li>20. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Parts of an Argumentative Essay*</li> <li>21. Writing an Argumentative Essay: Choose a Position</li> <li>22. Writing an Argumentative Essay: Mapping Your Claims and Evidence</li> <li>23. Writing an Argumentative Essay: Drafting A Thesis Statement and Introductory Paragraph</li> <li>24. Project: Write an Argument</li> <li>25. Quiz: Writing an Argumentative Essay</li> <li>26. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Writing an Argumentative Essay*</li> <li>27. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Writing an Argumentative Essay*</li> <li>28. Special Project*</li> <li>29. Review</li> <li>30. Test</li> <li>31. Alternate Test - Form A*</li> <li>32. Alternate Test - Form B*</li> <li>33. Glossary and Credits</li> </ol> |
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**Unit 7: Perspectives****Assignments**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Developing an Informed Opinion</li> <li>2. Meet John Muir: First Modern Conservationist</li> <li>3. John Muir and the Hetch Hetchy Controversy: A Different Perspective</li> <li>4. Project: Write a Reflection on the Different Faces of John Muir</li> <li>5. Quiz: Point of View, Developing an Informed Opinion</li> <li>6. Alternate Quiz-Form A: Point of View, Developing an Informed Opinion*</li> <li>7. Alternate Quiz-Form B: Point of View, Developing an Informed Opinion*</li> <li>8. Meet Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Letter from a Birmingham Jail Pt. 1</li> <li>9. Meet Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Letter from a Birmingham Jail Pt. 2</li> <li>10. In the Words of Dr. King: I Have a Dream</li> <li>11. Identifying Parts of a Business Letter</li> <li>12. Project: Letter Writing</li> <li>13. Project: An Open Letter</li> <li>14. Quiz: Multiple Perspectives, Letters and Speeches as Persuasive Writing</li> <li>15. Alternative Quiz-Form A: Multiple Perspectives, Letters and Speeches as Persuasive Writing*</li> <li>16. Alternative Quiz-Form B: Multiple Perspectives, Letters and Speeches as Persuasive Writing*</li> <li>17. Earth's Resources: What are the Issues</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18. Earth's Resources: A Traditional Perspective</li> <li>19. Earth's Resources: A New Perspective</li> <li>20. Quiz: Gathering Evidence to Form an Opinion</li> <li>21. Alternative Quiz-Form A: Gathering Evidence to Form an Opinion*</li> <li>22. Alternative Quiz-Form B: Gathering Evidence to Form an Opinion*</li> <li>23. Infographics</li> <li>24. Amazing Kids! Meet Boyan Slat</li> <li>25. Amazing Kids! Meet Duro-Aina Adebola, Akindele Abiola, Faleke Oluwatoyin, and Bello Eniola</li> <li>26. Project: Make an Infographic</li> <li>27. Oral Instructions</li> <li>28. Project: Procedural Scavenger Hunts</li> <li>29. Quiz: Infographics and Oral Instructions</li> <li>30. Alternate Quiz-Form A: Infographics and Oral Instructions*</li> <li>31. Alternate Quiz-Form B: Infographics and Oral Instructions*</li> <li>32. Special Project*</li> <li>33. Review</li> <li>34. Test</li> <li>35. Alternate Test - Form A*</li> <li>36. Alternate Test - Form B*</li> <li>37. Glossary and Credits</li> </ol> |
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Unit 8: Research and Report Writing		
Assignments		
Language Arts 600	1. Introduction to Research, Questioning Sources	20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Gathering Data, Drafting Thesis Statement*
	2. Examining the Evidence	21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Gathering Data, Drafting Thesis Statement*
	3. Determining a Central Idea, Summarizing	22. Outline
	4. Quiz: Introduction to Research	23. Project: Draft 1
	5. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Introduction to Research*	24. Using Digital Media
	6. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Introduction to Research*	25. Project: Multimedia Presentation of Your Research
	7. Choosing a Topic, Creating an Essential Question	26. Project: Final Draft
	8. Finding Credible Sources	27. Quiz: Outline to Final
	9. Narrowing the Topic	28. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Outline to Final*
	10. Quiz: Research Topic	29. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Outline to Final*
	11. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Research Topic*	30. Special Project*
	12. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Research Topic*	31. Review
	13. Parentheses, Brackets, and Ellipsis	32. Test
	14. Project: Practicing Underlining and Italics	33. Alternate Test - Form A*
	15. Gathering Data and Bibliography	34. Alternate Test - Form B*
	16. Taking Notes	35. Glossary and Credits
	17. Project: Note Taking	
	18. Drafting a Thesis Statement	
	19. Quiz: Gathering Data, Drafting Thesis Statement	

Unit 9: Final Review and Exam		
Assignments		
LA600	1. Exam Review	3. Alternate Exam - Form A*
	2. Exam	4. Alternate Exam - Form B*

(\*) Indicates alternative assignment