



CALVERT HOMESCHOOL™ CURRICULUM CATALOG

Language Arts 600

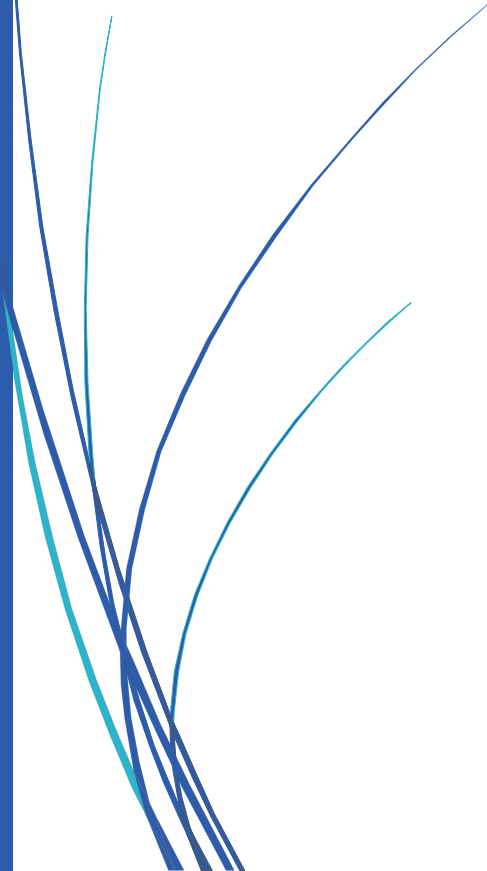


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Language Arts 600 Course Overview

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**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course Overview 2. Adjectives Describe 3. Understanding a Character: Using Descriptions to Draw Conclusions 4. Understanding a Character: Reading Verses Listening 5. Identifying and Forming Types of Nouns 6. Project: Character Description 7. Quiz: Nouns, Adjectives, and Character 8. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Nouns, Adjectives, and Character* 9. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Nouns, Adjectives, and Character* 10. Understanding a Key Figure in Nonfiction: Preface 11. Understanding a Character: Using Plot 12. Identifying Action and Linking Verbs and Voice 13. Context Clues Vocabulary 14. Commonly Confused Words 15. Project: Writing a Personal Narrative 16. Quiz: Verbs, Context, and Character 17. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Verbs, Context, and Character* 18. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Verbs, Context, and Character* 19. Providing Evidence to Make Predictions | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 20. Making Predictions Based on Evidence 21. Understanding Pronouns 22. Quiz: Predictions, Evidence, and Pronouns 23. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Predictions, Evidence, and Pronouns* 24. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Predictions, Evidence, and Pronouns* 25. Finding the Main Idea 26. Evidence to Support a Main Idea 27. Writing a Main Idea 28. Identifying Story Elements and Summarizing 29. Reading to Compare and Contrast 30. Quiz: Main Idea, Story Elements, Summaries, and Comparisons 31. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Main Idea, Story Elements, Summaries, and Comparisons* 32. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Main Idea, Story Elements, Summaries, and Comparisons* 33. Special Project* 34. Review 35. Test 36. Alternate Test - Form A* 37. Alternate Test - Form B* 38. Glossary and Credits |
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Unit 2: What a Character! Part II**Assignments**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Using 1st Person Point of View to Tell a Story 2. Using Pronouns Correctly 3. Project: Another Point of View 4. Using 3rd Person Point of View to Tell a Story 5. Identifying Conjunctions and Interjections 6. Using Prepositional Phrases to Describe 7. How Parts of a Play Work Together to Tell a Story 8. Quiz: Point of View and Parts of Speech 9. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Point of View and Parts of Speech* 10. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Point of View and Parts of Speech* 11. Understanding Purpose for Reading and Writing 12. Inspirational Characters 13. Compare and Contrast Characters 14. Project: Compare and Contrast Writing Assignment 15. Greek Affixes 16. Quiz: Purpose, Affixes, and Character Comparison 17. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Purpose, Affixes, and Character Comparison* 18. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Purpose, Affixes, and Character Comparison* 19. Heroes: Understanding Common Story Characters | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 20. Understanding Heroes in Poetry 21. Creating Mood in a Story 22. Quiz: Heroes, Mood, and Poetry 23. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Heroes, Mood, and Poetry* 24. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Heroes, Mood, and Poetry* 25. Context Clues 26. Analogies: Parts to the Whole 27. Reference Materials 28. Nonfiction - Providing Evidence to Understand a Key Figure 29. Nonfiction - Summarizing a Text with a Central Idea 30. Quiz: Context Clues, Evidence, Analogies, and Summarizing 31. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Context Clues, Evidence, Analogies, and Summarizing* 32. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Context Clues, Evidence, Analogies, and Summarizing* 33. Special Project* 34. Review 35. Test 36. Alternate Test - Form A* 37. Alternate Test - Form B* 38. Glossary and Credits |
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Unit 3: Journeys

Assignments

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| 1. Figurative Language | 24. Explanatory Essay Part I: Choose a Topic |
| 2. Close Reading for Figurative Language | 25. Explanatory Essay Part II: Developing the Topic |
| 3. Using Verbs with Point of View | 26. Explanatory Essay Part III: Transitions |
| 4. Word Choice and Tone | 27. Project: 3 Body Paragraphs |
| 5. Project: Write a Recipe in Figurative Language | 28. Quiz: Verbs and Explanatory Essay Writing |
| 6. Quiz: Figurative Language, Word Choice, and Tone | 29. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Verbs and Explanatory Essay Writing* |
| 7. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Figurative Language, Word Choice, and Tone* | 30. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Verbs and Explanatory Essay Writing* |
| 8. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Figurative Language, Word Choice, and Tone* | 31. Capitalizing Correctly in Your Writing |
| 9. Characteristics of Poetry | 32. Choosing Accurate Punctuation |
| 10. Poetry Forms | 33. Explanatory Essay Part IV: Introductory Paragraph |
| 11. Narrative and Nonsense Poetry | 34. Explanatory Essay Part V: Concluding Paragraph |
| 12. Dialect and Character | 35. Explanatory Essay Part VI: Language and Style |
| 13. Project: Write a Poem | 36. Project: Explanatory Essay |
| 14. Understanding Ballads and Lullabies | 37. Quiz: Explanatory Essay Writing and Formatting |
| 15. Project: Lullaby Example | 38. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Explanatory Essay Writing and Formatting* |
| 16. Understanding Word Play in Poems | 39. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Explanatory Essay Writing and Formatting* |
| 17. Project: Word Play | 40. Special Project* |
| 18. Project: Write Your Own Limericks | 41. Review |
| 19. Quiz: Poetry Forms and Elements | 42. Test |
| 20. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Poetry Forms and Elements* | 43. Alternate Test - Form A* |
| 21. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Poetry Forms and Elements* | 44. Alternate Test - Form B* |
| 22. Identifying Verb Tense | 45. Glossary and Credits |
| 23. Using Verbs and Verb Phrases Correctly | |

Unit 4: Journey into Literature	
Assignments	
1. Elements of Exposition	21. Alternate Endings
2. Breaking Down Words into Parts	22. Quiz: Parenthetical Elements, Resolution Techniques
3. Project: Word Part Practice	23. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Parenthetical Elements, Resolution Techniques*
4. Identifying Synonyms, Antonyms, and Idioms	24. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Parenthetical Elements, Resolution Techniques*
5. Expressions and Idioms	25. Writing a Setting
6. Introductory Information in Literary Nonfiction	26. Personal Narrative
7. Project: Compare Prairie Fiction and Nonfiction	27. Making a Plot Map
8. Quiz: Story Parts, Word Parts, and Expressions	28. Writing a Resolution
9. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Story Parts, Word Parts, and Expressions*	29. Identifying Adjectives and Possessive Pronouns
10. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Story Parts, Word Parts, and Expressions*	30. Identifying Adverbs and Adverb Phrases
11. Creating Complete Sentences	31. Project: Write a Narrative
12. Classifying Types of Sentences	32. Quiz: Writing Parts of Plot, Adjectives, and Adverbs
13. Varied Sentence Structure	33. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Writing Parts of Plot, Adjectives, and Adverbs*
14. Plot Development: Pacing	34. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Writing Parts of Plot, Adjectives, and Adverbs*
15. Plot Development: Dialogue	35. Special Project*
16. Quiz: Sentence Structure, Pacing, and Dialogue	36. Review
17. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Sentence Structure, Pacing, and Dialogue*	37. Test
18. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Sentence Structure, Pacing, and Dialogue*	38. Alternate Test - Form A*
19. Punctuation: Parenthetical Elements	39. Alternate Test - Form B*
20. Resolution Techniques	40. Glossary and Credits

Unit 5: Controversy in Our World	
Assignments	
1. The News Article	21. Quiz: Editorials, Opinion Pieces, and Effective Sentences
2. Analyzing a News Article	22. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Editorials, Opinion Pieces, and Effective Sentences*
3. Distinguishing Fact from Opinion	23. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Editorials, Opinion Pieces, and Effective Sentences*
4. Quiz: The News Article, Analyzing a News Article, Fact vs. Opinion	24. Considering Pros and Cons
5. Alternate Quiz - Form A: The News Article, Analyzing a News Article, Fact vs. Opinion*	25. Gathering Evidence
6. Alternate Quiz - Form B: The News Article, Analyzing a News Article, Fact vs. Opinion*	26. Using a Dictionary and Thesaurus to Understand Meaning
7. Propaganda	27. Listening and Summarizing Effectively
8. Recognizing Propaganda or Bias	28. Preparing for a Discussion
9. Advertisements and Fallacies	29. Project: Debate Speech
10. Project: Write an Advertisement	30. Quiz: Evidence, Discussion, and Debate Styles
11. Quiz: Propaganda, Bias, and Advertisements	31. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Evidence, Discussion, and Debate Styles*
12. Alternate Quiz - Form A: Propaganda, Bias, and Advertisements*	32. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Evidence, Discussion, and Debate Styles*
13. Alternate Quiz - Form B: Propaganda, Bias, and Advertisements*	33. Special Project*
14. Using Adjectives and Adverbs Effectively	34. Review
15. Recognizing Run-On or Fragment Sentences	35. Test
16. Project: Spelling and Spell Check	36. Alternate Test - Form A*
17. Editorials	37. Alternate Test - Form B*
18. Opinion Pieces	38. Glossary and Credits
19. Project: Writing a Persuasive Paragraph	
20. Using Graphics and Visuals	

Unit 6: Argument, Claims, and Evidence**Assignments**

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

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developing an Informed Opinion 2. Meet John Muir: First Modern Conservationist 3. John Muir and the Hetch Hetchy Controversy: A Different Perspective 4. Project: Write a Reflection on the Different Faces of John Muir 5. Quiz: Point of View, Developing an Informed Opinion 6. Alternate Quiz-Form A: Point of View, Developing an Informed Opinion* 7. Alternate Quiz-Form B: Point of View, Developing an Informed Opinion* 8. Meet Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Letter from a Birmingham Jail Pt. 1 9. Meet Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Letter from a Birmingham Jail Pt. 2 10. In the Words of Dr. King: I Have a Dream 11. Identifying Parts of a Business Letter 12. Project: Letter Writing 13. Project: An Open Letter 14. Quiz: Multiple Perspectives, Letters and Speeches as Persuasive Writing 15. Alternative Quiz-Form A: Multiple Perspectives, Letters and Speeches as Persuasive Writing* 16. Alternative Quiz-Form B: Multiple Perspectives, Letters and Speeches as Persuasive Writing* 17. Earth's Resources: What are the Issues | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 18. Earth's Resources: A Traditional Perspective 19. Earth's Resources: A New Perspective 20. Quiz: Gathering Evidence to Form an Opinion 21. Alternative Quiz-Form A: Gathering Evidence to Form an Opinion* 22. Alternative Quiz-Form B: Gathering Evidence to Form an Opinion* 23. Infographics 24. Amazing Kids! Meet Boyan Slat 25. Amazing Kids! Meet Duro-Aina Adebola, Akindele Abiola, Faleke Oluwatoyin, and Bello Eniola 26. Project: Make an Infographic 27. Oral Instructions 28. Project: Procedural Scavenger Hunts 29. Quiz: Infographics and Oral Instructions 30. Alternate Quiz-Form A: Infographics and Oral Instructions* 31. Alternate Quiz-Form B: Infographics and Oral Instructions* 32. Special Project* 33. Review 34. Test 35. Alternate Test - Form A* 36. Alternate Test - Form B* 37. Glossary and Credits |
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Unit 8: Research and Report Writing		
Assignments		
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	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