



**Switched-On**  
SCHOOLHOUSE

# Course Catalog

Language Arts 600

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## COURSE OVERVIEW

Language Arts 600 continues to build on the sequential development and integration of communication skills in four major areas—reading, writing, speaking, and listening. It most specifically focuses on deepening and furthering students' understanding in the following ways:

- **Reading**—develops students' reading skills, including the identification of main ideas, supporting details, sequence, and facts and opinions; introduces more advanced reading skills, showing students how to analyze propaganda, make inferences, and determine the author's authority; shows students how to identify parts of speech in sentences, with emphasis on kinds and uses of nouns, pronouns, and verb tenses; develops students' capacities for identifying basic elements of narrative prose; enhances students' abilities for reading newspaper articles and informative nonfiction; helps students develop basic literary comprehension skills through the reading of short stories, nonfiction pieces, and poetry.
- **Writing**—develops students' understanding of sentence structure, providing hands-on experience with subject-verb agreement, participles, and phrases; emphasizes parts of speech and their roles, including adjectives, nouns, and verbs; familiarizes students with roots, affixes, and basic word relationships, including homonyms, synonyms, and antonyms; develops students' vocabulary and spelling skills; gives students the opportunity to develop their abilities in writing paragraphs, business letters, poetry, and short stories; guides students through planning, organizing, writing, and revising a report.
- **Special Topics**—teaches dictionary skills and comprehension of graphic visual aids; introduces students to Biblical literature topics.

### Curriculum Contents

#### *Reading Comprehension Skills*

- Analyzing Propaganda
- Comparing and Contrasting
- Determining Author's Purpose—Reading for Entertainment and Reading for Information
- Determining Author's Reliability
- Evaluating a Text Based on Biblical Merit
- Identifying Facts and Opinions
- Identifying Main Ideas and Supporting Details
- Finding Implied Meanings
- Reading Newspaper Articles
- Reading Poetry
- Reading Biblical Literature
- Reading Short Stories

#### *Composition*

- Paragraph Elements and Structure
- Paraphrasing a Psalm
- Report—on Sheep
- Using Invented Words
- Writing a Business Letter
- Writing Poetry—Pen Pictures, Cinquains, and Shaped Poems
- Writing a Report—Outlining, Writing, and Revising
- Writing with Metaphors
- Writing Short Stories—Plot, Setting, Structure, and Character Development

*Grammar and Usage*

- Adjectives—Comparative Adjectives, Superlative Adjectives, and Articles
- Adverbs—Comparative Adverbs and Superlative Adverbs
- Interjections
- Kinds of Sentences—Statement, Question, Command, and Surprise/Excitement
- Nouns—Plural, Possessive, and Common and Proper Nouns
- Pronouns—Pronoun Case, Personal Pronouns, and Demonstrative Pronouns
- Punctuation—Exclamation Points, Periods, Question Marks, and Commas
- Sentence Structure—Subject/Predicate, Prepositions, and Phrases
- Verbs—Verb Tense, Irregular Verbs, Auxiliary Verbs, Person, Number, and Compound Verbs

*Literature Studies*

- Fiction
  - Elements—Structure, Character, Plot, and Setting
  - Genre/Type—Fable, Legend, Animal Story, Myth, Fairy Tale, Adventure, Historical Piece, Mystery, and Science Fiction
- Nonfiction
  - Definition
  - Elements—Organization and Diction
  - Genre/Type—Autobiography, Biography, Propaganda, and Articles
- Poetry
  - Definition
  - Elements—Structure, Rhyme, Meter, and Diction
  - Genre/Type—Ballad, Free Verse, Limerick, Shaped Poem, Epic, Narrative, and Pen Picture
  - Literary Device—Metaphors, Similes, Alliteration, Sound Effects, and Parallelism

*Speaking and Listening*

- Speaking Qualities

*Spelling*

- Homonyms
- Words with /sh/ sound
- Roots and Affixes

*Vocabulary Building*

- Dictionary Skills
- Word Relationships—Synonyms, Antonyms, and Homonyms
- Word Structure—Roots and Affixes

*Special Topics*

- The Bible as Literature—Nonfiction, Short Story, Poetry, Drama, and Parable
- The Nature of Advertising
- Creating an Advertisement
- Graphic Aids—Charts and Graphs
- Reference Materials—Dictionary, Encyclopedia, Almanac, Atlas, Who's Who, Thesaurus, and Concordance
- Study Skills—Note-Taking
- Word Play—Palindromes, Puns, and Conundrums

UNIT 1: ELEMENTS OF GRAMMAR	
LANGUAGE ARTS 600	<b>Assignment Titles</b>
	1. Course Overview
	2. The Sentence
	3. Sentence Types
	4. Spelling Lesson 1
	5. Quiz 1
	6. Spelling Quiz 1
	7. Nouns
	8. Verbs
	9. Spelling Lesson 2
	10. Quiz 2
	11. Spelling Quiz 2
	12. Adjectives
	13. Adverbs
	14. Spelling Lesson 3
	15. Quiz 3
	16. Spelling Quiz 3
	17. Pronouns
	18. Prepositions
	19. Conjunctions and Interjections
	20. Quiz 4
	21. Unit 1 Special Project*
	22. Review Game
	23. Test
	24. Alternate Test*
25. Reference	

UNIT 2: GRAMMAR USAGE	
LANGUAGE ARTS 600	<b>Assignment Titles</b>
	1. Capitalization
	2. Punctuation
	3. Spelling Lesson 1
	4. Quiz 1
	5. Spelling Quiz 1
	6. Word Parts
	7. Word Parts: Exercises*
	8. Synonyms, Antonyms, and Idioms
	9. Spelling Lesson 2
	10. Quiz 2
	11. Spelling Quiz 2
	12. Person and Number of Verbs
	13. Principal Parts of Verbs
	14. Using Auxiliary Verbs
	15. Spelling Lesson 3
	16. Quiz 3
	17. Spelling Quiz 3
	18. Using Adjectives and Adverbs
	19. Fragments and Run-on Sentences
	20. Quiz 4
	21. Unit 2 Special Project*
	22. Review Game
	23. Test
	24. Alternate Test*
25. Reference	

UNIT 3: READING SKILLS	
LANGUAGE ARTS 600	<b>Assignment Titles</b>
	1. Developing Reading Skills
	2. Developing Vocabulary
	3. Spelling Lesson 1: /sh/
	4. Quiz 1
	5. Spelling Quiz 1
	6. Finding Relationships: Sequence/Cause and Effect
	7. Comprehension: Distinguishing Fact from Opinion
	8. Reading to Comprehend
	9. Spelling Lesson 2: /sh/
	10. Quiz 2
	11. Spelling Quiz 2
	12. Reading Critically
	13. Project: Book Report: Short Story*
	14. Analyzing Story Structure
	15. Comparing and Contrasting Stories
	16. Spelling Lesson 3: Homonyms
	17. Quiz 3
	18. Spelling Quiz 3
	19. Unit 3 Special Project*
	20. Review Game
	21. Test
	22. Alternate Test*
	23. Reference

UNIT 4: WRITING SKILLS				
LANGUAGE ARTS 600	<b>Assignment Titles</b>			
	1.	Paragraph Writing	14.	Spelling Lesson 2: -ing
	2.	Essay: Paragraph	15.	Spelling Quiz 2
	3.	Essay: Autobiography*	16.	Writing the Report
	4.	Business Letters	17.	Project: Research--Final Report
	5.	Project: Business Letter	18.	Spelling Lesson 3
	6.	Report Writing: Preparation	19.	Quiz 2
	7.	Spelling Lesson 1: Plurals	20.	Spelling Quiz 3
	8.	Quiz 1	21.	Unit 4 Special Project*
	9.	Spelling Quiz 1	22.	Review Game
	10.	Report Writing: Researching	23.	Test
	11.	Project: Research--Taking Notes	24.	Alternate Test*
	12.	Outlining	25.	Reference
13.	Project: Research--Outline			

UNIT 5: NEWSPAPERS AND PROPAGANDA				
LANGUAGE ARTS 600	<b>Assignment Titles</b>			
	1.	The Newspaper	13.	Recognizing Propaganda
	2.	Fact and Opinion in News Reports	14.	Project: Propaganda
	3.	Report: Newspapers Today	15.	Spelling Lesson 3: Plurals, Homonyms, and the /sh/ Sound
	4.	Analyzing a News Story	16.	Spelling Quiz 3
	5.	Project: News Story	17.	Quiz 2
	6.	Spelling Lesson 1: Words That Sound Alike	18.	Unit 5 Special Project*
	7.	Quiz 1	19.	Review Game
	8.	Spelling Quiz 1	20.	Test
	9.	Propaganda	21.	Alternate Test*
	10.	Project: Advertisement	22.	Reference
	11.	Spelling Lesson 2		
12.	Spelling Quiz 2			

UNIT 6: LITERARY FORMS				
LANGUAGE ARTS 600	<b>Assignment Titles</b>			
	1.	Spelling Lesson 1	11.	Mood
	2.	Spelling Quiz 1	12.	Spelling Lesson 3
	3.	Poetry	13.	Quiz 2
	4.	Types of Prose Fiction	14.	Spelling Quiz 3
	5.	Types of Prose Fiction (2)	15.	Unit 6 Special Project*
	6.	Spelling Lesson 2	16.	Review Game
	7.	Quiz 1	17.	Test
	8.	Spelling Quiz 2	18.	Alternate Test*
	9.	Prose Nonfiction	19.	Reference
10.	Project: Book Report: Biography*			

UNIT 7: READING FOR A PURPOSE				
LANGUAGE ARTS 600	<b>Assignment Titles</b>			
	1.	Judging a Book	13.	Reading for Inspiration (1)
	2.	An Author's Use of Expressive Language	14.	Reading for Inspiration (2)
	3.	Spelling Lesson 1	15.	Essay: Lambs in the Bible
	4.	Quiz 1	16.	Spelling Lesson 3: Suffixes and the /sh/ Sound
	5.	Spelling Quiz 1	17.	Quiz 3
	6.	Nonfiction Comprehension Practice	18.	Spelling Quiz 3
	7.	Nonfiction: Main Idea and Supporting Details	19.	Project: Book Report: Novel*
	8.	Project: Outline*	20.	Unit 7 Special Project*
	9.	Report: Shepherding	21.	Review Game
	10.	Spelling Lesson 2	22.	Test
	11.	Quiz 2	23.	Alternate Test*
12.	Spelling Quiz 2	24.	Reference	

UNIT 8: POETRY				
Assignment Titles				
LANGUAGE ARTS 600	1.	Characteristics of Poetry	17.	Project: Cinquain and Shaped Poems
	2.	Free Verse	18.	Spelling Lesson 3
	3.	Project: Youthfulness*	19.	Quiz 2
	4.	Spelling Lesson 1	20.	Spelling Quiz 3
	5.	Quiz 1	21.	Musical Poems
	6.	Spelling Quiz 1	22.	Report: Lullabies
	7.	Figures of Speech: Similes	23.	Word Play: Riddles/Conundrums
	8.	Figures of Speech: Metaphors	24.	Limericks
	9.	Project: Metaphors	25.	Project: Limericks
	10.	Poetic Devices	26.	Palindromes
	11.	Essay: Invented Words	27.	Quiz 3
	12.	Spelling Lesson 2	28.	Unit 8 Special Project*
	13.	Spelling Quiz 2	29.	Review Game
	14.	Poetic Forms (1)	30.	Test
	15.	Project: Pen Picture	31.	Alternate Test*
	16.	Poetic Forms (2)	32.	Reference

UNIT 9: BIBLE LITERATURE				
Assignment Titles				
LANGUAGE ARTS 600	1.	The Bible as Literature	13.	Spelling Quiz 2
	2.	A Bible Story	14.	Bible History
	3.	Project: Bible Stories*	15.	Law
	4.	Parables and Proverbs	16.	Spelling Lesson 3
	5.	Spelling Lesson 1	17.	Quiz 3
	6.	Quiz 1	18.	Spelling Quiz 3
	7.	Spelling Quiz 1	19.	Unit 9 Special Project*
	8.	Bible Poetry	20.	Review Game
	9.	Project: Psalm 19	21.	Test
	10.	Prophetic Writing	22.	Alternate Test*
	11.	Spelling Lesson 2	23.	Reference
	12.	Quiz 2		

UNIT 10: REVIEW				
Assignment Titles				
LANGUAGE ARTS 600	1.	Patterns in Language	12.	Project: Advertising
	2.	Capitalization and Punctuation	13.	Essay: The President's Thoughts*
	3.	Quiz 1	14.	Communication: Letters and Newspapers
	4.	Organization in Literary Forms	15.	Project: Newspaper*
	5.	Quiz 2	16.	Quiz 4
	6.	Project: Planning and Writing a Short Story	17.	Unit 10 Special Project*
	7.	Literary Forms (1)	18.	Review Game
	8.	Project: Fish Story*	19.	Test
	9.	Literary Forms (2)	20.	Alternate Test*
	10.	Quiz 3	21.	Reference
	11.	Forms of Communication		

(\*) Indicates alternate assignment