## ELA.7.R.1 Reading Prose and Poetry

# **Literary Elements**

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.R.1.1: Analyze the impact of setting on char development and plot in a literary text.	Chapter 2 Analyzing Theme Through Story Elements Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 29–30  The Three Questions" by Leo Tolstoy (excerpt/short story) First Read: Analyzing Plot and Conflict—pp. 31–36
	Chapter 4 Determining Characters' Points of View Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 64–65  "The Doll's House" by Katherine Mansfield (excerpt/short story) First Read: Summarizing Central Ideas—pp. 66–71 Second Read: Understanding Figurative Language—pp. 71–72
	Third Read: Determining Points of View—pp. 72–74  Chapter 11 Analyzing Interactions of People, Ideas, and Events Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 232–233  Smarter Than You Think by Clive Thompson (excerpt/nonfiction)  First Read: Analyzing Interactions of People, Ideas, and Events—pp. 234–239  Second Read: Analyzing Text Structure—pp. 239–241
	Third Read: Analyzing Point of View and Purpose—pp. 241–242  Chapter 14 Determining Theme  Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 286–287  • Feed by M. T. Anderson (excerpt/novel)
	Second Read: Analyzing the Effects of Setting—pp. 293–294
	Chapter 16 Discovering How Story Elements Shape Literature Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 340—341  The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine (excerpt/novel)  Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site (timeline)
	First Read: Analyzing How Setting Affects Conflict—pp. 342–347
	Chapter 17 Learning About History Through Fiction Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 363–364
	<ul> <li>"Drummer Boys" by Stephen Currie (excerpt/article)</li> </ul>
	First Read: Making Inferences—pp. 365–369 Second Read: Analyzing an Author's Use of Language—pp. 370— Third Read: Analyzing a Fictional Account of a Historical Event— pp. 371–374
	Chapter 19 Analyzing an Author's Portrayal of War Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 394–395
	<ul> <li>Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers (excerpt/novel)</li> <li>First Read: Analyzing the Impact of Setting on Conflict—pp.         396–401     </li> </ul>
	Second Read: Making Inferences About Characters—pp. 401–403 Third Read: Analyzing Author's Use of Humor—pp. 403–405
	Chapter 20 Analyzing the Format of a Play

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Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 411–412

Second Read: Analyzing the Unique Format of a Play—pp.

Third Read: Analyzing the Purpose of a Scene—pp. 421–422

Elizabeth Blackwell by Cynthia Mercati (excerpt/play)
 First Read: Determining Theme—pp. 413–418

### 7th Grade Reading

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#### **Theme**

Benchmark Clarifications

- Clarification 1: For the purposes of this benchmark, theme is not a one- or two-word topic, but a complete thought that communicates the author's message.
- Clarification 2: Students should continue to work with the concept of universal themes, although mastery isn't expected until 9th grade. A universal theme is an idea that applies to anyone, anywhere, regardless of cultural differences. Examples include but are not limited to an individual's or a community's confrontation with nature; an individual's struggle toward understanding, awareness, and/or spiritual enlightenment; the tension between the ideal and the real; the conflict between human beings and advancements in technology/science; the impact of the past on the present; the inevitability of fate; the struggle for equality; and the loss of innocence.
- Clarification 3: The themes being compared may be in the same or multiple literary texts.

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.R.1.2: Compare two or more themes and their development throughout a literary text.	Chapter 2 Analyzing Theme Through Story Elements Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 29–30  • The Three Questions" by Leo Tolstoy (excerpt/short story) First Read: Analyzing Plot and Conflict—pp. 31–36 Second Read: Identifying Theme—pp. 36–37 Third Read: Understanding Point of View—pp. 38–39 Chapter 14 Determining Theme Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 286–287  • Feed by M. T. Anderson (excerpt/novel) First Read: Comparing Points of View—pp. 288–293 Second Read: Analyzing the Effects of Setting—pp. 293–294 Third Read: Determining Theme—pp. 295–298 Chapter 18 Analyzing the Structure of a Story Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 380–381  • "Our Jacko" by Michael Morpurgo (excerpt/short story) Second Read: Exploring Theme—pp. 386–387

# **Perspective and Point of View**

- Clarification 1: An unreliable narrator is one who lacks credibility. Because all information is being conveyed through this untrustworthy source, readers have to use inferencing to establish what is likely to be true. Narrators can be unreliable for many reasons including purposeful dishonesty, a lack information or background knowledge about what that information means, mental illness, or self-deception.
- Clarification 2: "Shifts in point of view" refers to a change in the narrator's point of view done for effect. Changes can be in degree and/or person: for example, a shift from third-person limited to third-person omniscient or from first-person limited to third-person limited.

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.R.1.3: Explain the influence of narrator(s), including unreliable narrator(s), and/or shifts in point of view in a literary text.	Chapter 2 Analyzing Theme Through Story Elements Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 29–30  • The Three Questions" by Leo Tolstoy (excerpt/short story) Third Read: Understanding Point of View—pp. 38–39  Chapter 3 Understanding Point of View Through Inferences Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 46–47  • "Zoo Complicated: Are Captive Animals Happy?" by Kathryn Hulick (excerpt/article) First Read: Making Inferences—pp. 48–52 Second Read: Understanding Structure and Purpose—pp. 53–55 Third Read: Determining Point of View—pp. 56–57  continued

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	Chapter 6 Understanding Different Points of View Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 118–119  Catch Me If You Can by Frank Abagnale Jr. with Stan Redding (excerpt/memoir) First Read: Making an Inference—pp. 120–125 Second Read: Analyzing Point of View—pp. 125–126 Third Read: Comparing and Contrasting Presentations—pp. 127–131
	Chapter 8 Determining Author's Purpose Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 157–158  "The Fact Checker's Guide for Detecting Fake News" by Glenn Kessler from The Washington Post (excerpt/article)
	Third Read: Determining Point of View and Purpose—pp. 166–167  Chapter 10 Analyzing Point of View  Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 195–196  • The Giver by Lois Lowry (excerpt/novel)
	Third Read: Analyzing Points of View—pp. 204–206  Chapter 11 Analyzing Interactions of People, Ideas, and Events Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 232–233  • Smarter Than You Think by Clive Thompson (excerpt/nonfiction)  Third Read: Analyzing Point of View and Purpose—pp. 241–242
	Chapter 14 Determining Theme Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 286–287  • Feed by M. T. Anderson (excerpt/novel) First Read: Comparing Points of View—pp. 288–293
	Chapter 16 Discovering How Story Elements Shape Literature Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 340–341  • The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine (excerpt/novel)  • Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site (timeline) Second Read: Analyzing How Point of View Affects a Story—pp. 347–350

#### **Poetry**

- Clarification 1: Poetic forms used for this benchmark are sonnet and villanelle.
- · Clarification 2: Instruction in this benchmark should focus on how the structure of each poetic form affects its meaning.

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.R.1.4: Analyze the impact of various poetic forms on meaning and style.	Chapter 12 Analyzing Repetition and Structure in Poetry Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 249—250  "The Secret of the Machines" by Rudyard Kipling (excerpt/poetry)
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7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
	First Read: Determining a Central Idea—pp. 251–255 Second Read: Examining the Impact of Repeated Sounds—pp. 255–256 Third Read: Analyzing How Structure Helps Develop an Idea—pp. 257–259

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### ELA.7.R.2 Reading Informational Text

#### **Structure**

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.R.2.1: Explain how individual text sections and/or features convey a purpose in texts.	Chapter 3 Understanding Point of View Through Inferences Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 46–47  "Zoo Complicated: Are Captive Animals Happy?" by Kathryn Hulick (excerpt/article) Second Read: Understanding Structure and Purpose—pp. 53–55  Chapter 8 Determining Author's Purpose Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 157–158  "The Fact Checker's Guide for Detecting Fake News" by Glenn Kessler from The Washington Post (excerpt/article) Second Read: Analyzing Text Structure—pp. 164–165  Chapter 10 Analyzing Point of View Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 195–196  The Giver by Lois Lowry (excerpt/novel) Making Connections (text features)—p. 196  Chapter 11 Analyzing Interactions of People, Ideas, and Events Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 232–233  Smarter Than You Think by Clive Thompson (excerpt/nonfiction) Second Read: Analyzing Text Structure—pp. 239–241  Chapter 12 Analyzing Repetition and Structure in Poetry Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 249–250  "The Secret of the Machines" by Rudyard Kipling (excerpt/poetry) Third Read: Analyzing How Structure Helps Develop an Idea—pp. 257–259  Chapter 18 Analyzing the Structure of a Story Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 380–381  "Our Jacko" by Michael Morpurgo (excerpt/short story) First Read: Analyzing Parallel Stories—pp. 382–386 Second Read: Exploring Theme—pp. 386–387 Third Read: Analyzing Figurative Language—pp. 387–388

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## ELA.7.R.2 Reading Informational Text

#### **Central Idea**

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.R.2.2: Compare two or more central ideas and their development throughout a text.	Chapter 4 Determining Characters' Points of View Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 64–65  "The Doll's House" by Katherine Mansfield (excerpt/short story) First Read: Summarizing Central Ideas—pp. 66–71  Chapter 7 Analyzing Central Ideas Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 138–139  Think: Why You Should Question Everything by Guy Harrison (excerpt/nonfiction) First Read: Analyzing Central Ideas—pp. 140–145 Second Read: Determining Word Meanings—pp. 145–148 Third Read: Evaluating an Argument—pp. 148–150  Chapter 12 Analyzing Repetition and Structure in Poetry Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 249–250  "The Secret of the Machines" by Rudyard Kipling (excerpt/poetry) First Read: Determining a Central Idea—pp. 251–255  Chapter 13 Comparing Presentations of a Topic Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 268–269  "Robots will eliminate 6% of all US jobs by 2021, report says" by Olivia Solon (excerpt/article)  "Robots Are Slowly Taking Over the Job Market" by Lindsey Pulse (article) First Read: Analyzing the Development of Central Ideas—pp. 270–274

# **Purpose and Perspective**

Benchmark Clarifications

• Clarification 1: This benchmark focuses on the way in which diction (the author's word choice) and syntax (the way in which an author arranges those words) work together to achieve a purpose.

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.R.2.3: Explain how an author establishes and achieves purpose(s) through diction and syntax.	Chapter 5 Analyzing Arguments from Different Texts Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 81–82  • A Plea for the Animals: "Why I Am a Vegetarian" by Matthieu Ricard (excerpt/informational)  First Read: Identifying Author's Purpose—pp. 83–86
	Chapter 11 Analyzing Interactions of People, Ideas, and Events Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 232–233  • Smarter Than You Think by Clive Thompson (excerpt/nonfiction) Third Read: Analyzing Point of View and Purpose—pp. 241–242
	Chapter 12 Analyzing Repetition and Structure in Poetry Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 249–250  "The Secret of the Machines" by Rudyard Kipling (excerpt/poetry) Introduction: Preview Academic Vocabulary (syntax)—pp. 249–250 Second Read: Examining the Impact of Repeated Sounds—pp. 255–256
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7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
	Chapter 15 Analyzing Different Interpretations of Evidence Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 304–305  "It''s 'digital heroin': How screens turn kids into psychotic junkies" by Dr. Nicholas Kardaras (excerpt/article)  Second Read: Determining Point of View and Purpose (word choice)—pp. 309–311

#### **Argument**

Benchmark Clarifications

- Clarification 1: For more information on types of reasoning, see Types of Logical Reasoning.
- Clarification 2: Instruction in types of reasoning will include fallacies in reasoning. Fallacies that are related to content, informal fallacies, will be the focus. See Fallacies in Reasoning (Informal).

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.R.2.4: Track the development of an argument, analyzing the types of reasoning used and their effectiveness.	Chapter 5 Analyzing Arguments from Different Texts Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 81–82  • A Plea for the Animals: "Why I Am a Vegetarian" by Matthieu Ricard (excerpt/informational)  First Read: Identifying Author's Purpose—pp. 83–86 Second Read: Evaluating an Argument—pp. 86–88 Third Read: Comparing and Contrasting Arguments—pp. 89–92 Chapter 7 Analyzing Central Ideas Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 138–139  • Think: Why You Should Question Everything by Guy Harrison (excerpt/nonfiction) Third Read: Evaluating an Argument—pp. 148–150

#### ELA.7.R.3 Reading Across Genres

### **Interpreting Figurative Language**

- Clarification 1: Figurative language use that students will analyze are metaphor, simile, alliteration, onomatopoeia, personification, hyperbole, and idiom. Other examples can be used in instruction.
- Clarification 2: See Secondary Figurative Language.

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.R.3.1: Explain how figurative language contributes to tone and meaning in text(s).	Chapter 4 Determining Characters' Points of View Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 64–65  • "The Doll's House" by Katherine Mansfield (excerpt/short story) Second Read: Understanding Figurative Language—pp. 71–72 Chapter 17 Learning About History Through Fiction Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 363–364  • "Drummer Boys" by Stephen Currie (excerpt/article) Second Read: Analyzing an Author's Use of Language—pp. 370— continued

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	Chapter 18 Analyzing the Structure of a Story Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 380–381  "Our Jacko" by Michael Morpurgo (excerpt/short story) Third Read: Analyzing Figurative Language—pp. 387–388

## **Paraphrasing and Summarizing**

Benchmark Clarifications

• Clarification 1: Most grade-level texts are appropriate for this benchmark.

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.R.3.2: Paraphrase content from grade-level texts.	Chapter 1 Identifying Key Ideas and Details Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 8–9  "Our Brains Are Wired for Morality" by Jean Decety and Jason M. Cowell (excerpt/article) First Read: Summarizing a Text—pp. 10–15  Chapter 2 Analyzing Theme Through Story Elements Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 29–30  The Three Questions" by Leo Tolstoy (excerpt/short story) Second Read: Identifying Theme (summarize the plot)—pp. 36–37  Chapter 4 Determining Characters' Points of View Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 64–65  "The Doll's House" by Katherine Mansfield (excerpt/short story) First Read: Summarizing Central Ideas—pp. 66–71  Unit 4 Introduction: Preview Academic Vocabulary (paraphrase)—p. 429  ELL Support Paraphrase—TWE pp. 19, 73, 82, 83, 118, 144, 210, 233, 257, 287, 295, 305, 320, 430  Speak and Listen Paraphrase—TWE pp. 37
	The Writing Process Organize Ideas (summarize main points)—p. 220 Take Notes (paraphrase)—p. 433 Focus Focus on Analyzing a Fictional Account of a Historical Event (paraphrase or direct quotations)—p. 373 Project-Based Assessments Personal Interview (write a summary/paraphrase responses)— TWE pp. 407–408

#### ELA.7.R.3 Reading Across Genres

#### **Comparative Reading**

Benchmark Clarifications

- Clarification 1: The classical source texts for this benchmark should be from ancient Greece or Rome's Classical period (1200 BCE–455 CE). Mythical texts for this benchmark can be from any civilization's early history. Religious texts for this benchmark include works such as the Bible.
- Clarification 1: Texts for this benchmark should be selected from the following literary periods:
   American Literature
  - Colonial and Early National Period (1600–1830)
  - Romantic Period (1790–1870)
  - · Realism and Naturalism Period (1870-1930)
  - Modernist Period (1910–1945)
  - Contemporary Period (1945-present)

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD

#### CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7

ELA.7.R.3.3: Compare and contrast how authors from different time periods address the same or related topics.

#### Chapter 5 Analyzing Arguments from Different Texts

Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 81–82

 A Plea for the Animals: "Why I Am a Vegetarian" by Matthieu Ricard (excerpt/informational)

Third Read: Comparing and Contrasting Arguments—pp. 89–92

#### Chapter 6 Understanding Different Points of View

Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 118–119

 Catch Me If You Can by Frank Abagnale Jr. with Stan Redding (excerpt/ memoir)

Third Read: Comparing and Contrasting Presentations—pp. 127–131

#### Chapter 13 Comparing Presentations of a Topic

Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 268–269

- "Robots will eliminate 6% of all US jobs by 2021, report says" by Olivia Solon (excerpt/article)
- "Robots Are Slowly Taking Over the Job Market" by Lindsey Pulse (article)
   First Read: Analyzing the Development of Central Ideas—pp. 270–274

Second Read: Comparing Media Portrayals of a Topic—pp. 274–278

Third Read: Analyzing Presentations of the Same Topic—pp. 278–280

#### Chapter 16 Discovering How Story Elements Shape Literature

Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 340–341

- The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine (excerpt/novel)
- Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site (timeline)

Third Read: Comparing and Contrasting Historical Fiction and Nonfiction—pp. 350–356

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

### ELA.7.R.3 Reading Across Genres

## **Understanding Rhetoric**

Benchmark Clarifications

- Clarification 1: Students will identify the appeals of logos, ethos, and pathos.
- Clarification 2: See Rhetorical Appeals.

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.R.3.4: Identify rhetorical appeals in a text.	Chapter 3 Understanding Point of View Through Inferences Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 46–47  "Zoo Complicated: Are Captive Animals Happy?" by Kathryn Hulick (excerpt/article) Third Read: Determining Point of View (rhetoric)—pp. 56–57  Chapter 7 Analyzing Central Ideas Preview Concepts/Chapter Goals/Making Connections—pp. 138–139  Think: Why You Should Question Everything by Guy Harrison (excerpt/nonfiction) Third Read: Evaluating an Argument (rhetorical devices)—pp. 148–150
	Lesson for Introducing Close Reading  Methods of persuasion (appeals to emotion (pathos), logic (logos),  or ethics/character (ethos))—TWE p. xxiii

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Communication

### ELA.7.C.1 Communicating Through Writing

#### **Narrative Writing**

- Clarification 1: See Writing Types and Narrative Techniques.
- Clarification 2: Figurative language at this grade level should include any on which students have received instruction in this or previous grades. See Figurative Language Standard.

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.C.1.2: Write personal or fictional narratives using narrative techniques, precise words and phrases, and figurative language.	Unit 3 Writing Writing a Fictional Narrative—pp. 324–332  Project-Based Assessments Change the Point of View, pp. 40–41; Diary, p. 407; Personal Essay, p. 209; Write a Narrative, pp. 245–246; Poem About Modern Technology, pp. 261–262; Write a Book Chapter, p. 291; Historical Fiction, pp. 358–359; Personal Interview, pp. 408–409; Dramatic Scene, p. 425

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Communication

## ELA.7.C.1 Communicating Through Writing

## **Argumentative Writing**

Benchmark Clarifications

• Clarification 1: See Writing Types and Elaborative Techniques.

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.C.1.3: Write and support a claim using logical reasoning, relevant evidence from sources, elaboration,	Unit 1 Writing Writing an Argumentative Essay—pp. 99–108
and a logical organizational structure with varied transitions.	Project-Based Assessments Argumentative Essay, pp. 24–25, 377; Literary Analysis, pp. 76–77; Letter to the Editor, pp. 94–95; Response Essay, pp. 152, 290, 376; Brochure, p. 191; Letter to the Principal, pp. 244–245; Op-Ed, pp. 281–282; Job Fair Pamphlet, pp. 282–283; Letter, pp. 390–391
	Practice Performance Task Argumentative Essay—pp. 333–338

### **Expository Writing**

Benchmark Clarifications

• Clarification 1: See Writing Types and Elaborative Techniques.

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.C.1.4: Write expository texts to explain and/or analyze information from multiple sources, using a logical organizational structure, relevant elaboration, and varied transitions.	Unit 2 Writing Writing an Informative Text—pp. 214–224 Unit 4 Writing Writing a Research Paper—pp. 429–436 Practice Performance Task Essential Question Essay—pp. 109–116 Explanatory Essay—pp. 225–230 Comparative Essay—pp. 437–442
	Project-Based Assessments Introducing Frank Abagnale, pp. 132–133; Character Analysis, pp. 133–134; Draw a Diagram, p. 153; Investigative Report, pp. 170–171; Compare and Contrast Essay, pp. 171–173; Develop a Public Service Announcement, pp. 319–320; Historical Background, pp. 357–358; Documentary, p. 426

# **Improving Writing**

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.C.1.5: Improve writing by planning, revising, and editing, considering feedback from adults and peers.	The Writing Process pp. 94–100, 189–196, 295–301, 404–412  Planning Prepare to Write (purpose, audience, content, additional requirements)—pp. 99, 214–215, 325  Brainstorming for Ideas/a Topic—pp. 100, 215–216, 325, 430  continued

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Communication

#### ELA.7.C.1 Communicating Through Writing

### **Improving Writing**

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
	Generate Ideas—pp. 102, 220, 326 Organize Ideas—pp. 105, 191, 329, 433 Gather Information—p. 217 Conduct Research—p. 432 First Draft—pp. 105, 221, 329–330, 434
	Revising and Editing (with feedback) Revision—pp. 106, 222, 330, 434 First Peer Review (Steps for Peer Review)—pp. 106, 222, 435 Second Peer Review (Partner)—pp. 107, 223 Second Review (Teacher/Parent)—p. 435 Final Peer Review—pp. 108, 224, 436 Proofread—pp. 108, 224, 332, 436 Final Essay/Final Text/Final Narrative—pp. 108, 224, 332, 436

#### ELA.7.C.2 Communicating Orally

#### **Oral Presentation**

- Clarification 1: Nonverbal cues appropriate to this grade level are posture, tone, expressive delivery, focus on the audience, and facial expression. Clear
  pronunciation should be interpreted to mean an understanding and application of phonics rules and sight words as well as care taken in delivery. A
  student's speech impediment should not be considered as impeding clear pronunciation. Appropriate pacing is adhering to the pauses dictated by
  punctuation and speaking at a rate that best facilitates comprehension by the audience. Too fast a pace will lose listeners and too slow can become
  monotonous. The element will also help students address the nervousness that may make them speak too fast during presentations.
- Clarification 2: For further guidance, see the Secondary Oral Communication Rubric.

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.C.2.1: Present information orally, in a logical sequence, using nonverbal cues, appropriate volume, clear pronunciation, and appropriate pacing.	Speak and Listen Oral communications (partner, small group, class discussions)— pp. 17, 20, 36, 37, 39, 55, 57, 71, 74, 131, 145, 148, 150, 164, 165, 183, 187, 201, 206, 239, 241, 255, 256, 258, 278, 280, 292, 294, 298, 309, 311, 317, 347, 350, 355, 370, 374, 386, 388, 403, 405, 417, 421
	Project-Based Assessments Digital Presentation, pp. 58–59, 190, 262–263; Pictorial Presentation, pp. 75–76; Awareness Speech, p. 94; Oral Presentation, p. 391

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Communication

#### ELA.7.C.2 Following Conventions

#### **Conventions**

Benchmark Clarifications

- Clarification 1: Skills to be implemented but not yet mastered are as follows:
  - Use verbals including gerunds, infinitives, and participial phrases.
  - Use comparative and superlative forms of adjectives.
  - Use pronouns correctly with regard to case, number, and person, correcting for vague pronoun reference.

Skills to be implemented but not yet mastered are as follows:

- Appropriately use colons.
- · Appropriately use dangling modifiers.
- Appropriately use ellipses.
- Appropriately use hyphens.
- Vary sentence structure.
- Clarification 2: See Convention Progression by Grade Level for more information.

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.C.3.1: Follow the rules of standard English grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling appropriate to grade level.	Language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling) Using Commas to Set Off Nonrestrictive Phrases and Clauses, pp. 39–40; Sentence Structure, pp. 57–58; Consistent Verb Tenses, pp. 93–94; Using Commas with Coordinate Adjectives, pp. 150–151; Correcting Misplaced Modifiers, pp. 167–169; Complex Sentences with Subordinating Conjunctions and Relative Pronouns, pp. 187–189; Using Dashes, pp. 243–244; Subject and Verb Agreement, pp. 280–281; Using Context Clues, pp. 298; Comma Usage, pp. 317–319; Capitalization, pp. 356–357; Spelling Rules, pp. 374–376; Using Phrases Effectively, pp. 405–407

#### ELA.7.C.4 Researching

# **Researching and Using Information**

Benchmark Clarifications

Clarification 1: While the benchmark does require that students consult multiple sources, there is no requirement that they use every source they
consult. Part of the skill in researching is discernment—being able to tell which information is relevant and which sources are trustworthy enough to
include.

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.C.4.1: Conduct research to answer a question, drawing on multiple reliable and valid sources, and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.	On Your Own Integrating Ideas (research)—pp. 25, 42, 60, 77, 95, 134, 154, 173, 191, 211, 246, 263, 283, 301, 321, 359, 377, 391, 407, 426
	Tech-Connect Conduct research—pp. 17, 55, 86, 87, 92, 132, 145, 166, 190, 293, 316, 369, 421
	Project-Based Assessments (requiring research) Digital Presentation, pp. 58–59, 190, 262–263; Pictorial Presentation, pp. 75–76; Awareness Speech, p. 94; Investigative Report, pp. 170–171; Historical Background, pp. 357–358; Oral Presentation, p. 391; Documentary, p. 426
	The Writing Process Conduct Research—p. 432

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Communication

#### ELA.7.C.5 Creating and Collaborating

#### Multimedia

Benchmark Clarifications

• Clarification 1: Multimedia elements may include, but are not limited to, drawings, pictures, artifacts, and audio or digital representation. At this grade level, students are using more than one element. The elements may be of the same type (for example, two pictures or a picture and an audio recording). The elements should relate directly to the task and complement the information being shared, meaning that the multimedia elements should add information to the presentation, not restate or reinforce it. The elements should be smoothly integrated into the presentation.

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.C.5.1: Integrate diverse digital media to enhance audience engagement in oral or written tasks.	Project-Based Assessments Digital Presentation, pp. 58–59, 190, 262–263; Pictorial Presentation, pp. 75–76; Awareness Speech, p. 94; Oral Presentation, p. 391

### **Technology in Communication**

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.C.5.2: Use digital tools to produce writing.	Tech-Connect Online search, collaboration, and publication—pp. 13, 17, 34, 51, 58, 69, 86, 87, 92, 123, 143, 145, 162, 181, 200, 237, 272, 278, 293, 298, 300, 308, 316, 346, 368, 369, 385, 400, 416, 421  Final Essay/Final Narrative/Final Text Upload essay to websites or blog—pp. 108, 224, 332, 436  Using Technology in the Classroom TWE pp. 445–446

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocabulary

#### ELA.7.V.1 Finding Meaning

#### **Academic Vocabulary**

- Clarification 1: To integrate vocabulary, students will apply the vocabulary they have learned to authentic speaking and writing tasks independently. This use should be intentional, beyond responding to a prompt to use a word in a sentence.
- Clarification 2: Academic vocabulary appropriate to grade level refers to words that are likely to appear across subject areas for the current grade level and beyond, vital to comprehension, critical for academic discussions and writing, and usually require explicit instruction.

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.V.1.1: Integrate academic vocabulary appropriate to grade level in speaking and writing.	Chapter 1 Identifying Key Ideas and Details Second Read: Understanding Technical Terms—pp. 15–17
	Chapter Introduction Preview Academic Vocabulary—pp. 8, 29, 46, 64, 81, 118, 138, 157, 176, 195, 232, 249, 268, 286, 304, 340, 363, 380, 394, 411

# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocabulary

## ELA.7.V.1 Finding Meaning

## Morphology

Benchmark Clarifications

• Clarification 1: See Common Greek and Latin Roots 6-8 and Affixes.

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.V.1.2: Apply knowledge of Greek and Latin roots and affixes to determine meanings of words and phrases in grade-level content.	Language Prefixes, Suffixes, and Root Words, pp. 20–22

### **Context and Connotation**

- · Clarification 1: Review of words learned in this way is critical to building background knowledge and related vocabulary.
- Clarification 2: See Context Clues and Word Relationships.
- Clarification 3: See ELA.7.R.3.1 and Secondary Figurative Language.

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7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE FLORIDA B.E.S.T. ELA STANDARD	CONNECTIONS English Language Arts, GRADE 7
ELA.7.V.1.3: Apply knowledge of context clues, figurative language, word relationships, reference materials, and/or background knowledge to determine the connotative and denotative meaning of words and phrases, appropriate to grade level.	Chapter 7 Analyzing Central Ideas Second Read: Determining Word Meanings (context clues/ connotations)—pp. 145–148
	Chapter 13 Comparing Presentations of a Topic Introduction: Preview Academic Vocabulary (connotation/ denotation)—p. 268
	Chapter 18 Analyzing the Structure of a Story Third Read: Analyzing Figurative Language—pp. 387–388
	Language Prefixes, Suffixes, and Root Words (context clues), pp. 20–22; Connotations and Denotations, pp. 74–75; Understanding Context Clues, pp. 131–132; Interpreting Figures of Speech, pp. 259–261; Using Context Clues, pp. 298; Word Meanings, pp. 389–390; Determining Word Meaning, pp. 422–424