



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS GRADE 4

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By the end of fourth grade, students will have had an opportunity to engage with the core concepts listed below.

- Write multi-paragraph opinion and informational papers.
- Write multi-paragraph narrative pieces, which include the elements of a story.
- Respond to and write about texts – such as characters, plot structure, settings, and theme – by drawing on specific details in the text.
- Pay close attention to key features of informational books and articles; these include understanding the main and supporting ideas.
- Be able to compare and contrast information, explaining how the author uses facts, details, and evidence to support particular points.
- Compare ideas, characters, events, and settings in stories from different cultures.
- Write summaries or opinions about topics supported with a set of well-organized facts, details, and examples.
- Independently conduct short research projects on different aspects of a topic using evidence from multiple sources.
- Paraphrase and respond to information presented in discussions, such as comparing and contrasting ideas and analyzing evidence that speakers use to support particular points.
- Report orally on a topic.
- Write complete sentences with correct capitalization and spelling.
- Relate words that are common in reading to words such as antonyms, synonyms, and homophones.



QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR STUDENT

- "What genres (types of books) do you like to read? Why?"
- "What are you reading about in school?"
- "What are you writing about in school this week?"



WAYS TO CHALLENGE THEIR THINKING

- Turn on the closed captioning while watching TV to allow your child to read along with the dialogue.
- Encourage your student each day to choose a book they want to read on their own for 30 plus minutes nightly.
- Have open ended conversations about the book your student is reading. Ask your student to share the important ideas in their own words and show you what part of the text provided this information.
- Pick a topic to learn about together. The school or local library are great places to find books together.

