



Tips for Families

Level 1 Module 4 | *World Tales*



We are excited about the skills and knowledge that your student will build in *Arts & Letters*™ level 1 module 4. Read on to learn more—and for ideas about how you can support learning outside of school.

What topic is my student studying?

Arts & Letters students build knowledge of important topics in history, science, and literature. They build their vocabulary and background knowledge so that they are ready to learn more. In level 1 module 4, *World Tales*, students explore stories from diverse cultures and look closely at character experiences. They answer the module's Essential Question: How are stories similar around the world?

Support your student by asking questions like these about the topic:

- What have stories taught you about the world?
- What is your favorite story? Why is this story your favorite?

What is my student reading?

Arts & Letters students read books, poems, and articles. They study art. They watch knowledge-building videos. Together, these resources build students' knowledge and reading skills. In level 1 module 4, students listen to and learn from these books:

- *Cinderella*, Charles Perrault and Marcia Brown
- *Beginner's World Atlas*, Fifth Edition, National Geographic Kids
- *Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China*, Ed Young
- *The Girl and the Wolf*, Katherena Vermette and Julie Flett
- *The Lizard and the Sun*, Alma Flor Ada and Felipe Dávalos

Discuss the different types of characters in stories that you read together. Act out scenes or stories with your student.

What is my student writing?

In *Arts & Letters*, students write about what they are learning, and they build their skills by writing stories, opinion paragraphs, and informative paragraphs. In this final module, students practice all three of the year's writing types. They show their learning by writing stories and opinion and informative paragraphs.

Support your student's writing by encouraging them to write at home. Keep a list of favorite characters. Ask your student to write a letter to a favorite character.



What vocabulary is my student learning?

The more vocabulary students know, the more successfully they can read, write, and speak.

In this module, your student will study and use these words:

- adventure
- anxious
- assist
- calm
- clever
- diversity
- helper
- hero
- inspire
- trait
- villain

Support learning outside of school by using these words with your student. When reading, point out and talk about interesting words that describe characters.

What else can we do to continue learning outside of school?

If you speak a language other than English, speak and read with your student in your home language. This practice can help them develop strong literacy skills.

Read a favorite story. Discuss the hero, villain, and helper in this story. Describe actions and qualities that make them a hero, villain, or helper.

Invite your student to share a country or part of the world that they would like to learn more about. Visit a library or website to learn more about the land and cultural features of the place your student selected.

