

Common Core State Standards Correlation

As a writing and language program, Writing with Power addresses all the standards in the Writing and Language strands of the Common Core State Standards. It is especially strong in its coverage of argumentative writing, a key skill for college and career readiness. The treatment of argument in Writing with Power adheres to the principles of teaching argument put forward by Peter Smagorinsky, Senior Consultant, along with Larry R. Johannessen, Elizabeth A. Kahn, and Thomas M. McCann, in *The Dynamics of Writing Instruction: A Structured* Process Approach for Middle and High School (Heinemann, 2010). They write:

Argument is an element in various kinds of writing: reports, exposition, persuasion, analysis, thesis papers, and so forth. Influenced by Toulmin . . . , we define argument as thinking presented by way of a claim, grounds (i.e., data, examples, or evidence), warrants, backing, rebuttal, and response. In order to produce mature arguments, a writer needs to be able to think clearly and write logically according to the social conventions for persuading others of an opinion. Even so, students as young as fourth graders have knowledge that can inform their efforts to make argumentative points. . . .

Writing with Power is the only major program to approach argument in this way and with terminology that reflects both Stephen Toulmin's model (The Uses of Argument, 1958) and the vocabulary of the Common Core Standards. Students are instructed in building logical, well-developed arguments not only when doing persuasive writing but also when writing about literature or composing research reports. No other program provides coverage of the development of logical arguments in as much depth.

Because it is a project-based program, and each writing project includes a reading selection as a mentor text and/or a springboard for content creation, Writing with Power also addresses standards in the Literature and Informational Writing strands. Further, since the projects are all collaborative, the Speaking and Listening strands are also addressed as students work together, from start to finish, on a writing project that grows out of 1) a common reading, 2) abundant speaking and listening with partners, small groups, and the whole class, and 3) both free and focused writing.

Both the reading selections that are part of each writing project and the writing projects themselves enable students to work at a level of rigor in alignment with the Common Core Standards. The rigor of each lesson was assured by

- profession-leading experts with their own teaching and curriculum experience who were part of the reading selection process and who designed the writing activities. Senior consultant Peter Smagorinsky, for example, was a classroom teacher for fifteen years before moving into teacher education at the University of Georgia. Constance Weaver has been a leader in literacy education for thirty years.
- a panel of teacher-reviewers with broad experience in leading students past the comfortable and into the challenging
- evaluation of the complexity of each mentor text qualitatively, quantitatively, and in consideration of how it would be used in relation to the writing task accompanying it
- consideration of the range of student writing activities included across the program to guarantee breadth and variety

Writing with Power strongly supports the Common Core Standards with its emphasis on argumentative writing and the elements of arguments—claims, evidence, and warrants; with its unique two-chapter coverage of the research process and research strategies; and with its commitment to the rigor called for in each grade level's Common Core Standards. Further, Writing with Power sets the standard for comprehensive coverage of language **conventions** and vocabulary acquisition and use.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS (GRADES 11–12)

WRITING

WR	WRITING				
Text	Text Types and Purposes				
W.1	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.	Student Edition (SE): 241, 253, 255, 257–258, 290, 301, 316, 402, 406–407, 409, 412–433, 459			
		Teacher Wraparound Edition (TWE): 241, 253, 255, 257–258, 290, 301, 316, 402, 406–407, 409, 412–433, 459			
	(a) Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.	SE: 241, 253, 255, 257–258, 290, 301, 316, 402, 406–407, 409, 412–433, 459			
		TWE: 241, 253, 255, 257–258, 290, 301, 316, 402, 406–407, 409, 412–433, 459			
	(b) Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.	SE: 241, 253, 255, 257–258, 290, 301, 316, 402, 406–407, 409, 412–433, 459			
		TWE: 241, 253, 255, 257–258, 290, 301, 316, 402, 406–407, 409, 412–433, 459			
	(c) Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.	SE: 25, 59–60, 236, 241, 243, 250, 253–254, 293, 307, 351, 376, 700–704			
		TWE: 25, 59–60, 236, 241, 243, 250, 253–254, 293, 307, 351, 376, 700–704			
	(d) Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.	SE: 8–10, 46–47, 58, 309, 315–316, 860–861 TWE: 8–10, 46–47, 58, 309, 315–316, 860–861			
	(e) Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.	SE: 287, 289, 291, 293, 308, 316 TWE: 287, 289, 291, 293, 308, 316			
W.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.	SE: 5, 25–26, 47, 52, 75, 77, 92, 151, 168, 177, 180, 241, 244–248, 253, 255, 257–258, 260, 316, 359–360, 369			
		TWE: 5, 25–26, 47, 52, 75, 77, 92, 151, 168, 177, 180, 241, 244–248, 253, 255, 257–258, 260, 316, 359–360, 369			
	(a) Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information	SE: 235, 241, 244–248, 251–253, 255, 257–258, 260			
	so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.	TWE: 235, 241, 244–248, 251–253, 255, 257–258, 260			
relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quot	(b) Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's	SE: 235, 241, 244–248, 251–253, 255, 257–258, 260, 390–391, 395–396, 399–400, 402, 404, 406–407, 409, 412–433, 459			
	knowledge of the topic.	TWE: 235, 241, 244–248, 251–253, 255, 257–258, 260,			
		390–391, 395–396, 399–400, 402, 404, 406–407, 409, 412–433, 459			
	(c) Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.	SE: 37, 79, 129, 137–153, 165–181, 194–211, 236, 253–254, 406–408			
		TWE: 37, 79, 129, 137–153, 165–181, 194–211, 236, 253–254, 406–408			
	(d) Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.	SE: 9–11, 25–26, 92, 168, 177, 180, 258, 360 TWE: 9–11, 25–26, 92, 168, 177, 180, 258, 360			
	(e) Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.	SE: 8–10, 25, 45–47, 52, 57, 75, 151, 168, 177, 258, 316, 360,			
		369, 490, 875			
		TWE: 8–10, 25, 45–47, 52, 57, 75, 151, 168, 177, 258, 316, 360, 369, 490, 875			

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	(f) Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).	SE: 237, 256, 258, 449, 451, 460 TWE: 237, 256, 258, 449, 451, 460
W.3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.	SE: 184, 194–195, 197–199, 200–201, 203, 205–208, 210 TWE: 184, 194–195, 197–199, 200–201, 203, 205–208, 210
	(a) Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create a smooth progression of experiences or events.	SE: 184, 194–195, 197–201, 203, 205–208, 210 TWE: 184, 194–195, 197–201, 203, 205–208, 210
	(b) Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.	SE: 184, 194–195, 197–203, 205–208, 210 TWE: 184, 194–195, 197–203, 205–208, 210
	(c) Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, or resolution).	SE: 184, 194–195, 197, 198–203, 205–208, 210 TWE: 184, 194–195, 197, 198–203, 205–208, 210
	(d) Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.	SE: 184, 194–195, 197–203, 205–208, 210 TWE: 184, 194–195, 197–203, 205–208, 210
	(e) Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.	SE: 135, 138, 149, 151, 205, 208 TWE: 135, 138, 149, 151, 205, 208
Prod	duction and Distribution of Writing	
W.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)	SE: 14–17, 19–23, 37, 44, 79, 129, 137–153, 165–181, 194–211 TWE: 14–17, 19–23, 37, 44, 79, 129, 137–153, 165–181, 194–211
W.5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.	SE: 5, 25–26, 47, 52, 75, 77, 92, 151, 168, 177, 180, 258, 316, 359, 360, 369 TWE: 5, 25–26, 47, 52, 75, 77, 92, 151, 168, 177, 180, 258, 316, 359, 360, 369
W.6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.	SE: 78, 261–262, 319, 342, 363, 388, 463, 591–615 TWE: 78, 261–262, 319, 342, 363, 388, 463, 591–615
Res	earch to Build and Present Knowledge	
W.7	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.	SE: 390–391, 395–396, 399–402, 404, 406–407, 409, 412–433, 459 TWE: 390–391, 395–396, 399–402, 404, 406–407, 409, 412–433, 459
W.8	Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.	SE : 406–408, 435–439, 443–445, 447–449, 451–454, 460 TWE : 406–408, 435–439, 443–445, 447–449, 451–454, 460

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W.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.	SE: 344–345, 352–353, 356, 406–408, 435–439, 443–445, 447–449, 451–454, 460 TWE: 344–345, 352–353, 356, 406–408, 435–439, 443–445, 447–449, 451–454, 460		
(a) Apply grades 11–12 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth-, nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics").	SE: 184–192 (Reading Standards 1, 5, 6), 332–363 (Reading Standards 1–6) TWE: 184–192 (Reading Standards 1, 5, 6), 332–363 (Reading Standards 1–6)		
(b) Apply grades 11–12 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the reasoning in seminal U.S. texts, including the application of constitutional principles and use of legal reasoning [e.g., in U.S. Supreme Court Case majority opinions and dissents] and the premises, purposes, and arguments in works of public advocacy [e.g., The Federalist, presidential addresses]").	SE: 38–44 (Reading Standards 1, 3, 4, 5, 6), 133–136 (Reading Standards 3 and 6), 158–164 (Reading Standards 4, 5, 6), 234–238 (Reading Standard 5), 282–293 (Reading Standard 6), 290–293 (Reading Standards 5 and 6), 390–408 (Reading Standards 5, 7), 434–458 (Reading Standards 1, 5, 7) TWE: 38–44 (Reading Standards 1, 3, 4, 5, 6), 133–136 (Reading Standards 3 and 6), 158–164 (Reading Standards 4, 5, 6), 234–238 (Reading Standard 5), 282–293 (Reading Standard 6), 290–293 (Reading Standards 5 and 6), 390–408 (Reading Standards 5, 7), 434–458 (Reading Standards 1, 5, 7)		
Range of Writing			
W.10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.	SE : 21–23, 37, 79, 129, 137–153, 165–181, 194–211 TWE : 21–23, 37, 79, 129, 137–153, 165–181, 194–211		
SPEAKING AND LISTENING			
Comprehension and Collaboration			
S.1 Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.	SE: 18, 28, 401–402, 502–504, 515–528, 539, 541–546, 568–578, 581, 586–588, 613 TWE: 18, 28, 401–402, 502–504, 515–528, 539, 541–546, 568–578, 581, 586–588, 613		
(a) Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas.	SE: 18, 28, 401–402, 502–504, 515–528, 539, 541–546, 568–578, 581, 586–588, 613 TWE: 18, 28, 401–402, 502–504, 515–528, 539, 541–546, 568–578, 581, 586–588, 613		
(b) Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.	SE : 18, 28, 437, 504, 529, 586–588 TWE : 18, 28, 437, 504, 529, 586–588		
(c) Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that probe reasoning and evidence; ensure a hearing for a full range of positions on a topic or issue; clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions; and promote divergent and creative perspectives.	SE : 18, 28, 401–402, 502–504, 515–528, 539, 541–546, 568–578, 581, 586–588, 613 TWE : 18, 28, 401–402, 502–504, 515–528, 539, 541–546, 568–578, 581, 586–588, 613		
(d) Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives; synthesize comments, claims, and evidence made on all sides of an issue; resolve contradictions when possible; and determine what additional information or research is required to deepen the investigation or complete the task.	SE : 18, 28, 437, 504, 529, 586–588 TWE : 18, 28, 437, 504, 529, 586–588		

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S.2	Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) in order to make informed decisions and solve problems, evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source and noting any discrepancies among the data.	SE: 48, 51, 116, 154, 221, 249, 298, 342, 409, 476, 502–503, 530, 579, 582, 586–588 TWE: 48, 51, 116, 154, 221, 249, 298, 342, 409, 476, 502–503, 530, 579, 582, 586–588	
S.3	Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, assessing the stance, premises, links among ideas, word choice, points of emphasis, and tone used.	SE: 18, 28, 401–402, 502–504, 515–528, 539, 541–546, 568–578, 581, 586–588, 613 TWE: 18, 28, 401–402, 502–504, 515–528, 539, 541–546, 568–578, 581, 586–588, 613	
Pres	sentation of Knowledge and Ideas		
S.4	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence, conveying a clear and distinct perspective, such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning, alternative or opposing perspectives are addressed, and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and a range of formal and informal tasks.	SE: 18, 28, 401–402, 502–504, 515–528, 539, 541–546, 568–573, 574–578, 581, 586–588, 613 TWE: 18, 28, 401–402, 502–504, 515–528, 539, 541–546, 568–573, 574–578, 581, 586–588, 613	
S.5	Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.	SE : 48, 51, 116, 154, 221, 249, 298, 342, 409, 476, 502–503, 530, 579, 582, 586–588 TWE : 48, 51, 116, 154, 221, 249, 298, 342, 409, 476, 502–503, 530, 579, 582, 586–588	
S.6	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating a command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.	SE: 18, 28, 401–402, 502–504, 515–528, 539, 541–546, 568–578, 581, 586–588, 613 TWE: 18, 28, 401–402, 502–504, 515–528, 539, 541–546, 568–578, 581, 586–588, 613	
LAI	NGUAGE		
Con	ventions of Standard English		
L.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	SE: 6, 8–10, 26, 30–31, 46–47, 50, 125–126, 152, 153, 179–180, 209–210, 259–260, 317–318, 361–362, 384, 461–462, 500, 631, 652, 750, 794, 822, 852, 860–887, 1023–1025 TWE: 6, 8–10, 26, 30–31, 46–47, 50, 125–126, 152, 153, 179–180, 209–210, 259–260, 317–318, 361–362, 384, 461–462, 500, 631, 652, 750, 794, 822, 852, 860–887, 1023–1025	
	(a) Apply the understanding that usage is a matter of convention, can change over time, and is sometimes contested.	SE : 860–861, 794, 852 TWE : 860–861, 794, 852	
	(b) Resolve issues of complex or contested usage, consulting references (e.g., Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English Usage, Garner's Modern American Usage) as needed.	SE: 8–11, 860–861, 794 TWE: 8–11, 860–861, 794	
L.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.	SE: 25, 59–60, 224–226, 228–230, 307, 351, 376, 700–704, 723–725, 728–734, 895–908, 916–936, 944–954, 996–1009 TWE: 25, 59–60, 224–226, 228–230, 307, 351, 376, 700–704, 723–725, 728–734, 895–908, 916–936, 944–954, 996–1009	
	(a) Observe hyphenation conventions.	SE : 916–936, 944–954 TWE : 916–936, 944–954	
	(b) Spell correctly.	SE: 996–1009 TWE: 996–1009	

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KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGE				
L.3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.	SE: 5, 9–11, 16–17, 25–26, 44, 75, 151, 165, 168, 180, 258, 359, 360 TWE: 5, 9–11, 16–17, 25–26, 44, 75, 151, 165, 168, 180, 258, 359, 360		
	(a) Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's <i>Artful Sentences</i>) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.	SE : 5, 9–11, 25–26, 31, 47, 52, 65, 75, 77, 92–93, 145, 151, 168, 175, 177, 180, 202, 250, 258, 307, 316, 351, 359, 360, 369, 376, 440, 1026–1027 TWE : 5, 9–11, 25–26, 31, 47, 52, 65, 75, 77, 92–93, 145, 151, 168, 175, 177, 180, 202, 250, 258, 307, 316, 351, 359, 360, 369, 376, 440, 1026–1027		
VO	CABULARY ACQUISITION AND USE			
L.4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.	SE: 515–526 TWE: 515–526		
	(a) Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	SE: 515–516 TWE: 515–516		
	(b) Identify and correctly use patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech (e.g., conceive, conception, conceivable).	SE: 517–523 TWE: 517–523		
	(c) Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, its part of speech, its etymology, or its standard usage.	SE: 425–426, 512–514, 620, 621, 754, 829 TWE: 425–426, 512–514, 620, 621, 754, 829		
	(d) Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).	SE: 515–516 TWE: 515–516		
L.5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.	SE : 52–55, 168, 258, 346, 357–360, 478 TWE : 52–55, 168, 258, 346, 357–360, 478		
	(a) Interpret figures of speech (e.g., hyperbole, paradox) in context and analyze their role in the text.	SE: 52–55, 168, 226–227, 231, 258, 334–335, 360 TWE: 52–55, 168, 226–227, 231, 258, 334–335, 360		
	(b) Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.	SE: 52, 55, 58, 258, 309 TWE: 52, 55, 58, 258, 309		
L.6	Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.	SE: 512–527, 671, 1009 TWE: 512–527, 671, 1009		