

Program at a glance

Amplify ELA: California Edition provides three grades of instruction, each organized around seven units of study.

Each grade includes six core text-based units, two to three immersive Learning Experiences called Quests, and a dedicated Story Writing unit, all of which account for 180 days of instruction. In each grade, one to two of the text-based units, called Collections, focus on research skills. In these research units, lessons scaffold students' investigation of an archive of curated sources around a single topic, and teachers have more flexibility about exactly which lessons they use to guide students through the topics.

Carefully selected for their adherence to the CA ELA/ELD Framework, the texts in the Amplify ELA curriculum balance literary and informational text, and include a rich representation of genres: novels, plays, poetry, memoirs, and other full-length texts.

The following page shows the rich variety of topics and texts that students encounter over the three years of the Amplify ELA program. The next section includes visual guides to help teachers plan their year's instruction, showing where formative and summative assessments fall. Additional sections lay out in greater detail how the texts and tasks have been carefully sequenced to maximize content and skill acquisition in each grade; prepare middle school students for the rigors of high school, college, and career; and instill a love for reading, writing, and learning.

Grade 6		Grade 7		Grade 8	
6A Dahl & Narrative 	7A Red Scarf Girl & Narrative 	8A World War II & Narrative 			
6B Tom & Sherlock 	7B Character & Conflict 	8B Biography & Literature 			
Q1 Quest: Tom Sawyer, Treasure Hunter An optional Quest where students complete challenges using clues from Twain.	Q1 Quest: Black, White and Blues in Chicago A required Quest where students explore the historic community of South Side Chicago.	Q1 Quest: Declare Yourself An optional Quest where students debate signing the Declaration of Independence.			
6C The Chocolate Collection 	7C Brain Science 	8C Liberty & Equality 			
Q2 Quest: Myth World A required Quest where students use their tablets to explore mythological Greece.	Q2 Quest: Perception Academy A required Quest where students virtually experience a neurological disorder.	Q2 Quest: The Emancipation Project A required Quest where students read ex-slaves' stories and bring life to their voices.			
6D The Greeks 	7D Poetry & Poe 	8D Science & Science Fiction 			
6E Reading the Novel 	Q3 Quest: Who Killed Edgar Allan Poe? An optional Quest where students use clues from Poe's story to solve a murder.	8E The Frida & Diego Collection 			
6F The Titanic Collection 	7E Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet 	8F The Space Race Collection 			
6G Beginning Story Writing 	7F The Gold Rush Collection 	8G Advanced Story Writing 			
	7G Intermediate Story Writing 				

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