Scope & Sequence

Learning Language Arts Through Literature

Thorough. Practical. Flexible.
Learning Language Arts Through Literature is a fully integrated language arts program that teaches grammar, reading, spelling, vocabulary, writing mechanics, creative writing, thinking skills, and more.

For example, a basal program may teach adjectives separately from other skills. The student may be asked to fill in blanks with adjectives and circle them in a paragraph. This may give your student a clue about adjectives, but does not translate into his practical use of adjectives in his writing.

In LLATL, your student may read literature passages that use adjectives. He may be asked to read the passage without the adjectives and decide how important they are to the understanding of a story. Another activity may include writing a descriptive sentence/paragraph about a picture using adjectives or rewriting the passage using different adjectives. These activities not only teach language arts skills in addition to adjectives, but your student will incorporate the skills into his everyday writing.

The goal of any language arts program should be to equip the student for a lifetime of communication through the written and spoken word. With LLATL, your student will acquire a deeper understanding and a greater interest in the language arts subjects.

Real books are used in the reading lessons, complete with vocabulary words, discussion questions and a variety of activities. Reading real books instead of basal stories makes reading a joy and begins a lifelong adventure for your student.

All levels are written for a 36 week school year. Grades 1 - 9 include a Teacher's Book written in a conversational format making it easy to use with little or no preparation time for the teacher. Student Activity Books are available for the 1st - 8th grade. All levels include review activities and assessments.
**Frequently Asked Questions About Learning Language Arts Through Literature**

**LLATL looks so simple; is it really effective?**

LLATL is simple for the teacher to use and very effective for the student. Research shows that isolating language arts skills is ineffective in the practical use of them. When the skills are kept in the context of literature and writing they take on new meaning for the student. This method not only gives the student more understanding of the skills, but adds to the retention of them. Our mail indicates that students who once disliked language arts when using a basal program, decided it is their favorite subject when they use Learning Language Arts Through Literature.

**How is spelling integrated into LLATL?**

You have two options for spelling in this program. Your student may use a list of suggested spelling words found in each lesson or choose words from the literature passage. Easy to understand spelling tips give your student the tools he needs to be a better speller. Weekly tests may be given or spelling may be checked during the final dictation lesson.

**What if my student needs more review of the skills?**

Throughout each level the language arts skills are reviewed on a regular basis. At the end of most weekly lessons there is an optional review activity that provides your student with more practice in any skill covered that week. You may assign him only the sections that he needs to review. Assessments throughout each book help you determine what skills need to be reviewed by your student.

**Can my student work independently in Learning Language Arts Through Literature?**

Yes. Daily lessons include independent work. The amount of independent work will depend on the student’s ability and the grade level. Higher level books have more independent work. Using the Student Activity Book will increase the amount of independent work your student can accomplish.

**What is in the Student Activity Book for LLATL?**

Everything your student needs to complete the program is found in the Student Activity Book, including the literature passages, activities, and plenty of space for your student to complete a task. PLUS there are Enrichment Activities found only in the Student Activity Book, including word puzzles, analogy lessons, and logic activities.

“What an improvement over the standard methods of language learning! In this series, students learn from excellent literature how to be better writers and thinkers. I highly recommend it.”

Dr. Ruth Beechick, author of You Can Teach Your Child Successfully
The Blue Book Program - 1st Grade

Phonics / Spelling
- auditory discrimination • beginning sounds • blends • consonant sounds • decoding new words • ending sounds • long vowel sounds • short vowel sounds • sight words • silent e • vowel pairs • words families

Reading
- character development • context clues • compound words • comprehension • describing characters • dialogue • discussing context • drawing conclusions
- following directions • inferences • left to right progression • maps • moral of a story • oral reading • plot • poetry • predicting outcome • reading aloud • recalling detail • retelling a story • rhyme • setting
- textual features: • story recall • sequencing

Grammar
- adjectives • alphabet • alphabetical order • antonyms • apostrophes • capitalization • exclamation marks • homonyms • nouns • periods • plurals • possessive nouns • proper nouns • punctuation • synonyms • verbs

Composition
- composing sentences • composing paragraphs • composing stories • letter writing • narration • narration based on a picture • writing sentences

Research and Study Skills
- dictionary • encyclopedia • library • map skills • parts of a book: title page, table of contents, author, illustrator, publisher • reference skills
- research • thesaurus • verifying information

Higher Order Thinking Skills
- alphabetical order • categorizing • compare and contrast • context clues • describing details • drawing conclusions • evaluation of a story • fact and opinion • following directions • grouping • inferences • interpreting illustrations • making a list • matching • memorization • ordinal sequencing • patterns • personal application • predicting outcome • real and make-believe • story recall • sequencing

Creative Expression
- charades • choral reading • coloring • drama • drawing • illustrating sentences • illustrating stories • making a book • memory game
- narrating from a picture • puppets • telling a story

Penmanship
- drawing shapes • lower case letters manuscript • upper case letters manuscript • punctuation • numbers • sentences

The Red Book Program - 2nd Grade

Phonics
- long vowel sounds • review first grade phonics • r-controlled vowels: ar,ear,er,ir,ur • root words • short vowel sounds • sounds of: au,augh, aw,ay,ea,ee,ei,ew,ie,oi,oo,our,ough,ow,oy,ue,ui • sounds of: al,el,le,nd,sh,th,tion,ture,war,wor • sounds of: a,c,g,s,y • silent consonant in: ck,dge,gn,gh,kl,mb,ph,th,wh,ur • syllabication • suffix sounds • words families

Spelling
- copying words • games • how to study words • puzzles • review phonics • spelling tips • suffix

Reading
- cause and effect • character development • compound words • comprehension • context clues • dialogue • discussing context • drawing conclusions • facts • fiction • illustrations • main idea • nonfiction • onomatopoeia • opinion • oral reading • ordinal numbers • plot • poetry • reading aloud • real and make-believe • recalling detail • rhyme • setting • summary • syllables

Grammar
- adjectives • alphabetical order • antonyms • apostrophes • articles • capitalization • commas • common noun • comparative adjective • conjunctions • contractions • days of the week • declarative sentences • exclamation marks • exclamatory sentences • homonyms • hyphen • interrogative sentences • irregular nouns • months of the year • nouns • number words • past tense • periods • plural nouns • possessive nouns • predicate • prefix: un • present tense • pronouns • proper nouns • question marks • quotation marks • singular noun • subject • suffixes: ed,er,est,ful,ing,ly,y • superlative adjectives • synonyms • verbs

Composition
- address • copying literature • creative writing • dates • descriptive writing • editing • invitations • letter writing • list • narration • paragraph • recording information • report • writing from dictation

Research and Study Skills
- atlas • dictionary • encyclopedia • library • map • parts of a book • parts of a story • survey • thesaurus • timeline

Higher Order Thinking Skills
- alphabetical order • calendar • categorizing • compare and contrast • context clues • describing details • drawing conclusions • evaluation of a story • following directions • grouping • inferences • interpreting illustrations • making a list • matching • memorization • ordinal sequencing • patterns • personal application • predicting outcome • real and make-believe • retelling a story • story recall • sequencing

Creative Expression / Games
- book making • bingo • calendar • card making • diorama • drama • illustrating • interpreting illustrations • poetry • nature walk • oral presentation • pantomime • plays • puppetry • riddles

Penmanship
- lower case letters manuscript • upper case letters manuscript • numbers • punctuation • sentences
The Yellow Book Program - 3rd Grade

Phonics
- root words • sounds of: igh, ed, er, ar, or, le, el, ai, ng, tion, kn • suffixes • syllables

Spelling
- copying words • how to study words • review activity • spelling tips: al, ari, ar, ay, ea, ear, eel, er, ert, ie, igh, ir, kn, le, oi, oo, or, ou, ough, ow, ured, ur, wh, wr, weekly word list

Reading
- base or root words • biography • cause and effect • characters • chart reading • choral reading • compare and contrast • compound words • comprehension • discussion of content • fact and opinion • fiction • figurative language • lines of play • main idea • nonfiction • optional literature links on: The White Stallion, Madeline, Meet George Washington, The Courage of Sarah Noble • plays • poetry • predicting outcome • recalling detail • rhyme • similes • suffixes • syllables • vocabulary

Grammar
- antonyms • adjectives • adverbs • antonym • apostrophes • articles • capitalization • colon • commas • comparative adjectives • complete sentences • compound subjects • conjunctions • contractions • declarative sentences • determiners • homonyms • irregular words • nouns • parentheses • past tense • periods • plural nouns • plural possessive nouns • possessive nouns • predicate • present tense • pronouns • proper nouns • quotation marks • quotations • singular nouns • singular possessive nouns • subjects • suffix: ed, er, ful, ing • synonyms • verbs

Composition
- copying literature • descriptive writing • editing • envelope • friendly letter • indentations • journaling • list making • main idea • paragraph • phrases • report • sentences • similes • title • verse • writing from dictation

Research and Study Skills
- alphabetical order • charts and graphs • dictionary • encyclopedia • library • map skills • newspaper • telephone book • research skills • thesaurus • timeline

Higher Order Thinking Skills
- alphabetical order • cause and effect • compare and contrast • directions (N,S,E,W) • drawing conclusions • following directions • graphs and charts • listening skills • matching • memorization • reporting • retelling a story • same and different • sequencing

Creative Expression / Games
- choral reading • codes • collage • drama • illustrating • match-ups • oral presentation • pantomime • plays • poetry • puzzles • riddles

Penmanship
- beginning cursive—lower case letters • beginning cursive—upper case letters • connecting cursive letters

The Orange Book - 4th Grade

Spelling
- adding suffixes to words ending in: silent e, y, ch, sh, s, z, x • copying words • how to study words • spelling tips: ch, dge, ear, er, ie, ir, ou, ow, sh, tch, ur • words ending with: ss, ff, z, x • vowel rules

Reading
- a Book Study Unit on: Boxcar Children, Wright Brothers, Benjamin Franklin, The Sign of the Beaver • antonyms • autobiography • biography • cause and effect • character sketch • comprehension • discussion of content • homonyms • parts of a story • poetry • recalling detail • silent / oral reading • similes • syllables • synonyms • vocabulary

Grammar
- abbreviations • action verbs • adjectives • adjectives in comparison • adverbs • antecedents • antonyms • apostrophes • articles • base or root words • capitalization • commas • common nouns • complete sentences • complete subjects • compound sentences • compound subjects • compound verbs • conjunctions • contraction • dates • exclamation marks • fragment • helping verbs • homonyms • initials • interjections • irregular verbs • nouns • periods • plural nouns • plural possessive nouns • predicate • preposition • prepositional phrase • pronouns • proper nouns • question marks • quotations • simple subjects • singular nouns • singular possessive nouns • suffixes • title of a book • verbs • verb phrases • verb tenses

Composition
- advertisements • bibliography • book making • business letter • character sketch • copying literature • descriptive writing • dialogue • editing • envelopes • first person • friendly letter • indentation • journals • list writing • map making • newsletter • note taking • paragraph • poetry • report writing • sentences • sentence types • story writing • summary • writing an ad • writing directions • writing from dictation

Research and Study Skills
- advertisements • alphabetical order • atlas • decision making • dictionary • encyclopedia • following directions • guide words • interview • library • map study • newspaper • note-taking • parts of a book • poetry memorization • research skills • table of contents • thesaurus

Higher Order Thinking Skills
- compare and contrast • decision making • fact and opinion • following directions • sequencing events • decision making • memorization

Creative Expression
- book making • illustrating poetry • recitation • rhyme • rhythm • story writing • writing an ad • writing poetry— cinquain, concrete, couplet, haiku, limerick, prose

Penmanship
- copying passages • writing final drafts
The Purple Book - 5th Grade

Spelling
- adding suffixes • copying words • plurals of irregular words • plurals of words ending in: ch,fe,os,sh,xy,ze • spelling tips: ai,ck,ear,er,gh, gn,ie,igh,ir,kn,le,ou,ough,ow,si,ion,ture,ur,wor • words ending in fl,ls,ze • studying words • syllabication • vowel pairs: ai,ie,ou,ow

Reading
- a Book Study Unit on: Farmer Boy, The Trumpet of the Swan, Meet Addy, Caddie Woodlawn • accent • biography • character sketch • characters • choral reading • compound words • conclusion • conflict • drawing conclusions • dialect • exaggeration • facts • figurative language • folk tale • introduction • legend • meter • opinion • plot • poetry • point of view • problem solving • quotations • comprehension • rhyme • rhyme scheme • root or base words • setting • similes • skim and scan • solution • summary • supporting sentences • syllables • tall tale • topic • topic sentences • vocabulary

Grammar
- action verbs • adjectives • adverbs • antecedents • antonyms • apostrophes • base or root words • being verbs • capitalization • commas • common nouns • comparative adjectives • complete predicate • complete sentences • complete subjects • compound sentences • compound subjects • compound verbs • conjunctions • contractions • dates • declarative sentences • direct address • double negative • exclamation marks • exclamatory sentences • fragment • helping verbs • homonyms • hyphen interjections • interrogative sentences • irregular verbs • irregular words • italics • nouns • number words • past tense • periods • plural possessive nouns • plural nouns • plurals of irregular words • possessive nouns • prefix • preposition • present tense • pronouns • proper nouns • question marks • quotations • regular verbs • simple subjects • singular nouns • singular possessive nouns • suffixes • verbs • verb phrases • verb tense

Composition
- copying literature • character sketch • descriptive writing • dialogue writing • editing • envelope • exaggeration • figurative language • indentation • letter writing • list making • outlines • paragraph • parts of a letter • reporting • rhyme • summary • supporting sentences • tall tales • topic • topic sentences • writing poetry • writing from dictation

Research and Study Skills
- atlas • Bible references • dictionary • encyclopedia • family tree • globe • guide words • interview • list making • newspaper • outline • proofreading • reporting • research • skim and scan • thesaurus • timeline

Higher Order Thinking Skills
- analogy • decision making • directions • facts • memorization • narration • opinion • sequencing events

Creative Expression / Games
- choral reading • family tree • interviewing • memorizing • meter • poetry • rhyme • role playing • scheme • speech making

Penmanship
- copying passages • writing final drafts

The Tan Book - 6th Grade

Spelling
- adding suffixes -able,ance,ant,ence,ent,ible,sion • adding prefixes • compound words • contractions • copying words • double consonants • plurals of irregular words • plural rules • spelling rules for: ch,fe,os,sh,xy,ze • studying words • syllabication

Reading
- a Book Study on: Carry On, Mr. Bowditch, The Bronze Bow, Big Red, The Horse and His Boy • alliteration • autobiography • biography • bound base • choral reading • climax • comprehension • conflict • context clues • couplet • dialect • dialogue • discussing content • duolog • end rhyme • etymology • exposition • fable • falling action • fiction • first person • foreshadowing • free base • internal rhyme • irony • mood • narrator • news story • personification • plot • poetry • point of view • prose • reciting poetry • repetition • resolution • rhyme scheme • rising action • second person speech • stanza • syllables • third person • topic sentences • triplet • vocabulary • word analogy

Grammar
- adjectives • adverbs • antecedents • antonyms • apostrophes • articles • being verbs • capitalization • colon • commas • common nouns • comparative adjectives • complete predicate • complete sentences • complete subjects • compound sentences • compound subjects • compound verbs • compound words • conjunctions • contraction • declarative sentences • dependent clause • direct address • direct object • direct quotation • double negative • exclamation marks • exclamatory sentences • fragment • helping verbs • homonyms • hyphen • imperative sentences • independent clause • interjections • interrogative sentences • irregular verbs • linking verbs • nouns • object of the preposition • parts of speech • periods • possessive nouns • possessive pronouns • predicate adjectives • prefix • preposition • prepositional phrase • principal parts of verbs • pronouns • proper nouns • question marks • quotation marks • regular verbs • semicolon • simile • simple predicate • simple subjects • subject/verb agreement • suffixes • superlative adjectives • syllables • synonyms • titles • transitional words • underlining • verbs • verb phrases • verbs tense

Composition
- advertisement • bibliography • biography • business letter • caricature • character sketch • circle words picture • closing paragraph • closing sentences • creative writing • dialogue • duolog • essay • figurative language • first draft • first person • friendly letter • journal • main idea • mood • news story • opening paragraph • outline • paragraph • paraphrase • personification • plagiarism • poetry • prose • research • similes • summary • supporting detail • supporting sentences • thesis statement • titles • topic • topic sentences • types of sentences • writing a fable • writing dialogue • writing instructions

Research and Study Skills
- alphabetical order • Bible translation • Caldecott Award • Dewey Decimal System • dictionary • encyclopedia • etymology • illustration • interview • library • map skills • Newbery Award • news story • organizing thought • research • sequence • thesaurus • timeline

Higher Order Thinking Skills
- analogies • circle word pictures • conducting research • context clues • giving directions • memorization

Creative Expression
- copying passages • writing final drafts
The Green Book - 7th Grade

Spelling
- adding s to words: ending in o,fe • adding suffixes • compound words • copying words • double consonant rules • spelling tips: ck, dge, ew, fi, gn, ie, kn, ll, sion, ss, tion, ture, ue, zz

Reading
- a Book Study Unit on: Star of Light, Adam and His Kin, Much Ado About Nothing • accent • analogy • Base or root words • book reports • character development • cinquain • cliché • climax • comedy and tragedy • comprehension • conflict • dialogue • diamante • fact • figurative language • haiku • historical fiction • imagery • implied metaphor • internal rhyme • limerick • malapropism • map skills • memorization • metaphor • mood • narration • opinion • personification • persuasive writing • plot • Psalms • recitation • rhyme scheme • rhythmic foot • setting • similes • suffixes • syllables

Grammar
- abbreviations • adjectives • adjectives phrase • adverbs • adverb phrases • antecedents • apostrophes • articles • being verbs • capitalization • commas • common and proper nouns • comparative adjectives • complete predicate • complete subjects • compound modifiers • compound phrases • compound sentences • compound subjects • compound verbs • conjunctions • dependent clause • determining direct object • diagramming • dialogue • dictionary • direct object • examination marks • gerund • graphs • guide words • helping verbs • hyphen • homonyms • indirect object • infinitive • initials • interjections • intransitive verbs • irregular nouns • irregular verbs • linking verbs • map skills • nouns • number words • object of the preposition • participle phrases • periods • plural possessive nouns • possessive pronouns • predicate adjectives • predicate nominative • preposition • prepositional phrases • pronouns • qualifiers • question marks • quotations • regular verbs • sentences • simple sentences • simple subjects • singular possessive nouns • split quotation • superlative adjectives • titles • transitive verbs • verbs • verb phrase • verb tense

Composition
- analogy • bibliography • book review • character sketch • characters • climax • conflict • contrast • drafts: first and final • editing • first person • graphs • introduction • mood • narration • note-taking • outline • paragraph • persuasive writing • plot • poetry • point of view • pre-writing • research • resolution • revising • second person • setting • theme • supporting sentences • synonyms • theme • thesis statement • third person • title page • topic • topic sentences • transitional words

Research and Study Skills
- bibliography • encyclopedia • outline • research • thesaurus

Higher Order Thinking Skills
- charts • family tree • graphs • memorization • timeline • understanding sentence parts

Creative Expression
- clichés • imagery • oral presentation • poetry: cinquain, diamante, free verse, haiku, limerick, meter, structural poem • personification • recitation • rhyme scheme • similes

Penmanship
- copying passages • writing final drafts

The Gray Book - 8th Grade

Spelling
- copying words • spelling rules • studying words

Reading
- a Book Study Unit on: Across Five Aprils, A Lantern in Her Hand, Eric Liddell, God's Smuggler • alliteration • assonance • clichés • comparing • comprehension • consonance • figurative language • historical fiction • literature appreciation • metaphor • meter • narration • persons - 1st, 2nd, 3rd • poetry appreciation • prose • rhyme scheme • roots • similes • silent/oral reading • suffixes • vocabulary

Grammar
- action verbs • adjectival clauses • adjectives • adverbs • adverb clauses • antecedents • antonyms • apostrophes • articles • capitalization • commas • common nouns • comparative adjectives • complement • complete predicate • complete sentences • complete subjects • compound predicate nominative • compound sentences • conjunctions • coordinating conjunctions • declarative sentences • demonstrative pronouns • dependent clause • direct object • exclamatory sentences • gerunds • helping verbs • imperative sentences • incomplete sentences • independent clause • indirect object • infinitive phrases • infinitives • interrogative pronouns • interrogative sentences • intransitive verbs • introductory phrase • irregular verbs • linking verbs • nouns clause • nouns • object of a preposition • objective pronouns • parenthetical phrase • participial phrase • participles • personal pronouns • persons - 1st and 2nd 3rd • plural nouns • possessive nouns • possessive pronouns • predicate • predicate adjectives • predicate nominative • preposition • prepositional phrase • problem words • pronouns • proper nouns • punctuation • quotations • regular verbs • relative pronouns • semicolon • sentence length • simple predicate • simple subjects • speech tags • subjects • subjective pronouns • subordinating conjunctions • synonyms • transitive verbs • types of sentences • verbs • verbs tenses

Composition
- alliteration • autobiography • biblical fiction • biography • business letter • cause and effect paper • character sketch • cinquain • combining sentences • compare and contrast paper • comparison • descriptive paragraph • developing a writing plan • diamante • final draft • first draft • formal and informal writing • friendly letter • interviews • limerick • metaphors • narrative paper • narrative paragraph • non-standard English • ordinal numbers • paraphrase • parts of a letter • persuasive paper • proof reading • reports • research paper • revision • riddle poems • sentence construction • standard English • structural poetry • supporting an opinion • thesis statement • topic outline • topic sentences • types of sentences • writing a story with a moral • writing dialogue

Research and Study Skills
- bibliography • concordance • encyclopedia • gathering sources • interviewing • listening skills • memorization • note-taking • outlines • research • revision • writing plan

Higher Order Thinking Skills
- memorization • outline • vocabulary study • word parts

Creative Expression
- creative writing • poetry • prose

Penmanship
- copying passages • final draft