



2025 - 2026

Grade 5 | Wit & Wisdom | ELA | Texas

Scope & Sequence (revised on 10.20.25 to reflect EOM1 scanning deadline update)

Course Overview:

Wit & Wisdom is a comprehensive, knowledge-building ELA curriculum that aligns with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). It builds students' knowledge through content-rich texts across science, history, and the arts while developing essential ELA knowledge and skills. The curriculum a) uses complex literary and informational texts from diverse genres, b) provides explicit instruction and practice in reading, writing, listening, and speaking, c) encourages student-centered discussion and inquiry to foster critical thinking and communication skills, and d) integrates knowledge acquisition with ELA skills development, as emphasized in the TEKS.

Standards:

[Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills for English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 5, Adopted 2017](#)

Academic Calendars

To be completed by teacher

Module Number	Module Topic	Number of Core Instructional Days	Flex Days*	Number of Assessment Days	Recommended total number of class periods	Summative Assessment	Scanning Deadline**	Academic Calendars			Planning Notes
								Unit Start Date	Unit End Date	Assessment Date	

FALL SEMESTER

Culture Days | First 5 days of schools

1	Cultures in Conflict	35	5	3	43	End-of-Module 1	LA 1: 9/18/25 LA 2: 10/9/25 EOM 1: 11/13/25				Literacy Assessment 1 is designed to be administered after Lesson 12. Literacy Assessment 2 is designed to be administered after Lesson 24.
Writing Success Unit: Informational Writing		6	1	0	7	ECR Draft	See planning notes				This unit is designed to occur after Module 1. If you plan on having the students enter their draft into Edcite, the following assignment is available: TX_ELA_5thELA_F25_Writing_Success_Unit_ECR
Reading Language Arts Fall STAAR Interim Assessment Window: October 20 - 31, 2025, including makeups.							Fall IA: 10/31/25				Grade 5 students will take the Reading Language Arts (RLA) and Math STAAR Interim Assessments (IA) during the fall semester. Schedule one full day for each assessment, ensuring the dates fall within the designated assessment window. For RLA, students will complete the IA on Cambium, but also complete an ECR/reading SCR on Edcite.
Math Fall STAAR Interim Assessment Window: December 8 - 19, 2025, including makeups.											
2	Word Play	36	5	3	44	See below.	LA 3: 12/18/25				Literacy Assessment 3 is designed to be administered after Lesson 13. During December, block off one day for the science semester exam by referencing your campus testing calendar.

SPRING SEMESTER

2	Word Play	See information above. Module 2 will begin in the fall semester and continue after the winter break.				End-of-Module 2	LA 4: 1/29/26 EOM 2: 2/19/26				As you move into the spring semester, you should continue to be in Module 2. Literacy Assessment 4 is designed to be administered after Lesson 27. Aim to complete Module 2 by the beginning of February.
Writing Success Unit: Argumentative Writing		6	1	0	7	ECR Draft	See planning notes				This unit is designed to occur after Module 2. If you plan on having the students enter their draft into Edcite, the following assignment is available: TX_ELA_5thELA_S26_Writing_Success_Unit_ECR
3	A War Between Us	37	Depends on regional calendar.	1	38	See below.	See below.				Module 3 should begin after the Argumentative/Opinion Writing Success Unit. It is recommended to complete Lessons 1-12, depending on your region, before moving into the STAAR Success Unit.
Reading Language Arts Spring STAAR Interim Assessment Window: February 19 - 25, 2026 (Brownsville ONLY) or February 23 - 27, 2026 (all regions EXCEPT Brownsville), including makeups.							Spring IA:				Grade 5 students will take the Spring Reading Language Arts (RLA), Math STAAR Interim Assessment, and Science STAAR Interim Assessment. Schedule at least one day for each assessment within your region's designated testing window by referencing your campus testing calendar. For RLA, students will complete the IA on Cambium, but also complete an ECR/reading SCR and writing SCR on Edcite.
Math STAAR Interim Assessment Window: February 27 - March 5, 2026 (Permian Basin ONLY), March 2 - 6, 2026 (Houston and San Antonio ONLY), March 6-12, 2026 (Austin, El Paso, Rio Grande Valley, and Tarrant County ONLY), including makeups.							Brownsville: 2/25/26 All Other Regions: 2/27/26				
Science STAAR Interim Assessment Window: March 2-6, 2026, including makeups.											
STAAR Success Unit		10	Depends on regional calendar.	n/a	10	Grade 5 RLA STAAR	n/a				The STAAR Success Unit is designed to occur after spring break and before the administration of the STAAR assessment. Flex days are available to accommodate review and testing.
Reading Language Arts STAAR Testing Window: April 7 - 17, 2026, including makeups.											Grade 5 students will take the RLA STAAR, Math STAAR, and Science STAAR. Schedule at least one day for each assessment using within the state window by referencing your campus testing calendar.
Math STAAR Testing Window: April 21 - May 1, 2026, including makeups.											
Science STAAR Testing Window: April 14-24, 2026, including makeups.											
3	A War Between Us	See information above. Module 3 will continue after STAAR testing.				End-of-Module 3 Writing Task	LA 5: 5/14/26				After STAAR testing, continue Module 3. Literacy Assessment 5 is designed to be administered after Lesson 24. The EOM writing task does not need to be scanned into Edcite. Additional flex time should be available for end-of-year activities and final exams (e.g., social studies).

*The number of flex days shown on this document represents the average number of flex days available. Regional variances in academic calendars may impact flex day allotments.

**The scanning date listed on this document represents the last day student data will be incorporated into the district-wide analysis. The timing of test administration will differ greatly from one region to the next, with certain regions finishing testing much earlier than other regions.