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Minister's Foreword

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago, in its *Vision 2020 Draft National Strategic Plan*, has articulated a vision of "a united, resilient, productive, innovative, and prosperous nation with a disciplined, caring, fun-loving society comprising healthy, happy and well-educated people and built on the enduring attributes of self reliance, respect, tolerance, equity and integrity" (p. 9). Five developmental pillars have been identified to achieve this goal:

Developing Innovative People Nurturing a Caring Society Governing Effectively Enabling Competitive Business Investing in Sound Infrastructure and Environment

The Ministry of Education is one Ministry that is expected to play a pivotal role in *developing innovative people*. We therefore accept as one of our primary responsibilities, the establishment of an education system that will nurture imaginative, innovative, and eager learners. It must also facilitate the seamless progression of learners from early childhood education up to the tertiary level. Graduates of the system must emerge as creative, committed, and enterprising citizens who are prepared intellectually, and who have the will to become global leaders.

A critical contributor to this process is the national curriculum. These Curriculum Guides represent the core subjects of the national curriculum at the lower secondary level. They describe the formal content and process by which students at this level will gain the knowledge and skills that contribute to the achievement of our national goals. We expect that teachers will use these Guides to implement a school curriculum that is diversified, relevant, and of high quality, meeting the varied learning needs, interests, and abilities of all students. We expect, too, that students will be taught in ways that suit their own learning preferences. The curriculum will also connect them to their national heritage, help them to understand the issues facing their world today, and prepare them to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future.

On behalf of the entire education community, I congratulate and thank all those educators—curriculum personnel, teachers, editors, and others—who have worked together over the eight years of development and revision to produce these Curriculum Guides for secondary schools. The nation owes you a debt of gratitude. I urge you to continue to be shining lights in your communities as we move forward together to achieve our goals.

Esther Le Gendre Honourable Minister of Education

A Note to Teachers

These Curriculum Guides have been developed by educators, including practising teachers, for teachers. They are intended to assist you to prepare students to meet the rapidly changing demands of life in the 21st century, while ensuring that they acquire the core of general knowledge and experience essential for later education and employment. The new curriculum that they represent is designed to guide the adoption of a more student-centred approach to instruction, and the provision of learning opportunities that are relevant to today's students and inclusive of varied learning needs and interests.

Since the beginning of the curriculum development process, we have seen profound changes in the use of technology in education and there is no doubt that similar shifts will take place in the coming years. The challenge for us as educators is to find ways to make our approach to teaching flexible, progressive, and responsive, so that we embrace and motivate change where it benefits learners. This entails becoming lifelong learners ourselves and creating environments that provide necessary community support and foster professional development.

The Guides embody the culmination of seven years of development and revision activity. The national curriculum will, however, be regularly reviewed to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of all students and matches the goals of society. Your input in this process is vital and we welcome and encourage your ongoing feedback.

Instructional decisions must be based on sound, contemporary educational theory, practice, and research. These documents will serve as important guides for the development of instructional programmes to be implemented at the school and classroom levels. They are organized in several parts. Part 1 is common to all and provides the general philosophy and aims in which every subject is anchored. Part 2 is specific to each subject and includes specific outcomes and sample activities and strategies that may be used to achieve them. The rest of the document is designed to suit the particular needs of each subject area. All the Guides include suggested assessment strategies and recommended resources.

We in the Curriculum Planning and Development Division are confident that the new National Curriculum Guides for Forms 1–3 will contribute significantly to enhanced teaching and learning experiences in our secondary schools and, consequently, the achievement of personal learning and national educational goals.

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Part 1 The National Curriculum for Forms 1–3

Background

From the Ministry of Education's *Corporate Plan 2008–2012* (p. 4)

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago, in its *Vision 2020 Draft National Strategic Plan*, has articulated a vision of "a united, resilient, productive, innovative, and prosperous nation with a disciplined, caring, fun-loving society comprising healthy, happy and well-educated people and built on the enduring attributes of self reliance, respect, tolerance, equity and integrity..."

Towards the achievement of this Vision, the Government has articulated five developmental pillars:

Developing Innovative People Nurturing a Caring Society Governing Effectively Enabling Competitive Business Investing in Sound Infrastructure and Environment

The Ministry of Education has been identified as one of the champions for *developing innovative people*. Central to the realization of this pillar is "A highly skilled, well-educated people aspiring to a local culture of excellence that is driven by equal access to learning opportunities."

In conjunction with other key ministries, the Ministry of Education has been charged with the realization of the following goals:

- The people of Trinidad and Tobago will be well known for excellence in innovation.
- Trinidad and Tobago will have a seamless, self-renewing, high-quality education system.
- A highly skilled, talented and knowledgeable workforce will stimulate innovation driven growth and development.

The richness of our diverse culture will serve as a powerful engine to inspire innovation and creativity.

...Nationally, the reform of the education system is driven by several local, regional and international perspectives. We are committed to a seamless, self-renewing, high-quality education system underpinned by a National Model for Education. This National Model has three (3) foci as follows:

i. To ensure an alignment of the education system to government's strategic plan Vision 2020 which mandates that the education system produces caring and innovative citizens

- ii. To ensure that the education system produces citizens with a sense of democracy, respect for the rights of others and elders and with the ability to contribute meaningfully to the social and economic development of the country
- iii. To build a strong sense of nationalism and patriotism in our citizens. (p. 7)

The Secondary Curriculum

In its commitment to comprehensive reform and expansion of the secondary school system, the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, in 1996, adopted the report of the National Task Force on Education as educational policy. The specific recommendations for the improvement of secondary education led to discussions with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for loan funding arrangements for a programme, the Secondary Education Modernization Programme (SEMP), to modernize secondary education in Trinidad and Tobago. One of the intended outcomes of this programme was improved educational equity and quality.

The curriculum guides for Forms 1–3 in eight subject areas are among the products of the programme and contribute to this outcome.

The Curriculum Design and Development Process

In order to achieve the outcomes defined by the underpinning philosophy and goals, the Curriculum Development Division of the Ministry of Education embarked on a design and development programme consonant with accepted approaches to curriculum change and innovation.

Curriculum Design

This curriculum displays a learner-centred design. Its philosophical assumptions are mainly constructivist. Its major orientation is to curriculum as self-actualization. The curriculum is student-centred and growth oriented. It seeks to provide personally satisfying experiences for each student. As the student moves from one level to another, activities also expand to allow new insights and approaches to dealing with and integrating new knowledge.

Curriculum Development

The first stage of the curriculum development process consisted of consultations with stakeholders from a cross-section of the national community. Consultations were held with primary and secondary school teachers; principals; members of denominational school boards; members of the business community; the executive of the Trinidad and Tobago Unified Teachers' Association (TTUTA); representatives from The University of the West Indies (UWI), John S. Donaldson Technical Institute, San Fernando Technical Institute, Valsayn Teachers' College, and Caribbean Union College; parents; librarians; guidance counsellors; students; curriculum officers; and school supervisors. These consultations focussed on the philosophy, goals, and learning outcomes of education.

The result of these consultations was agreement on:

- the concept of a "core," that is, essential learning outcomes consisting of skills, knowledge, attitudes, and values that students must acquire at the end of five years of secondary schooling;
- the eight subjects to form the core;
- the desirable outcomes of secondary school education in Trinidad and Tobago.

In Stage 2 of the process, the officers of the Curriculum Development Division studied the reports of the consultations, the Education Policy Paper, the reports of the Curriculum Task Force and the Task Force for Removal of Common Entrance, as well as newspaper articles and letters to the editor on education during the preceding five years. The School Libraries Division and the Division of School Supervision assisted the Curriculum Development Division in this task. The result of the study was the identification and articulation of a set of desirable outcomes and essential exit competencies to be possessed by all students on leaving school. All learning opportunities, all teaching and learning strategies, and all instructional plans are to contribute to the realization of these outcomes and competencies.

At Stage 3, 10 existing schools were identified to pilot the new curriculum. Teachers from eight subject areas were drawn from these schools to form curriculum writing teams for each subject. Teachers with specific subject or curriculum development skills from other schools were also included in the teams. The outputs of this phase included learning outcomes specific to each subject that contribute to the fulfilment of the national outcomes; subject content; and teaching, learning, and assessment strategies to support the outcomes.

The draft curriculum guides for Forms 1 and 2 were approved by Cabinet for introduction into schools on a phased basis in September 2003. The draft guides for Form 3 were completed and introduced in the following year. Introduction of the new guides was accompanied by professional development and training for principals and teachers. The Ministry also began to supply new and/or upgraded facilities for teaching and learning, and educational technology. At the same time, work began on a new assessment and certification system.

Curriculum Revision

As implementation proceeded, feedback was sought by the Curriculum Development Division through school visits, workshops, and reviews by UWI lecturers and other stakeholders. In 2007, a survey was conducted among teachers, followed by focus group meetings, in order to concretize feedback before embarking on the revision process. As in the original curriculum development exercise, revision—the final stage—was carried out by teams of practising teachers led by officers of the Curriculum Development Division.

Curriculum Underpinnings

The national curriculum has been informed by a wealth of available curriculum theories and processes.

The major forces that influence and shape the organization and content of the curriculum include:

- 1. Educational philosophy and understandings about the nature of knowledge
- 2. Society and culture
- 3. The learner and learning process
- 4. Learning theories
- 5. The nature and structure of subject matter to be learned

Thus, these areas represent the foundation on which the national curriculum is built. The philosophical concerns and educational goals that shaped the curriculum also formed the basis for the dialogue with stakeholders in which the Curriculum Development Division engaged, with the aim of developing a coherent, culturally focussed, and dynamically evolving curriculum.

An internal analysis of the education system, together with research conducted in international forums, has shown that the curriculum is core to the development of innovative people. This curriculum is aimed at attaining six essential learning outcomes. The six outcomes identified help to define universally accepted goals that have been developed and underscored by other educational jurisdictions and that have been agreed to be essential. The essential learning outcomes help to define standards of attainment for all secondary school students.

Education Policies That Impact on the Curriculum

There are several Ministry of Education policies that impact on the national secondary curriculum, though some are still in the process of formalization. These include the National Model for Primary and Secondary Education in Trinidad and Tobago, the ICT policy, Standards for the Operation of Schools, and Quality Standards. Copies of these documents may be obtained from the Ministry offices or the website at *www.moe.gov.tt*. Three other policies that have direct impact on the development and implementation of the curriculum are discussed in some detail below.

National Curriculum Policy

A Draft National Curriculum Policy has been approved by Cabinet for consultation with stakeholders. The Policy statements are summarized as follows:

- 1. The curriculum must articulate with the goals of national development and be supportive of the aspirations of individuals and their personal development. It must provide opportunities for every student to be equipped with the knowledge, skills, attitudes, values, and dispositions necessary for functioning in an interactive, interdependent society.
- 2. The curriculum must be so managed as to ensure the provision of a quality curriculum experience for all students at all levels of the system.
- 3. At every level of the system, there must be equitable provision of requisite facilities, resources, services, and organizational structures that are conducive to and supportive of effective learning and teaching and healthy development.
- 4. Continuous quality management must support all curriculum and related activities at every level of the system.
- 5. Ongoing research and professional development activities must equip education practitioners for continued effective practice.

Though the policy has not yet been formally issued, these statements are worthy of consideration at all stages of the curriculum cycle.

Inclusive Education Policy

The Ministry of Education is committed to "support the delivery of inclusive education in all schools by providing support and services to all learners, and by taking appropriate steps to make education available, accessible, acceptable and adaptable to all learners." An inclusive curriculum is acknowledged to be the most important factor in achieving inclusive education. In planning and teaching the school curriculum, teachers are therefore required to give due regard to the following principles:

- The National Curriculum Guides set out what most students should be taught at lower secondary school but teachers should teach the required knowledge and skills in ways that suit students' interests and abilities. This means exercising flexibility and drawing from curricula for earlier or later class levels to provide learning opportunities that allow students to make progress and experience success. The degrees of differentiation exercised will depend on the levels of student attainment.
- Varied approaches to teaching, learning, and assessment should be planned to allow all students to participate fully and effectively. Account should be taken of diverse cultures, beliefs, strengths, and interests that exist in any classroom and that influence the way students learn.
- Students with special needs should be given additional instructional support in negotiating the regular curriculum, not a different one. The guiding principle of equity is to supply students who need it with additional help to achieve set standards, but not to lower the standards.
- Continuous formative evaluation must be used to identify learning needs and to shape instruction, thus maximizing students' opportunities for achieving success. Assessment strategies must be appropriate to the way the curriculum is designed and delivered, as well as to each student's individual learning profile and stage of development.
- Suitable technology must be used in instruction to facilitate learning and enhance success.

ICT in the Curriculum

The following statements are taken from the Ministry of Education's ICT in Education Policy (pp. 28–29).

Curriculum Content and Learning Resources

- Curriculum and content must increasingly maximize the use of ICT.
- ICT must be integrated into the development and delivery of the curriculum.
- ICT integration and ICT competency measures across the curriculum shall be driven through the development and delivery of an ICT-infused curriculum.

Essential Learning Outcomes

The learning outcomes which have been deemed essential are in the areas of:

- Aesthetic Expression
- Citizenship
- Communication
- Personal Development
- Problem Solving
- Technological Competence

The achievement of these essential learning outcomes by all students is the goal that every core curriculum subject must facilitate. The core curriculum subjects, their content, and the suggested teaching, learning, and assessment strategies are the means to fulfil this end.

It is expected that by the end of the third year of secondary school, students' achievement in all six areas will result in a solid foundation of knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will constitute a platform for living in the Trinidad and Tobago society and making informed choices for further secondary education.

The essential learning outcomes are described more fully below.

Aesthetic Expression

Students recognize that the arts represent an important facet of their development, and they should respond positively to its various forms. They demonstrate visual acuity and aesthetic sensibilities and sensitivities in expressing themselves through the arts.

- use various art forms as a means of formulating and expressing ideas, perceptions, and feelings;
- demonstrate understanding of the contribution of the arts to daily life, cultural identity, and diversity;
- demonstrate understanding of the economic role of the arts in the global village society;
- demonstrate understanding of the ideas, perceptions, and feelings of others as expressed in various art forms;

 demonstrate understanding of the significance of cultural resources, such as museums, theatres, galleries, and other expressions of the multicultural reality of society.

Citizenship

Students situate themselves in a multicultural, multi-ethnic environment, and understand clearly the contribution they must make to social, cultural, economic, and environmental development in the local and global context.

Students, for example:

- demonstrate understanding of sustainable development and its implications for the environment locally and globally;
- demonstrate understanding of Trinidad and Tobago's political, social, and economic systems in the global context;
- demonstrate understanding of the social, political, and economic forces that have shaped the past and present, and apply those understandings to the process of planning for the future;
- examine issues of human rights and recognize and react against forms of discrimination, violence, and anti-social behaviours;
- determine the principles and actions that characterize a just, peaceful, pluralistic, and democratic society, and act accordingly;
- demonstrate understanding of their own cultural heritage and cultural identity, and that of others, as well as the contribution of our many peoples and cultures to society.

Communication

Students use their bodies, the symbols of the culture, language, tools, and various other media to demonstrate their deeper understandings of synergies inherent in the exchange of ideas and information, and thus to communicate more effectively.

- explore, reflect on, and express their own ideas, learning, perceptions, and feelings;
- demonstrate understanding of facts and relationships presented through words, numbers, symbols, graphs, and charts;

- demonstrate sensitivity and empathy where necessary in communicating various kinds of emotions and information;
- present information and instructions clearly, logically, concisely, and accurately for a variety of audiences;
- interpret and evaluate data, and express their conclusions in everyday language;
- critically reflect on and interpret ideas presented through a variety of media.

Personal Development

Students "grow from inside out," continually enlarging their knowledge base, expanding their horizons, and challenging themselves in the pursuit of a healthy and productive life.

Students, for example:

- demonstrate preparedness for the transition to work and further learning;
- make appropriate decisions and take responsibility for those decisions;
- work and study purposefully, both independently and in cooperative groups;
- demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between health and lifestyle;
- discriminate among a wide variety of career opportunities;
- demonstrate coping, management, and interpersonal skills;
- display intellectual curiosity, an entrepreneurial spirit, and initiative;
- reflect critically on ethical and other issues;
- deal effectively with change and become agents for positive, effective change.

Problem Solving

Students have a range of problem-solving strategies and apply them appropriately to situations they encounter. They demonstrate critical thinking and inquiry skills with which they process information to solve a wide variety of problems.

- acquire, process, and interpret information critically to make informed decisions;
- use a variety of strategies and perspectives flexibly and creatively to solve problems;

- formulate tentative ideas, and question their own assumptions and those of others;
- solve problems individually and collaboratively;
- identify, describe, formulate, and reformulate problems;
- frame and test hypotheses;
- ask questions, observe relationships, make inferences, and draw conclusions;
- identify, describe, and interpret different points of view;
- distinguish facts from opinions.

Technological Competence

Students are technologically literate, understand and use various technologies, and demonstrate an understanding of the role of technology in their lives, in society, and in the world at large.

- locate, evaluate, adapt, create, and share information using a variety of sources and technologies;
- demonstrate understanding of existing and developing technologies and use them appropriately;
- demonstrate understanding of the impact of technology on society;
- demonstrate understanding of ethical issues related to the use of technology in local and global contexts.

The Core Curriculum Subjects

The core curriculum subjects are those for which every student is required to demonstrate achievement of the stated outcomes in Forms 1-3. Additional subjects that contribute to students' holistic development and further their interests and aspirations may also be offered thereafter.

A minimum time allocation is recommended for each core subject. The principal, as instructional leader of the school, will make the final decision as to time allocation, according to the needs of the students and the resources available at any given time.

Subject	No. of Periods	Subject	No. of Periods
English Language Arts	6	Mathematics	5
Science	4	Health and Physical Education	2
Spanish	4	Technology Education	4
Social Studies	4	Visual and Performing Arts	4

The subjects and the recommended time allocations are as follows:

At the end of Form 3, students will be assessed for the National Certificate of Secondary Education (NCSE), Level I.

Language Across the Curriculum

The development of language skills and the ability to understand and use language correctly, competently, and effectively is fundamental to the learning outcomes expressed in the national curriculum. Language is a uniquely human capacity. Three simultaneous uses of language for learning are envisaged as students experience the national curriculum: students will learn language, they will learn through language, and they will learn about language.

Language plays a major role in learning, which occurs when students use the major modes of language—listening, speaking, reading, and writing—to achieve various purposes, among them: to communicate with others; to express personal beliefs, feelings, ideas, and so on; for cognitive development in various subjects of the curriculum; and to explore and gain insight into and understanding of literature. Language is linked to the thinking process, and its use allows students to reflect on and clarify their own thought processes and, thus, their own learning.

The national curriculum is predicated on the assumption that since students' language development takes place across the curriculum, the development process must be addressed in all subject areas. Students will develop and use patterns of language vital to understanding and expression in the different subjects that make up the curriculum.

However, the student of Trinidad and Tobago functions in a bidialectal context, that is, the natural language of the student, the Creole, differs from the target language and language of instruction, Internationally Accepted English. The philosophical position taken in the national curriculum is that both languages are of equal value and worth, and both must be respected. Students use their own language as a tool for interpreting the content of the curriculum and for mastering it. In addition, they must be taught to use the target language as effectively and effortlessly as they would their natural language.

The exponential growth in information and the use of information and communication technologies provide opportunities for students to become critical users of information. Language development and use in this context is also addressed in all subject areas.

Curriculum Implementation

Implementation of the curriculum is a dynamic process, requiring collaboration of the developers (curriculum teams) and users (teachers). In implementation, teachers are expected to use the formal curriculum, as described in the curriculum guides, to plan work and teach in a manner that accomplishes the objectives described. Teachers translate those objectives into units of study, determining the appropriate sequence and time allocation according to the learning needs of their students. The new Curriculum Guides provide sample teaching and assessment strategies, but it is also the role of the professional teacher to select and use sound teaching practices, continually assessing student learning, and systematically providing feedback to curriculum teams for use in revising and improving the guides.

A curriculum development system provides support for the tasks of curriculum implementation. The system advocated by the Ministry of Education involves stakeholders, specialist curriculum officers, principals, heads of departments, and teachers, each with specific roles and responsibilities. Some of these are outlined in the table below.

System Component	Members	Role
National Curriculum Advisory Council/ Committee	Stakeholders	 Advise on curriculum policy, goals, and standards
Curriculum Planning and Development Division (Head Office and District-based)	curriculum officers	 Plan and develop curriculum Provide leadership in identifying curriculum goals and determining the process for development of curriculum materials Lead writing teams (which include teachers) Monitor implementation Provide teacher support Facilitate teacher professional development for curriculum implementation Advise on processes and materials for effective implementation and student assessment Evaluate curriculum
School Curriculum Council	Principal/Vice Principal and Heads of Departments	 Make major decisions concerning the school curriculum, such as assigning resources Provide guidelines for Instructional Planning Teams
Instructional Planning Teams/School Instructional Committees	Teachers	 Cooperate on tasks necessary for effective implementation, such as: yearly work plans, units of study, development of materials to individualize the curriculum, identification and development of learning materials, student assessment and evaluation

Curriculum Implementation at School Level

The "School Curriculum" refers to all the learning and other experiences that the school plans for its students. It includes the formal or written curriculum, as well as the informal curriculum, which is comprised of other developmental opportunities provided by the school, such as those offered by student clubs, societies and committees, and sporting organizations (e.g., cricket team, debating society, Guides, Cadets).

The School Curriculum Council develops a School Curriculum that must be in alignment with the National Curriculum. The School Curriculum Council usually consists of the Principal and/or Vice Principal and Heads of Department. The duties of the Council include the development of school culture, goals, vision, and curriculum in alignment with the national curriculum and culture. It also provides support for curriculum work and performs evaluation functions.

In providing support for curriculum work, the Council may, for instance:

- encourage teachers to identify challenges and try new ideas;
- develop timetables to allow for development of curriculum materials, for example, year plans, units, instructional materials;
- ensure availability of learning materials;
- provide instructional leadership;
- ensure that appropriate strategies are formulated to promote student success.

In performing evaluation functions, the Council:

- monitors the curriculum (using, for example, observation, test scores, student books, formal and informal discussions with different stakeholders);
- assesses the hidden curriculum (including discipline policies, fund allocation, physical environment);
- evaluates the school programme of studies.

The roles of instructional teams and the individual teachers are described in the following tables:

Roles of School Instructional Committees
Develop/Revise/Evaluate work programmes
Determine resource needs
Identify/Develop instructional materials
Conduct classroom action research
Integrate and align curriculum
Identify and develop appropriate assessment practices
Develop reporting instruments and procedures (student and teacher performance)
Keep records

Roles of Individual Teachers

Develop/Revise instructional programme

Individualize curriculum to suit students' needs and interests

Develop/Evaluate/Revise unit plans

Develop/Select appropriate learning materials

Select appropriate teaching strategies to facilitate student success

Integrate the curriculum as far as possible, and where appropriate

Select appropriate assessment strategies

Monitor/Assess student learning and keep records

Evaluate student performance

Evaluate classroom programmes

Conduct action research

Collaborate with colleagues

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Part 2

The English Language Arts Curriculum

Introduction

The English curriculum has traditionally maintained a narrow focus on the development of skills related to composition, comprehension, knowledge of the grammar of the English Language, and related literature. The English Language Arts curriculum as presented here, however, represents a shift in the teaching of English. It integrates and is intended to develop the skills of listening, speaking, reading (mechanics, comprehension, literary appreciation), and writing, as well as media and visual literacy. In Trinidad and Tobago, this shift has been accompanied by concomitant changes to the strategies for assessment of the subject, as reflected in the Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) and the National Certificate of Secondary Education (NCSE) examination. It has also resulted in the restructuring of the primary school syllabus and the creation of a national English Language Arts curriculum for the secondary level.

Philosophy

Language helps to create the lived reality of human beings. The possibilities of particular world views are made manifest through language and within language. All human beings must therefore be given the opportunity to become effective users of language in order to support their ability to realize all dimensions of their human potential, to function well in the world, and to maintain satisfying social relationships. They must be given opportunities to learn language skills by interacting with others in meaningful contexts to carry out personal and social functions that will enhance their lives, and help them to assume the responsibilities of citizens of a democratic society. The English Language Arts curriculum must thus be perceived by students as being relevant to their lives and cultures; it must also satisfy their needs and interests.

English Language Arts education, therefore, should:

- facilitate a variety of forms of effective communication with others;
- allow entrance into other speech communities;
- provide the fundamental basis for development of competence in other subject areas;
- develop aesthetic appreciation, for language itself and for other art forms;
- develop critical literacy and linguistic awareness;
- build self-esteem;
- prepare students for interaction in different contexts;
- prepare students for the world of work.

Vision

All students will acquire competence in the English Language Arts. Students will be able to communicate effectively, whether communication is expected to be in standard English or in other dialects, and will be able to function effectively and out of a strong sense of values, not only at national and regional levels but also universally.

Rationale

The essential humanity of human beings is reflected in their ability to think creatively and critically; to speak, listen, read, and write; to establish satisfying interpersonal relationships; and to aspire to realize a vision of an ideal human being and an ideal culture. English Language Arts education seeks to develop the competencies that will support such an aspiration.

All individuals have a first language. Students enter school with a language of their own, characterized by a range of language forms and functions. Language is a means of self-expression and communication that they begin acquiring at birth. Students' first language must therefore be acknowledged and respected in the effort to develop their linguistic competence.

This curriculum, while it targets the attainment of student competence in the official language of Trinidad and Tobago, Internationally Accepted English, also acknowledges the existence of students' first language. The curriculum thus seeks to make possible an environment in which recognition is given to the role of differing dialects in communication, and to suggest strategies that must be employed to allow movement along a continuum of competence.

The curriculum acknowledges that while our society still uses written and spoken texts to communicate, in the 21st century, communication takes place in multiple modes and contexts. Thus, the curriculum seeks not only to enhance students' ability to negotiate written and spoken texts, but also to enhance their ability to understand and employ other modes of communication.

This learner-centred curriculum is designed to support the holistic development of students by creating a low-threat, high-challenge learning environment in which students feel safe to interact with others to address issues that are relevant to their life experiences. The strands of the curriculum are intended to facilitate this process, and to support the development of life skills that students will need when they enter the world of work.

The curriculum also immerses students in the literatures of different cultures in order to encourage them to develop respect for diversity and aesthetic values, and at the same time to support their language learning process. It is expected that their curriculum experiences will allow students to develop skills associated with each strand, and will require them to integrate these skills to attain a high level of communicative competence. The curriculum proposes activities that encourage collaborative learning and require the use of all the communication skills, as well as the skills required for critical and creative thinking and problem solving.

Learning, in this curriculum, is conceptualized as an interactive process, which should allow students to participate in activities that require them to think and integrate new ideas. The teacher is seen as a facilitator of this process, providing students with opportunities to construct increasingly more sophisticated concepts about the world.

It is expected, then, that students who have been exposed to the English Language Arts curriculum will develop the values and competencies that will prepare them to see themselves as citizens of Trinidad and Tobago, of the Caribbean region, and of the world; to value the diverse cultures and language experiences that characterize our society; and to act responsibly to promote the healthy development of their society.

Intended Learning Outcomes of the English Language Arts Curriculum

The main goal of the English Language Arts curriculum is that students will be able to communicate and to use language effectively in different modes and contexts. Students will:

- be proficient in the communication skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing, and visual representation;
- be able to select dialects and registers that are appropriate for different communicative contexts;
- demonstrate spontaneity and fluency in their use of language;
- read and write for different purposes, using a variety of print and electronic media;
- compose and comprehend different genres of speech and writing to achieve a range of purposes—exposition, narration, description, argumentation, and persuasion;
- respond sensitively to varied and meaningful types of oral and written literary texts;
- appreciate the language and literature of different cultures;
- use language to reflect and support creative and critical thinking, to develop competence in learning in different disciplines, and to reflect on their personal experiences;
- obtain, interpret, and analyse information from different types of texts, including visual texts.

The Purpose and Organization of the Curriculum Document

This English Language Arts curriculum guide is meant to document the range of outcomes that students must attain on completion of the first level of secondary education, leading to assessment at the National Certificate of Secondary Education (NCSE) Level 1. The document does not simply list content for coverage by teachers and students in the classroom. An attempt has been made to demonstrate the kinds of activities in which students and teachers may be engaged during classroom interaction.

This attempt has been made in recognition of the range of teacher competence and expertise among teachers of English Language Arts in the secondary system. The document has been designed, firstly, to scaffold the experiences of the beginning teacher in the classroom, who, in our current scenario, may not have received professional training, and whose own exposure to the teaching of the subject may be at variance with the approach envisaged by the designers of the curriculum. Secondly, it provides teachers already in the system with a map of the range of teaching and learning strategies that may be employed to address all the skills to be developed.

At the same time, the designers of the guide acknowledge the competence and expertise of seasoned teachers, who would wish to be exposed to different ways of implementing the curriculum, while at the same time bringing their expertise to bear on their classroom practice.

The detailed nature of the guide, therefore, does not negate the fact that teachers, in interacting with their students, may have a different way of negotiating the curriculum and are not to be constrained by the strategies suggested in the guide. All teachers are therefore encouraged to use the suggested strategies freely, even as they recognize that teaching is an art which requires teachers to know when they can effectively use some of the suggested strategies and when to devise their own.

The designers envisage that the community of teachers of the English Language Arts will collaborate both in their schools and across schools to validate the strategies that work and to share their own good or best practices.

The document is designed to convey the message that in developing individual skills, it is also important to recognize the inherent connections that must be made in the teaching/learning enterprise so as to create for students a sense of the coherence and interconnectedness of the subject. Almost any language activity involves more than one language skill. Within a typical language lesson, students engage in talking and asking questions, listening, reading, and writing. Each one becomes a medium for supporting and reinforcing the other. Students discuss or talk about what they have written, listen to their peers reading what they have produced, and write about what they have read. When students read they are learning about writing; when they write to others they are learning about reading. Thus, there is much overlap in an integrated curriculum.

Very importantly, too, both teachers and students need to be aware that literature demonstrates language in its most creative form, and that exposure to good literature facilitates the development of language. Such exposure also allows students to experience literature, in all its forms, as a reflection of the concerns of mankind. The teaching of literature and the exposure of students to various works of the literatures of different nations is therefore compulsory.

The approach taken in this guide to the teaching of the grammar of the English Language is one that recognizes the existence of a vernacular whose structures are different from those of Internationally Accepted English, even as it shares the lexicon of that language. The guide emphasizes the teaching of grammar not simply as rote acquisition of the knowledge of the grammar of the language, but as placed within a functional approach whereby students learn to use the grammar in context.

It is intended, therefore, that the development of students' competence in the use of the grammar will build upon grammatical structures to which they have been exposed at previous levels of the system. Their competence in the use of the grammar should also develop further as they use the language more.

The content has been organized to help teachers to see how the skills are interrelated. The objectives to be achieved by each of the strands, that is, listening, speaking, reading, writing, literary appreciation, and media/visual literacy, have been aligned in such a way as to show some of the connections that can be made in developing a unit of work. The suggested strategies that follow may also be combined to ensure full development of all the skills. The suggested evaluation strategies are meant to provide a range of authentic and contextualized performance-based assessments that make student learning meaningful and relevant.

While teachers are expected to ensure that the objectives of the curriculum are attained, they are also encouraged to explore other ways of using the guide that can contribute to making student learning meaningful. For example, teachers may use a thematic approach that draws on students' interests, thus ensuring student engagement.

Content and Performance Standards

The content standards identified below indicate the general knowledge and skills that students must develop as a result of teaching/learning activities. The performance standards provide benchmarks that indicate the extent to which students are satisfactorily applying and demonstrating what they know and can do.

Listening/Speaking

Content Standard

Students listen, comprehend, and use verbal and non-verbal cues to effectively communicate with an audience.

Performance Standards

- 1. Students demonstrate ability to use skills and strategies of listening and speaking
 - Use intonation, pausing, emphasis, and rhythm to speak with expression so as to convey meaning
 - Use appropriate gestures to support speech
 - Discriminate among sounds
 - Identify mood and tone

2. Students demonstrate ability to pronounce words accurately

- Enunciate words clearly
- Identify the differences in vowel and consonant sounds
- Distinguish between Creole and Standard English pronunciation

3. Students demonstrate ability to attend to, comprehend, and assimilate information

- Identify significant details
- Make connections between ideas
- Respond accurately in different communicative situations

4. Students demonstrate ability to listen critically in different communicative situations

- Deduce bias
- Detect fallacies
- Distinguish between facts and opinions

> Reading

Content Standard

Students read a variety of texts to gain information and knowledge; to appreciate themselves, others, and the cultures of the world; and to develop critical language awareness.

Performance Standards

1. Students read with fluency and comprehension

- Read level-appropriate material (fiction and non-fiction) with accuracy and confidence
- Use, with facility, a variety of comprehension skills (literal, inferential, critical, and creative)
- Monitor comprehension of their reading and use self-correcting skills (e.g., rereading, slowing down)
- Use a variety of resources (e.g., library, Internet) to conduct research in order to deepen their understanding of the meaning of texts

2. Students use a range of strategies to derive meaning from texts

- Use knowledge of phonemic awareness and word structure (e.g., prefixes, suffixes, root words) to aid comprehension of texts
- Infer meaning of unfamiliar words using context clues and context-critical language awareness
- Use textual cues and organization patterns (e.g., captions, headings, chronology, cause/effect) to assist in their comprehension of reading material and in information gathering/processing
- Use resources (e.g., the dictionary, glossaries, thesauri) to discover the meaning, pronunciation, and derivation of unknown words

3. Students demonstrate an adequate level of analysis, synthesis, and evaluation in response to a variety of texts

- Interpret and analyse the relationship between language choice and an author's purpose
- Explain and defend critical opinions either orally or in writing
- Develop criteria for evaluation of text (e.g., relevance of context, author's bias, language features)
- Examine the similarities and differences within a text and among genres
- Present information gathered from texts in different ways (e.g., summary, sketch)

Literary Appreciation

Content Standard

Students interpret and respond to a range of genres with sensitivity to the writer's purpose and craft. Students read in order to understand self, to gain insight into the human condition, and to appreciate diverse cultures.

Performance Standards

1. Students read prose, poetry, and drama with fluency and comprehension

- Apply a variety of strategies to derive meaning from texts
- Discuss language, meaning, and ideas in various texts in relation to rhetorical purpose and audience
- Understand the defining characteristics of a variety of literary genres

2. Students apply knowledge of the elements of literature to derive optimal meaning from prose, poetry, and drama

- Examine the relationship between setting and structure
- Understand elements of plot development (e.g., parallel episodes, sub-plots)
- Trace how conflict develops
- Understand character development in text
- Make inferences about characters' qualities and actions

3. Students analyse and evaluate prose, poetry, and drama

- Interpret and analyse the effectiveness of the use of the elements of different genres
- Compare and contrast techniques used by writers in different texts
- Respond to literary works clearly and coherently, using examples from texts they have read to support their responses

4. Students respond to texts critically and with sensitivity

- Examine how the use of language to create oral and written text can convey and evoke emotion
- Discuss meaning and ideas in texts, making connections between what they read and their personal experience
- Demonstrate empathy with characters

5. Students use the study of literature to develop an understanding of the human condition

- Value characters in literary texts as representative of human thought, actions, and feelings
- Appreciate conflict as an integral part of life and as critical to understanding life and relationships
- Appreciate the importance of taking responsibility for one's actions
- Value the power of the written and spoken word

> Writing

Content Standard

Students write for a range of different purposes, demonstrating sensitivity to audience, and using appropriate and grammatically correct language to effectively communicate thoughts, ideas, and feelings.

Performance Standards

1. Students demonstrate competence in the use of the writing process

- Decide on a form and general purpose for writing
- Select appropriate content for different writing tasks
- Determine appropriate choice of words
- Organize ideas coherently
- Revise and edit written compositions
- Present writing using a variety of media for communication

2. Students manipulate language effectively for different communicative purposes

- Create **expository** pieces (e.g., explanations, reports, directions, descriptions)
 - State purpose clearly
 - Gather relevant and accurate evidence
 - Use a register appropriate to the intended audience and context
 - Use different organizational patterns to produce expository pieces
 - Integrate information to develop solutions to problems
- Create **persuasive/argumentative** pieces (e.g., essays, speeches, advertisements, letters)
 - Determine clear position, focus, target, audience, purpose
 - Gather reliable evidence to support a position
 - Use appropriate rhetorical devices (e.g., appeals to logic, emotion, comparison, contrast, generalization, tone, pun, humour)
 - Develop ideas logically and coherently

- Produce **narrative** pieces (e.g., poem, short story, song, rap, calypso, chutney, dialogue, play)
 - Select forms that are suited to purpose (e.g., paragraphs, stanzas, acts, scenes)
 - Use descriptive and figurative language and written experiences
 - Use language with sensory appeal (e.g., imagery, metaphor, symbol, concrete and abstract details)
 - Use emotive language to communicate a range of feelings/moods/ thoughts/ideas
 - Employ elements suited to different genres (e.g., plot, theme, character, setting, structure)

3. Students demonstrate ability to respond critically to a variety of texts and writing tasks

- Distinguish between fact and opinion
- Compare and contrast ideas from a variety of texts
- Draw inferences and explain, in writing, inferences derived from a variety of texts
- Explain the importance of new understandings to self and others
- Respond to new learning in a variety of written forms

4. Students demonstrate competence in grammatical and mechanical conventions of writing

- Display competence in the mechanics of writing
- Demonstrate competence in the use of the grammar of the English language

5. Students engage in research by generating questions, and evaluating and synthesizing information from different sources

- Decide on a focus for research
- Explore/research a variety of topics and ideas
- Determine purpose, audience, and time parameters for the research activity
- Collect and record information, utilizing a variety of strategies/tools (e.g., interviews, observation, print, non-print material, Internet, CD-ROM, database)
- Select and connect relevant ideas from a variety of sources in order to support the development of different texts

Media and Visual Literacy

Content Standard

Students interpret and produce a wide variety of visual and aural text and become sensitive to the impact of visual and aural language in their social, national, and global environments.

Performance Standards

- 1. Students distinguish among the features of a wide range of visual texts (e.g., brochures, advertisements, magazines, TV talk shows)
 - Identify the features of texts from different media
 - Examine the functions served by the features in visual texts
- 2. Students demonstrate facility in using and creating visual texts to clarify, support, and generate ideas
 - Use a variety of design elements (e.g., layout, colour, symbols) to create visual texts
 - Use a variety of visual texts for different communicative purposes
- **3.** Students appraise the effectiveness of the content of visual texts to clarify, support, and generate ideas
 - Evaluate the merits and demerits of the use of different forms of media
 - Evaluate the impact of different forms of visual texts on audience.

4. Demonstrate an awareness of the relationship between print and non-print texts

- Use visual stimuli to create other types of texts
- Relate print to non-print media in communicating ideas, thoughts, feelings

Connections and Integration

A coherent view of relationships among the learner, the learning process, teaching, and language should inform everyday transactions within the classroom. Current views derived from language education research have given rise to the call for the integration of the language arts. The claims are:

- The language arts skills are so strongly interrelated that no single skill can be taught in isolation.
- The strands of language are so closely interwoven that speaking, listening, reading, and writing can emerge simultaneously in any one activity.
- Communication is a dynamic complex of interdependent systems involving thinking, speaking, listening, reading, writing, and viewing.
- Language is a meaning-making process.
- Learning language is an integrated, holistic, interactive process.
- Language growth and development is not a sequential, linear process.

Language development and the development of concepts are fundamental to development and achievement in other subject areas. The design of this document supports an interdisciplinary approach in which language and the development of the language skills undergird student performance across all the subject areas.

English Language Arts teachers are encouraged to draw from other subject areas, firstly, as a means of signalling to students the necessity for developing competence in language so as to negotiate texts in other disciplines. In addition, links with other subject areas help to ensure that students recognize that what counts as valid formal knowledge in different disciplines should not be compartmentalized but should be used as necessary to interpret, understand, and solve problems in the real world in which they live. The development of their language skills allows them, as human beings, to negotiate and add meaning to that world.

Parts 3 and 4 of the document provide further guidelines to the teacher.

Curriculum Content

FORM 1 — TERM 1

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Aesthetic/Appreciative Listening	Explicit Details	Literary Genres	Description of Character	Media Literacy: Visual and Audio Genres
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N	 identify messages communicated in oral texts 	 list explicit details in given texts 	 identify the literary genres of prose, poetry, and drama 	 identify physical attributes 	define the terms media and genre
I N G	 make connections between oral texts and their personal experiences 	 answer literal questions based on given texts 	describe the characteristics of each genre	 determine personality traits of characters 	 classify the various types of media
O U	 appreciate language use in oral texts 	 create literal questions based on given texts 	 determine similarities and differences among literary genres 	 distinguish between physical attributes and personality traits 	 create a media graphic
T C O M E S	 appreciate stories/music of various cultures 	appreciate the importance of identifying key details/information in given texts	appreciate the unique characteristics of each genre	 appreciate the need for effective language in creative writing 	 determine the functions of different types of media appreciate the importance of media in the world today

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Topics	Aesthetic/Appreciative Listening	Explicit Details	Literary Genres	Description of Character	Media Literacy: Visual and Audio Genres			
S	Pair Work	Individual Work	Small-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Class Work			
т	 Working in pairs, students speak to each other about 	 Students read selected descriptive texts Students recreate what is 	 Students are placed in groups and each group is given samples 	 Teacher shows part of a film featuring an interesting character 	 Class discusses the various types of media to which they are 			
R	themselves for one minute each	described in the text in graphic form	of plays, short stories, and poems	Teacher discusses the character with	exposed, e.g., television, radio, newspaper, I-Pod,			
Α	 While 'A' speaks, 'B' listens and then identifies and affirms 	 Students present creations to the class 	 Students examine the samples and identify and list the differences 	the classA character map and	MP4Students formulate a			
т	one good quality that 'A' possesses. The same procedure	Small-Group Work	 Teacher places a graphic, e.g., a Venn 	map of physical attributes of a character are	definition of the term <i>media</i>			
Е	occurs when 'B' speaks	 Students read a short story 	diagram, on the chalkboard	created, e.g.:	 Students are presented with a list of different types of 			
G	Mini-Lesson	 Students retell the story orally 	Students list the differences amongst	Wise Adventurous	media			
I	Constructions using "to be"	 Students use a checklist to ensure that essential details are included 	the three genres (their responses are recorded on the diagram)	Superhero	 The teacher elicits, through questioning, the media genres that are represented on 			
E S	 Whole-Group Work Students listen to stories from different 	 In groups, students create questions based on the story using the strategy 5Ws and an H Questions are circulated 			Da	Daring	Daring Innocent	 the list Small-group discussion on the role and function of the types of media:
	cultures read by the teacher	for peers to answer			 to inform to educate to entertain 			

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S	 Teacher highlights elements of beauty in the text, for instance, 		 In groups, students note the similarities among the genres 		
т	the use of alliteration, onomatopoeia		(their responses are recorded on the diagram)		
R	 Teacher and students determine the intent of the writer and the 				
Α	effectiveness of the language used				
Т			Differences and Similarities of Genres		
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S T R A T E G I E S	 Mini-Lesson Vocabulary development: words to describe emotions/emotional responses Students listen to a song with "conscious," positive lyrics Students discuss how it made them feel, and the message they received from it 	Mini-Lesson • Phrases • Clauses	 Whole-Group Work Students make notes on the different genres Teachers and students discuss characteristics of each genre Students map characteristics of each genre and mount charts in the classroom 	 Small-Group Work In groups, students create a plan for the description of an imaginary superhero: Who is he/she? What does he/she say/do? How does he/she relate with others? What do others say about him? Students create a description of the character Students present the character to the class Feedback is given Mini-Lesson Agreement of subject and verb Present tense 	Pair Work In pairs, students classify the various types of media according to genres, using a graphic organizer Media Media Media Media Maga- zine Radio Maga- zine Tele- vision Students present their classifications Additions or deletions are made as the other students make their input

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E V A L U A T I O N	• Students sketch responses to specific sections of a chosen oral text	Literal comprehension exercises	Creation of charts Labelling of texts Name of Genre Text	• Description of a superhero	Creation of graphicsMedia word puzzle
R E S O U R C E S	 Stories/poems of various cultures Song 	 Copies of short stories Descriptive texts Markers Bristol board 	 Venn diagram Chart Literary text 	 Film clip Comics Graphic Pictures Stories Cartoons 	 Various types of media— electronic and non-electronic Bar graph/table Computer

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STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Efferent Listening	Sequencing	Literary Elements	Creation of Setting/Atmosphere	Visual Interpretation: Signs and Symbols
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N	 listen for details in a given message 	 identify the sequence in written text 	 identify and define the elements of literary works 	 identify aspects of setting 	 identify signs and symbols in the environment and community
I N G	 respond accurately to message given 	 follow a sequence of events in a written text 	explain the relationship among the elements	 create an appropriate setting 	 discuss the purpose of signs and symbols
O U	 value attentive listening as an essential life skill 	 arrange information in sequence 	 appreciate the contribution of each element to the effectiveness of literary works 	 appreciate the importance of setting and atmosphere in a story 	 examine the techniques used to create signs and symbols
T C O M E		 appreciate the importance of sequencing as an aid to comprehension 		 appreciate the use of effective language in the creation of setting and atmosphere 	 deduce message conveyed by signs and symbols
S				 use the process approach in writing 	 value the importance of signs and symbols as a means of communication

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Topics	Efferent Listening	Sequencing	Literary Elements	Creation of Setting/Atmosphere	Visual Interpretation: Signs and Symbols
S	Whole-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Small-Group Work
T R	• Teacher informs students that there is an important message about a class assignment that must	 Students are given envelopes with comic frames Students arrange frames in sequence 	• Students are given a poem, e.g., "There was an Indian," along with a worksheet with guided questions on	 Students view film clip, e.g., adventure/ thriller movie Students identify the setting 	 Signs and symbols are placed around the classroom, e.g., road sign giving direction, danger signs
A	be delivered to Student 'A'The teacher asks for the students' help	 Students present completed frames to the class and justify the sequence created 	 literary elements Teacher reads the poem in class Students answer the 	 Students deduce the atmosphere created Students note the 	• Students role-play how they would act, react, or respond to the signs
E	 Teacher arranges students in a semi- circle and whispers a detailed message to a student (e.g., deadline, format, word limit) 	 Individual Work Students arrange jumbled sentences into a paragraph 	 questions on the worksheet and the class discusses the responses offered Students identify the 	elements that contribute to setting and atmosphere • Students note: - the relationship	• Students brainstorm and list the different purposes of signs and symbols, e.g., information, safety
I E	• That student then passes the message on. This continues until the message returns to the first student	 Students read a short story and identify signal words that suggest sequence Class compiles a list 	literary elements and deduce a definition of each	 between setting and atmosphere the importance/ contribution of each to a story Chalkboard 	 Students are given a list of signs and symbols In groups, students identify techniques used to create
S	 The last person recounts what was heard The message is verified 	 Students sequence events in stories according to time Students present the sequence on an organizational map or chart/story chain 		 Mini-Lesson Adjectives Adverbs 	symbols: - colour - shape - lines - texture

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S	Small-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Individual Work	Small-Group Work	
т	 Teacher provides the focus of a listening activity 	 Students create timeline of school activities and school vacations 	 Students are given copies of a short story, short play, or a poem 	 Teacher presents another stimulus In groups, students 	Students discuss the effect of techniques used
R	 Teacher then plays a news report and students listen and 	Whole-Group WorkStudents use the Internet	 Using a worksheet, students identify the literary elements in the 	create a plan for the description	Students determine the message
Α	make notes	and newspapers to research and create	literary piece	 Students select language (figurative 	 Students create signs for the classroom or
т	 Teacher replays the news report 	timelines of current world events	Class discussionFeedback	and literal) that best suits the atmosphere and setting to be	schoolGroups present their
Е	 Students check the notes taken 	 Students present their findings to the class 	Small-Group Work	escribed Students write their	 Groups present their work for evaluation by their peers using a rubric/rating scale
G	 Group discussion follows. Details 	Mini-Lesson	 Students conduct research to confirm the 	first draft	Tublic/Tating Scale
1	included or omitted are identified. Students	Signal words	definition deduced	Peer review	
Е	write the report, using the notes created		 A class booklet of literary terms is created 	 Revision of written work 	
S	 Reports are placed on the class notice board 			Mini-Lesson • The Process Approach to writing	

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Topics	Efferent Listening	Sequencing	Literary Elements	Creation of Setting/Atmosphere	Visual Interpretation: Signs and Symbols
E V A L U A T I O N	• Role play: Students listen to a news report of an incident. In groups, students take notes of all the details	Creation of a schema story	 Design of graphics to show the literary elements Setting Plot Literary Elements Character Language Identification of the literary elements in one of their literature texts Booklet of literary terms 	Written description of setting	 Creation of a scrapbook of signs in the environment and community, and their meanings Creation of a poster on the importance of signs and symbols
R E S O U R C E S	CD playerNews report clip	 Envelopes with comic frames Jumbled sentences Copies of short story Newspapers Internet 	 Literary texts Internet Library Worksheets 	Film clipsGraphics	 Copies of signs and symbols Bristol board Markers/paint Copies of rubric/rating scale

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STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Oracy: Pronunciation	Main Idea	Literary Devices: Simile/Metaphor	Narration: Plot Structure	Visual Representation: Timelines and Storyboards
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N	 distinguish between sounds 	 identify the main idea in written text 	• define the terms simile, metaphor	 identify elements of plot 	 create visual representations of a story
I N	 pronounce Standard English words accurately 	 select supporting details 	 identify examples of the devices in literary work 	 identify types of plot structure 	organize pictures in chronological order
G	 differentiate accents of speakers 	 develop main ideas in their own texts 	explain the use of each device in context	develop a plot	create a storyboard
U T C O M E S	 appreciate the value of discriminative listening in daily life 	 appreciate the relationship between main ideas and supporting details 	• appreciate the power of language to deepen the reader's experience of written texts		appreciate the importance of visual aids in interpreting the sequence of events

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Oracy: Pronunciation	Main Idea	Literary Devices: Simile/Metaphor	Narration: Plot Structure	Visual Representation: Timelines and Storyboards
S	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Small-Group Work
т	 Students record candid conversations among their peers 	 Students are given pictures from magazines and other sources 	 Students view a clip of a person and animal engaged in an activity 	 Students are introduced to the elements of plot 	 Audio of a story is played and students listen to and note the
R	 Students play back the conversations and identify words ending 	 Students write captions for each picture using complete sentences 	 Teacher elicits from the students what is common between the 	 Students view an episode of a popular series, e.g., 	main events of the storyIn groups or pairs,
Α	 in 't,' 'd,' and 'ing' Teacher transcribes 	Small-Group Work	two activities and guides them to make	"Batman," and then discuss the series of	students outline the main events
т	the words identified and students discuss the differences in	 Students are given short selections and titles They match selections 	comparisons, using "as" or "like" • The students draw on	 events Using a prepared checklist, students 	 Students create a timeline of the events (a timeline graphic
E	 Teacher plays a 	 With titles Students are given 	common characteristics, e.g.,	identify the structure of the plot	 (a timeline graphic may be used) Timelines are
G	recording of a prepared text in which	 paragraphs They elicit, through 	after viewing a runner and a mongoose, the students can make the	Students identify plot structure in selected	presented
I	the 't,' 'd,' and 'ing' sounds are clearly enunciated	questioning, main ideas and supporting details	following comparison: The runner is as swift as a mongoose	short stories Small-Group Work	 Feedback given Small-Group Work
E	 Students, in pairs, practise using the Standard English 	 Copies of newspaper articles, minus their 	 Class deduces a definition for a simile 	 Students are divided into groups 	 Students are given segments of a story in pictorial form
S	pronunciation	 headlines, are distributed Students read articles and determine main idea in each before 	 Students identify examples of similes in literary texts 	 Group A simulates a situation for 2 minutes 	 Using a copy of the written story, students arrange the segments
		creating suitable headlines	 Students explore why the comparisons may or may not be good 	 Group B follows, adding to the developing plot 	In sequenceClass presentations

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Topics	Oracy: Pronunciation	Main Idea	Literary Devices: Simile/Metaphor	Narration: Plot Structure	Visual Representation: Timelines and Storyboards
S	Small-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Individual Work
т	Teacher models pronunciation of words	 Groups then critique headlines using the following criteria: 	 Students identify common youth "slangs" 	 Other groups continue in similar fashion until the plot 	 Students are given copies of another story
R	 Students are given selected texts with descriptive passages 	 contains main idea contains subject and verb 	 Teacher lists on the blackboard the ones that use metaphorical 	 becomes evident Groups are filmed by teacher 	 Using a template, students sketch visual representations of the
Α	 In groups, students practise the pronunciation and 	 arouses interest in article 	language, e.g., "skating out," "riding out"	 Students view the video of their 	 Students present their
T E	enunciation of the words	Mini-Lesson	 Teacher and class identify the similarities 	performance and discuss the process of plot development	storyboards to the class
G	Group performances follow	Main clauseSubordinate clause	between leaving a place and skating out	 Students draft a plot 	 Class discusses the importance of graphics in
I	 Presentations are taped 		 Students deduce the characteristics of a metaphor 	Class presentationFeedback	determining sequence
Е			 Students create a sentence using a 		
S			metaphor		

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Topics	Oracy: Pronunciation	Main Idea	Literary Devices: Simile/Metaphor	Narration: Plot Structure	Visual Representation: Timelines and Storyboards
E V A L U A T I O N	Choral speaking competitionPeer evaluationDictation	 Labelling sentences in a paragraph as main idea or supporting details Creation of headlines Creation of details using main ideas 	 Identification of similes and metaphors from selected text Students are given a worksheet with a list of similes and metaphors. Students select the similes and metaphors. For each sentence, they say why the two things can be compared 	 Students extract the plot from an "event poem" Students are given the end of a story and they create the middle and beginning Short story writing 	Creation of storyboardsCreation of timelines
R E S O U R C E S	 Digital voice recorders Teacher-prepared texts Literary texts 	 Pictures Titles and captions Copies of paragraphs Newspapers 	 Flip chart Texts 	 Cartoons Video recorder Checklist Camcorder 	 Diary Timelines Pictures Stories

Form 1 — Term 2

y Element: Plot Descriptions of Events s will be able to: Students will be able to:	Visual Interpretation/ Representation: Map Reading
10.	Students will be able to:
• identify the elements that contribute to the description of an event	 identify and define the common features of a map
• organize content into a cohesive whole	 locate places on a map
 use descriptive language effectively 	 create a map of their own, which includes essential features
nine the story of n plot • appreciate language as a means of recording significant events	 value map reading as an important life skill

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Discriminative Listening	Predicting Outcomes	Literary Element: Plot	Descriptions of Events	Visual Interpretation/ Representation: Map Reading
S	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work
т	 Students close their eyes and listen to the variety of sounds in 	 Using the title of a story, students suggest possible setting, 	 Students are shown a movie 	 Teacher selects a puzzle of an event: class party/Sports 	 Students are sent on a quest to find hidden treasure
R	their immediate surroundings	characters, and events of the story	 Through guided discussion, students identify the main 	DayEach group of	 Teacher reads or plays audio of the
Α	 Class discussion on sounds heard follows 	 Teacher reads stories but stops at strategic points for students to predict 	events of the plotThe sequence of the	students is given one piece of a puzzle in an	instructions and each student is given a list of clues
т	 Recordings of different types of music are played (e.g., African 	 what may happen next Class discusses clues that guided them to 	plot is represented on a graphic on the chalkboard	envelopeStudents attempt to	Once the quest is completed, students
E	drums, tassa, guitar, cuatro)	make prediction - Students compare	Small-Group Work	describe their particular piece of the puzzle	brainstorm and list the information that helped them to solve
G	 Students differentiate among the sounds and explain the differences 	actual outcome with their predictions	 Teacher selects an illustrated story that has an easily 	 Students note that the description is 	the puzzleStudents define each
I	 in sounds Students view news 	Mini-Lesson	identifiable plot. The story is divided into segments	 Students are given 	feature that was of help, e.g., legend/caption/title;
E	clips of Caribbean news, e.g.,	Future tense	 Each group is given a 	the opportunity to put the puzzle	scale/distance; direction
S	 "Caribvision," and discuss varieties in accents and pronunciation of words among West Indians Teacher plays a recording of dialects from different islands of the West Indies 	 Schema story: Teacher cuts the text in three parts and labels the beginning, middle, and ending Teacher distributes the beginning and middle sections to students 	 set of segments In groups, students discuss each segment, identifying what may have happened before and what could happen next A timeline of the events is drawn on the chalkboard 	together Students describe the events captured in the puzzle Mini-Lesson Adjectives Adverbs Prepositional phrases 	Mini-Lesson Imperatives Use of "There is/there are"

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Topics	Discriminative Listening	Predicting Outcomes	Literary Element: Plot	Descriptions of Events	Visual Interpretation/ Representation: Map Reading
S	 Students listen to identify differences in pronunciation of words 	 Students are asked to assemble the two parts, read them, and then 	The sequence of events is noted	Whole-Group WorkStudents view film	Students then draw the treasure map
т	as well as islands of origin	predict the ending of the text	 Students write a brief summary of the plot 	clip of an event, e.g., Carnival, Phagwa. the Goat Race,	 Students discuss the importance of map reading skills
R	Small-Group Work	 The original ending is presented to students. 	 Students and teacher discuss the importance 	Tobago Wedding	Small-Group Work
A	 In groups, students choose from a selection of passages 	They read the ending and compare it with their predictions	of sequence in the story	• Students identify the elements that would constitute a	 Students are given a map from Geography
т	• Students prepare to read the passage in a			description of the event, i.e., people, setting, activities	or Social Studies, and a list of questions to be answered using
E	chosen West Indian dialect			 Students and teacher create a 	the map Teacher verifies the
G	 Class presentations 			graphic that can then be used as a template for future	 reacher vernies the work using a model of the map on the chalkboard or on an
I				similar exercises	overhead projector
E				 Students choose an event from the list above 	
S				 In groups, students describe one of the identified elements 	
				 Students make oral presentations 	
				The class creates a description of the whole event	

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Topics	Discriminative Listening	Predicting Outcomes	Literary Element: Plot	Descriptions of Events	Visual Interpretation/ Representation: Map Reading
E V A L U A T I O N	Identification of sounds	Schema story	 Outline of the events of the plot of a short story, a dramatic skit, a movie, or literature text studied in class Summary of a plot 	Description of an event captured in a photograph or drawing	Creation of a map of the community in which the school is located
R E S O U R C E S	 Recordings of sounds Audio clips News clip Texts 	Copies of stories	 Movie clip Literature text Graphic 	 Puzzle Graphic arts (e.g., photographs, drawings, paintings, etc.) Film clip 	 Maps Clue sheet Treasure

Form 1 — Term 2

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Oracy: Making Introductions	Distinguishing Between Fact & Opinion	Literary Element: Character	Exposition: Giving Directions	Visual Representation: Relationship Graphic
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
E A R N	 determine the content of an introductory speech 	• define the terms <i>fact</i> and <i>opinion</i>	 determine major and minor characters in a literary work 	 identify significant details 	 identify and explain family relationship represented in graphics
N N	 use register appropriate to context 	 differentiate between fact and opinion 	deduce character traits	 use concise language 	 create graphics to show relationship
G O U T C	 formally introduce a speaker 	 select fact and opinion statements from texts 	appreciate the importance of making accurate assessments of a person's character	 use language appropriate to the writing task and context 	 appreciate how graphically representing information can amplify one's understanding of relationships
O M		 write both factual and opinion pieces 	 develop an appreciation of individual differences 	write simple directions	
E S				 value the need for precision and clarity when giving directions 	

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Topics	Oracy: Making Introductions	Distinguishing Between Fact & Opinion	Literary Element: Character	Exposition: Giving Directions	Visual Representation: Relationship Graphic
S	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Individual Work	 Students brainstorm to create a list of
т	Teacher plays a videotape of a television talk show or	Students read two accounts of the same incident, one factual and	 Students are shown a clip of a character vividly portrayed 	 Students use copies of a maze to map paths out of the 	words/terms that show family relationships, e.g., son, mother
R	panel discussionStudents analyse the	another from someone's point of view - They compare and	The class discusses the character	maze and provide brief directions for each	 Students are presented with a
Α	videotape to identify distinguishing characteristics of an	contrast the two accounts and identify differences	portrayed and what they learn about him/her		graphic of a family tree
т	introduction of a speaker	 They define what is factual 	 Students are given copies of a short story 		 Students discuss the ways in which the persons presented are
Е	Students note the features of an effective	 They define what is opinion Studente ere eiven 	in which characters are vividly described	 Students give oral directions while mapping each path 	related
G	introduction Small-Group Work	Students are given samples of factual and opinion statements.	 Class participates in round robin reading, 	on enlarged maze on the chalkboard	 Students note the way that relationships are established on the
I	 Students volunteer to introduce any of 	Using a T-chart, they fill in the two columns, one with factual statements	followed by class discussion on their assessment of the	Small-Group Work	family tree Students follow the
Е	following: - the President	and the other with opinion statements	character	 Students use a layout of the school's compound 	same procedure using a simple organization
S	 community activist new student coach parant 	Small-Group Work		to write directions to significant buildings for a new student	chart
	 parent principal a teacher 	 Students investigate a real or imaginary incident at school. They use the 5 Ws and an H strategy and ascertain facts and opinions 		CAFETERIA MALE WASH ROOM	

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Topics	Oracy: Making Introductions	Distinguishing Between Fact & Opinion	Literary Element: Character	Exposition: Giving Directions	Visual Representation: Relationship Graphic
S	 Students prepare notes for a concise introduction of each 	 Students write articles for the school newspaper using information 	Small-Group Work Students examine 	Presentations are made	Individual Work Each student is given
T R	Mini-Lesson Making notes 	gathered from their investigation	what the character says, does, thinks; what others say and think about him/her	 Class reviews and revises directions Directions are compiled in a 	a family tree outline so that he/she can create oneStudents display their
A		Mini-Lesson Language subjective objective 	 Students draw a graphic, e.g., semantic/character map to describe the 	booklet	family trees around the classroom
E	 Using their notes, students practise formal introductions of speakers 		Students list quotations from	 Students are given copies of a map Students locate 	 Students examine a literary text
G	 Presentations Chalkboard summary		text/make references to text to support the characteristics identified	places on the map based on written directions given	 Students create graphics to show the relationship among characters in the story
E	 Simulation exercise: in groups, students draft introductions for performers at a 		Students write a character sketch of the character	 Written directions are examined and features/aspects of clear directions are noted 	 or play Class discussion on the use of the graphic to display pertinent
S	performers at a concert to be stagedGroup competition		 Sketches are read to the class and feedback is given 	Mini-Lesson Prepositions 	Teacher feedback
				 Imperatives Students produce written directions to different places on the map 	

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Topics	Oracy: Making Introductions	Distinguishing Between Fact & Opinion	Literary Element: Character	Exposition: Giving Directions	Visual Representation: Relationship Graphic
E V A L U A T I O N	Oral introduction of a speaker	Differentiate between fact and opinion in given passages	 Character sketch of a character from a short story or text studied in class Character map of a character from a chosen short story/ play/poem Written paragraph: "Why I like or dislike a character" 	 Written directions Booklet of directions 	A family tree of the characters in a literary text
R E S O U R C E S	 Videotape of talk show/panel discussion in which speakers are introduced 	TextsT-chartsPictures	 Literary texts Film clip Character map 	 Maps Graphics maze school compound Overhead projector and screen 	 Family tree templates Organizational chart

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STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Oracy: Register/Language	Reading/Study Skills DIA/SQ3R	Literary Device: Personification	Narrative Perspective: First Person Point of View	Visual Interpretation: Visual Texts
L E	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N	 select register appropriate to audience and situation 	 extract key details from a given text 	define the term personification	 identify aspects of narration 	determine the elements of effective visual texts
I N G	 use language appropriate to register 	 read with greater focus 	 identify examples of the device in literary works 	 write a narrative using the first person point of view 	 use appropriate vocabulary in analysing visual texts
O U T	 become sensitive to the importance of register 	 comprehend information in texts 	 explain its use in context 	 appreciate the impact of perspective on a narrative 	 describe patterns in visual texts
C O M E S		 value the importance of reading/study skills as an aid to comprehension 	appreciate the power of language to deepen the experience of the reader		 appreciate how non- print text can be used to make connections to prior knowledge

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Topics	Oracy: Register/Language	Reading/Study Skills DIA/SQ3R	Literary Device: Personification	Narrative Perspective: First Person Point of View	Visual Interpretation: Visual Texts
S	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work
т	 Students simulate conversation in a variety of situations, e.g., examination 	 Students are given a piece of literature with title, sub-headings, and/or illustrations in a 	 Students are given copies of a poem or view a video of an appropriate 	 Students view a film extract of an autobiography of a famous Caribbean 	 Students view part of a photograph, e.g., a picture of a crying child
R A	 room, assembly, library, wedding, lunch break Whole-class discussion of register 	 familiar content area Students examine heading, sub-headings, and illustrations and make predictions under 	 advertisement Students listen to song/view a video of the advertisement 	 Personality Class discusses the use of the first person point of view in the extract 	• The picture is then zoomed out to include the wider environment to and show the complete scene
T E G	 Students identify appropriate language for different situations 	 and indistrations and make predictions under each category using the six key inquiry questions – 5Ws and an H Prediction and discussions are recorded Students read the material to verify, confirm, or reject hypothesized ideas and information 	 Students view/listen to identify the human actions or qualities displayed by inanimate things Students discuss the effectiveness of the device 	 Students listen to a taped story from the first person point of view Using copies of the 	 Students describe the details of the scene that they observed
I E	 The information is represented on a graphic on the chalkboard 				Mini-Lesson (A PowerPoint presentation) • The concept of visual literacy • Vocabulary
S	Mini-Lesson • Register			 immediacy Small-Group Work Teacher invites a guest speaker and students listen to his/her experiences 	associated with "reading photographs": light, space, background, foreground, contrast, framing, setting, vantage point, zoom

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Topics	Oracy: Register/Language	Reading/Study Skills DIA/SQ3R	Literary Device: Personification	Narrative Perspective: First Person Point of View	Visual Interpretation: Visual Texts
Topics S T R A T E G I E S		 DIA/SQ3R Small-Group Work Students are given copies of reading matter with headings and subheadings in an identified content area Students survey materials, paying attention to title, subheading, graphics, and other reading aids Based on title and subheadings, students formulate specific questions Students read material to answer questions formulated Students recite answers for question formulated. Students then write out their question Students review the reading matter and fill in 		Perspective: First	
		details that they may have left out	Abstract nouns	a literature text, and write about a situation from that character's point of view	

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Topics	Oracy: Register/Language	Reading/Study Skills DIA/SQ3R	Literary Device: Personification	Narrative Perspective: First Person Point of View	Visual Interpretation: Visual Texts
E V A L U A T I O N	 Demonstration of awareness of the importance of register Role play 	Reading assignment	 Identification of examples of personification from literary works Explanation of the effects of selected examples in context 	Short story writing from the first person point of view	 Students select pictures of their own to "read" and share their interpretations with their classmates Students record a journal entry about the day's activity and identify at least three valuable lessons that they gathered from the experience
R E S O U R C E S	 Telephone Checklist Taped conversation 	 Selection from content area text White board Transparencies Markers 	 Advertisements Audio CD Literary text Video 	 Film clip Resource person Taped story Texts 	 PowerPoint presentation Multimedia projector Sample photos Photo analysis worksheets Rubrics for group work Rubrics for oral presentations Overhead projector

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Critical Listening: Fact and Opinion	Following Directions	Literary Element: Point of View	Description of a Scene	Visual Interpretation: Procedural Pictorial Sequence
L E	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N I N	 discriminate between fact and opinion in oral presentations 	 list characteristic features of directions 	 identify different points of view in literary works 	 identify techniques, such as imagery, that can be used when describing a scene 	 explain the purpose of procedural texts
G O	determine bias	 identify the language structures generally used in giving directions 	 examine the impact and influence of point of view on the literary works 	 describe a scene using these techniques 	 identify the formats of various types of procedural texts
U T C O M	 respect the opinions of others 	 use the varying structures when giving directions 	 respect the point of view of others 	• appreciate how the effectiveness of the text is enhanced by the use of these techniques	 identify and decode the sequence of steps that assist in task performance
ES		 value the importance of performing tasks efficiently and effectively 			 organize the information in a meaningful manner to perform the task
		 demonstrate the ability to follow directions to achieve a particular purpose/outcome/goal 			 appreciate that clarity and accuracy are key factors in accessing and applying the information from procedural texts

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Topics	Critical Listening: Fact and Opinion	Following Directions	Literary Element: Point of View	Description of a Scene	Visual Interpretation: Procedural Pictorial Sequence
S	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Small-Group Work
т	 Role-play conversation between two individuals 	 Students are given sample directions and they brainstorm to 	Teacher reads a familiar fairy tale, for example, "The Three Little Dice"	Teacher presents video clip of a scene	 Students are placed in groups and each one is given an envelope in which a completed of a
R	 Class identifies facts and opinions stated in 	determine language structures used in directions, e.g.,	Little Pigs" Teacher then reads or 	 Through questioning, the teacher elicits an 	in which a sample of a procedural text is contained, e.g.,
Α	the conversation	imperative forms of verb; second person singular adverbial clauses and	plays a recording of another version of the fairy tale: "The True	oral description of the scene from students	game/origami instruction, setting up an e-mail account,
т	Mini-Lesson Fact/Opinion 	phrases; active voice	Story of the Three Little Pigs"	 Students record 	manual for a digital camera or flash drive
Е		Students re-examine samples to identify varying formats of	Class identifies the different points of view	aspects of the description of a scene on a graphic	Students are given a sheet on which they
G	 Students listen to a dialogue in which facts and opinions are 	directions, e.g., sequences, short sentences, diagrams,	different points of view and discusses their impact on the story	Small-Group Work	are expected to complete the following:
I	presentedAfter listening carefully	sketches Class chart is 	 Using a T-chart, teacher elicits from the 	 In groups, students record a scene using a video camera/cell 	 identify the materials that would
E	to the dialogue a second time, students brainstorm to list what	represented on chalkboard	class the factors that help differentiate the perspectives in each	phone Students write 	be required to accomplish the sample tasks
S	each speaker said		story	descriptions of the scene and present	- state the steps
	 In pairs, students categorize the list under two headings: 	Mini-Lesson Verbs: Imperative forms Adverbial clause 	Mini-Lesson	their description to	needed to perform the task
	Facts and Opinions	 Adverbial phrase Pronouns: 2nd person 	 Pronouns: 3rd person 	Mini-Lesson	 list pictures/graphics on the sample
	Students then offer explanations for categorizing points as they did			 Descriptive writing imagery organization 	 explain the way the graphics help readers to understand instructions

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Topics	Critical Listening: Fact and Opinion	Following Directions	Literary Element: Point of View	Description of a Scene	Visual Interpretation: Procedural Pictorial Sequence
S	 Teacher then reads two brief texts in which there is a clear bias 	<u>Theatre Sports</u> Each student is given a 	 Students, with the teacher's help, arrive at a definition of first 	Whole-Group WorkStudents are taken	 Each group presents their findings and these are discussed
T R	for/against the issue being discussed. Students distinguish between the two and	card with directions that must be followed using pantomime only. The other students must	person and third person narration (omniscient narrator)	 outside They stop at various scenic spots, e.g., at a poui tree in bloom 	 Students, guided by the teacher, summarize the
А	record the word choices and tone that indicate bias	guess what he/she is doing, e.g., shampooing a pet	 Small-Group Work In groups, students orally retell incidents in 	 Students focus on one and respond to the following questions: 	significance of procedural texts in everyday life
т	Small-Group WorkIn groups, students are	 Students are given a short extract of a passage in which 	a story, e.g., from "A Cow Called Boy" or other text, from	- What do you see? - What do you	 Students go back into their groups and actually perform the
E	then given topics and are asked to prepare oral presentations	compass directions are provided	 Students relate one 	hear? - How does it smell?	tasks related to their samples—play a game/use a digital
G	 Students assess each group's presentation 	 Groups attempt to physically follow the directions 	incident, e.g., "Josh presents Cow to class on the first day of	- How does the scene make you feel?	 camera Students are given a rubric, which details
E		Maps Students create maps of 	school" from the perspective of: (i) the teacher	 In developing their responses, students are encouraged to use extended 	how their efforts will be scored
S		their school and its vicinity after reading and following directions created by their peers <u>Recipes</u>	(ii) Cow (iii) a student Whole-Group Work	sentences and figurative language Mini-Lesson • Sentence structure: Simple compound	Students make presentations
		Groups follow directions created by peers to create a dish	 Teacher and students discuss the effect of perspective on stories 	 Individual Work Students describe a scene captured in a picture richly and vividly Responses are read aloud 	

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Topics	Critical Listening: Fact and Opinion	Following Directions	Literary Element: Point of View	Description of a Scene	Visual Interpretation: Procedural Pictorial Sequence
E V A L U A T I O N	 Self- and peer evaluation of oral presentations Identification of facts and opinions in oral presentations 	 Quiz Reading activity, e.g., follow written directions to create an item or sketch 	 Students are given copies of extracts of first and third person narration to identify the points of view and describe their impact in the story Students adopt the personal perspective of a character and make a diary entry 	Written description	• Creation of a <i>"Users'</i> <i>Guide to a Procedural</i> <i>Text</i> " of their choice
R E S O U R C E S	 Audio clips T-charts Rubrics for self- and peer evaluation 	 Sample written directions Index cards Chalkboard Maps Recipes 	 Literary texts T-chart Audio cassette Audio-taped stories 	 Camera Pictures Video clip Cell phone 	 Sample procedural texts Camera Computer software Game

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Oracy: Pronunciation	Cause & Effect	Literary Element: Setting	Narrative Perspective: Third Person Point of View	Media Literacy: The Television
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N I	 distinguish between Creole and Standard English pronunciation 	 determine cause and effect relationships in a given text 	define the term setting	 distinguish the differences among first, second, and third person point of view 	define the term electronic media
N G	 use Standard English pronunciation of words 	deduce the effects of causes	 identify elements that generally constitute setting 	 write a story using the third person point of view/ perspective 	 identify the features of different kinds of television programmes
O U T C O	appreciate the importance of pronunciation and enunciation in effective communication		 describe different types of setting 	 become aware of the different perspectives from which a story can be written 	 appreciate the importance of features of television programming identified
M E S	 value both English- based Creole and Standard English as effective means of communication 		 appreciate the importance of setting in literary work 		

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Topics	Oracy: Pronunciation	Cause & Effect	Literary Element: Setting	Narrative Perspective: Third Person Point of View	Media Literacy: The Television
S	Whole-Group Work	Pair Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work
т	• Teacher creates and reads a story in which English words with the	 In pairs, students are given two envelopes, one containing pictures 	 Students examine passages from their literature texts in which 	Students read samples of advertisements	 Presented with a graphic organizer, students brainstorm to
R	'th' sound, e.g., <i>broth</i> , <i>with, father, gather,</i> <i>rhythm, that</i> , are included (narration is	showing possible causes and another with pictures showing possible effects,	various settings are vividly described	written from the first, second, and third person points of	determine what they understand by the term <i>electronic media</i>
Α	in the Creole)	 e.g.: A picture of someone watering plants 	 Students produce basic sketches of settings described in 	view/perspectiveStudents identify the	The students identify various forms of
т	 Story is read a second time and students listen to identify words 	 A picture of someone striking a building A picture of flowers in 	the passagesTeacher and students	sample that was written from the first person point of	electronic media: television, radio, telephone, desktop
E	that might have Standard English equivalents	bloom - A picture of a building	discuss factors that are important in accurately presenting the scene	view/perspective Small-Group Work	computer, game console, cell phone
G	Students create a T-	ablaze Or	in their drawings	 In groups, students 	 Students are asked to name the range of
I	chart on which they write both the Standard English and	 Students view pictures on the computer 	 Their observations are listed on the board 	determine the differences among the samples given	television programmes that are available locally:
E	Creole spelling of words identified		 Students deduce the various elements of setting 	Students conclude that three points of	drama, documentary, news, sitcom, infomercials, sports,
S			 Students listen to an audio clip of a description of a 	view/perspectives can be used in writing	music videos
			scene/setting	 Students read a short story written from the third person point of view/ perspective 	

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Topics	Oracy: Pronunciation	Cause & Effect	Literary Element: Setting	Narrative Perspective: Third Person Point of View	Media Literacy: The Television
S	Small-Group Work	 Students match pictures to show a possible cause 	 Students then view a video clip of the same 	 Students identify the characteristics of an 	Small-Group Work
т	 Students, in groups, practise Standard English pronunciation of "th" sounds by 	 and its effect Students write the cause- effect relationship: 	scene/setting Small-Group Work	extract written from the third person point of view/ perspective: third	 Students are placed into groups and each group discusses the features of a particular
R	creating tongue twisters of words with	 If you water your plants, they will bloom 	 Students are then divided into groups, 	person singular and plural omniscient	type of programme
Α	the "th" sounds, e.g., "The two thoughtless things thumped	 If you strike a match, it will ignite When you water your 	each group representing one of the senses, e.g., sight,	narrator (unlimited knowledge)	Whole-Group WorkEach group makes an
т	themselves thoroughly!"	plants, they bloom - When you strike a	 Each group describes 	 Students draft a short piece of writing from the third person 	oral presentation based on the discussion
E	Whole-Group Work	match, it ignites	the scene presented, using appeals to one	point of view/ perspective	 Teacher selects a
G	 Students simulate a variety of situations, e.g., examination room, assembly, library, wedding, lunch 	Mini-Lesson If/then Sentence structures to show cause/effect 	of the senses identified Whole-Group Work	 Whole-Group Work Students make presentations to the 	type of programme and shows approximately 10-15 minutes of it
E	breakStudents note tone used in the varying	Whole-Group Work	Groups present their descriptionsDescriptions are	Feedback is given	The class views and examines critically how the features work together to produce
S	 contexts Whole-class discussion of register and language used Teacher elicits language appropriate for different situations from students Students note tone used in the varying contexts 	During the mini-lesson, students construct sentences that capture cause/effect relationships	combined Class discusses what makes a description complete and effective 	Mini-Lesson • Pronouns: 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd person • Passive voice • Future tense • Word order	 the overall effect/ impact of the programme Field trip to a television station Students write a journal entry to identify one significant way in which this new knowledge would affect the way in which they view television

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Topics	Oracy: Pronunciation	Cause & Effect	Literary Element: Setting	Narrative Perspective: Third Person Point of View	Media Literacy: The Television
E V A L U A T I O N	 Demonstration of correct pronunciation of Standard English Role play 	 Identification of cause and effect relationships in passage Comprehension exercise 	 Oral description of setting of a chosen passage Written description of setting Creation of a sense poem 	Short story using the third person point of view/perspective	Project Work • Project: Creation of one day of programming for a television station of their own
R E S O U R C E S	TelephoneChecklist	PicturesComputerText	 Video clip Audio clip Literature texts 	Copies of: • Stories • Advertisements • Biographies	 Video clip Graphic organizer Television DVD

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Interviewing Skills	Implied Main Idea	Literary Devices: Onomatopeia	Persuasion: Personal Opinion	Media Literacy: The Radio
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
AR	 generate and ask appropriate questions 	 detect connections among details in a text 	define the term onomatopeia	 state their opinion on a given topic 	 identify different types of radio programmes
N I	 respond accurately to questions asked 	 infer the main idea 	 identify examples of the device in literary works 	 support their opinion with sound written arguments 	 explain the purpose of different types of radio programmes
N G O	 speak with confidence 	 appreciate the relationship between main ideas and supporting details 	 explain its use in context 	 use language suited to the writing task 	 value the effectiveness of the radio as a means of communication
U T C	 use language to suit audience and purpose 		 appreciate the power of language to deepen the experience of the reader 	 respect the opinions of others 	 plan and produce a radio programme
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Topics	Interviewing Skills	Implied Main Idea	Literary Devices: Onomatopeia	Persuasion: Personal Opinion	Media Literacy: The Radio
S	Whole-Group Work	Individual Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Individual Work
т	 Students view/listen to a sample interview on television/radio 	Students read a paragraph or a fable	• Students view a brief clip and identify words in the clip that suggest	 Teacher shares a piece of persuasive writing with students, 	• Students are asked to listen to a radio station on a particular day, at
R	Teacher and students analyse the interaction:	Using the herringbone pattern graphic organizer, students fill in important	different soundsStudents discuss the chosen words to	e.g., calypso, pichakaree • Teacher elicits from	a specific time (possibly during a weekend)
A	 polite manner of interviewer and interviewee 	details from the story:	determine what each sound represents	 reacher elicits from students: What is the main 	Students are given a chart on which they
т	 questions asked response to questions 	Who What When	Students are given copies of comic strips	point? - How is the point supported?	record: - the types of programmes
E	 relationship between responses and further questioning 	MAIN IDEA	and are asked to make a list of the "sound words" from each	 What explanations are given? What facts are 	broadcast - their purpose - a brief summary of
G	Teacher tells students that they will be	Where How Why	frameStudents deduce a	presented?	the contentStudents report their
-	conducting an interview to select a	Whole-Group Work	definition of the term onomatopoeia	Students are asked	findings orally
E	school prefect	Using the details, students draw	Small-Group Work	to express their opinion on a chosen topic using the	Small-Group WorkUsing information from
S		conclusions about the main idea. They compose a sentence that states the main idea	 Teacher plays a calypso with examples of onomatopoeia Students are encouraged to identify 	following cues: (i) I think because (ii) I like because	the previous lesson on television, students compare radio and television as means of communication
			examples of onomatopoeia in the calypso	(iii) I believe that about	 Students use a Venn diagram to record their views

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S	Class identifies qualities of an effective	 Students are divided into groups 	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Small-Group Work
т	Prefect and the teacher records this on the board	 Each group is given an excerpt from a text, and a pattern of the 	 Students listen to taped poems/stories Students identify 	Teacher models a piece of writing in which an opinion is stated and	 In groups, students act out the roles of the employees of a radio station.
R	Small-Group Work	herringbone graphic	examples of	supported	Students:
Α	 Class is divided into small groups 	 organizer Members of each group fill in the pattern and infer 	onomatopoeia and they explain how are used in context	Small-Group WorkIn groups, students	 name the station determine the type of programming
т	 Each group selects a representative for the interview panel and 	 Oral class presentations 	Class discusses the impact of the device	choose a topic, state their opinion, and provide supporting	they will present to the public, e.g., talk radio, easy listening
Е	brainstorms possible questions to ask candidates	of inferred main ideas and discussion follows		 Groups select a 	 create a script for an hour of programming
G	Whole-Group Work			representative to present the topic chosen, and identify	Students take on the role of radio
I	 Each representative then joins a panel at 			information to support the group's	announcers and present an hour's worth of their
E	the front of the class. Students field questions from all			opinion	programme
S	representatives (session recorded)			Mini-Lesson Personal pronoun 	 The programme is taped and presented to the class
	 Using a checklist of desirable attributes, each student determines which individual is best suited to represent the class 			 Opinion statements Complex sentences 	

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E V A L U A T I O N	 Peer interviews Critique of taped interviews 	Students are given short extract from which they infer the main idea	 Identification of examples of onomatopoeia Explanation of the effect of selected examples in context 	 Oral persuasive presentations for or against a given topic Written persuasive pieces 	Project Creation of CD of the radio programme: process product
R E S O U R C E S	 Checklist Camcorders Sample of oral interview from television/radio 	 Text Herringbone pattern Graphic organizer 	 Advertisements Audio CD Literary text Video 	Examples of persuasive texts	 Sample script sheets Recorders Mikes Computer Venn diagram

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STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Listening Skills: Non-Verbal Cues	Organizational Patterns: Comparison and Contrast	Literary Device: Assonance	Narration	Media Literacy: Print and Non-Print
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R	 identify non-verbal cues 	 identify organizational patterns in written texts 	define the term assonance	 generate ideas related to a theme 	• define the terms <i>print</i> and <i>non-print</i>
N I N G	 interpret, accurately, non-verbal cues 	 identify key words and phrases that indicate patterns of comparison and contrast 	 identify examples of the device in literary works 	 sequence and develop ideas to create a short story 	 identify and categorize two types of media: print and non-print
O U	 appreciate non-verbal cues as essential to the listening act 	 explain how organizational patterns aid meaning 	 explain the effectiveness of its use in context 	 use language appropriate to the writing task 	 compare print and non-print media
T C O M		 appreciate the importance of organizational patterns in texts 	 appreciate the power of language to deepen the experience of the reader value performance as 	 write an effective short story 	 appreciate the purpose and function of both forms of media
E S			crucial to literary works		

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S	Whole-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work
т	 Students view a video clip of a mime 	Puzzle – "Spot the Difference"	Teacher reads verses from a selected poem	 A short story/excerpt from a novel is read aloud 	 Students are presented with a variety of samples of
R	 Class identifies and lists the facial expressions, body language, and approximate 	Teacher distributes copies of two similar pictures that contain subtle differences	Students list words with repeated vowel sounds	 Students identify theme of the story/ excerpt 	media—print and non- print: newspaper, magazine, websites, and audio clip
т	gesturesStudents interpret the non-verbal cues	 Students, in groups, identify similarities and differences 	 Words are highlighted on a class copy of the poem on the chalkboard 	• Students discuss the development of the theme	 Class discusses each sample—what it is, its purpose, the target audiences
E G	 Teacher and students discuss the impact of the non-verbal cues in mime 	 Whole-Group Work Teacher introduces the terms comparison and contrast and elicits 	 Students examine the list of words Students identify pattern and deduce a 	 Teacher and students map on the chalkboard the links among events, characters, setting, 	 In groups, students categorize types of media, using a T-chart
I E	Mini-Lesson Non-verbal cues 	definitions of both from groups • Using a Venn diagram,	definition of the device, assonance Small-Group Work	and the plot structureStudents brainstorm	Students deduce the definitions of the terms <i>print</i> and <i>non-print</i> media
S	 Students view video clips of speakers in a variety of scenarios 	 students record features identified in photographs that are similar and different <u>Game: Analogies</u> Groups create fast-paced gender analogies, e.g., <i>woman</i> is to man as <i>girl</i> is to boy. The group that does not falter, wins 	 In groups, students are given copies of a song, e.g., <i>Colours of the Wind</i> Students identify examples of assonance: "Have you ever heard the wolf cry to the blue corn moon" Students note that the repeated "o" sound mimics the howling of the wolf 	another themeStudents organize and sequence ideasStudents map the plot structure	 Small-Group Work Using a graphic organizer, e.g., spider web/concept map, students list three similarities and three
				Mini-Lesson • Paragraph development • Connectives • A class story is produced	differences between print and non-print mediaEach group will share their findings with the class

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Topics	Listening Skills: Non-Verbal Cues	Organizational Patterns: Comparison and Contrast	Literary Device: Assonance	Narration	Media Literacy: Print and Non-Print
S	Small-Group WorkIn groups, students	 Copies of a teacher- composed passage are distributed, containing 	 Students discuss the effective use of assonance 	Small-Group Work Students are given 	 Students create a poster to display the different types of
т	identify and interpret non-verbal cues and	key words and phrases that indicate comparison	Students choose	another theme	media
R	discuss their impactGroups make	and contrast Pair Work	another example of assonance and discuss the	Students map the plot of a story	 Small-Group Work In groups, students
Α	presentationsPeer review and	 Students read the passage and identify 	effectiveness of its use Whole-Group Work	 Students write their first draft 	discuss the advantages and limitations of different
т	feedback Students engage in 	words that indicate comparison and contrast	 Class presentations are recorded 	 Students engage in peer review, using a checklist 	types of mediaUsing a worksheet,
E	speaking acts, demonstrating the power of non-verbal	 These are then recorded on the T-chart, e.g., like/unlike; same as/in 	 Teacher provides feedback 	 Students revise their drafts 	students match stated purpose with the most appropriate media
G	cues	contrast to/likewise/; however/whereas	IEEUDACK		type
I		Mini-Lesson	Mini-Lesson Review: 	Mini-Lesson Punctuation: 	
E		Adverbial clauses	 consonants and vowels rhythm 	direct speechindirect speech	
S		Two brochures advertising holiday destinations are distributed		۲ ـــــــ ا	
		 Students examine similarities and differences of the two brochures and record their findings on Venn diagrams 			
		 Oral presentations are made 			

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E V A L U A T I O N	 Oral presentations Interpretation of non-verbal cues 	 Students identify organizational patterns in texts Using a pattern of comparison and contrast, students compose written texts Students create analogies and metaphors Students create a graphic organizer that reflects an identified organizational pattern 	 Taped presentations Identification of the literary device Explanation of its effectiveness 	 Drafts of short stories at varying stages of the writing process using a rubric which includes the following: story structure relevance of ideas to theme paragraphing skills sequencing of ideas (Teachers should note that this evaluation is formative in nature) Short story writing 	 Creation of a portfolio, which includes: three samples of material that would fall into the print media category three samples of material that would fall into the non-print media category students' reflections on the value of each form of media—print and non-print media
R E S O U R C E S	Video clipsRole play	 Copies of puzzle "Spot the Difference" Teacher-created passage T-charts Holiday brochures Venn diagrams Extracts from content area texts 	TextCD recordersCD players	Short story/excerptsChecklist	 Samples of media T-charts Organizers Poster

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Aesthetic Listening	Organizational Patterns: Spatial Order	Theme	Informal Letters	Detecting Bias
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N	 identify emotions communicated through an oral text 	 identify organizational patterns in texts 	 identify themes in literary works 	 identify and use the format for informal letters 	 define the term bias
I N G	 share in the emotional experience communicated 	 identify key words and phrases that indicate pattern of spatial order 	 determine the relationship between theme and plot 	 generate content for varying types of informal letters 	 explain how bias is constructed in the print media
0	 make connections with their life experience 	 examine how organizational patterns aid meaning 	 value literature as a reflection of the human experience 	 make connections between content, audience, and purpose 	 determine the impact of bias on readers
U T C M E S	 become sensitive to the importance of aesthetic listening 	 appreciate organizational patterns in texts 		 use language suited to the writing task 	• appreciate the importance of developing critical thinking skills as an integral element in the process of becoming an informed consumer
				 value the conventions of letter writing 	

 T Vising the listening centre, students listen to an account of an unfortunate personal experience T Students identify the emotions communicated throughout the account G S Students discuss their emotional responses to the reading E Small-Group Work N ngroups, students recount similar Students are given a treasure Hunt Students are given a treasure map and clues that indicate location of the treasure Students are given a treasure map and clues that indicate location of the treasure Students draw conclusions and deduce the meaning of the treasure hunt process follows Students design a graphic to illustrate the relationship between the mean and plot Students design a graphic to illustrate the relationship between the mean and plot Students and teacher discuss their ecount similar 	STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
TUsing the listening centre, students listen to an account of an unfortunate personal experienceGame: Treasure Hunt Students are given a treasure map and clues 	Topics	Aesthetic Listening		Theme	Informal Letters	Detecting Bias
Rcentre, students listen to an account of an unfortunate personal experienceStudents are given a treasure map and clues that indicate location of the treasurediscuss the themes of popular television showssamples of conventional informal letters:attentively to two audio clips about th same event/inciden that are told from tw different perspectiveT• Students identify the emotions communicated throughout the account• They attempt finding the treasure using the map given• Students draw conclusions and deduce the meaning of the meaning of the plot of a show• Students discuss their emotional responses to the reading• Discussion of the treasure hunt process follows• Students design a graphic to illustrate the relationship between theme and plot• Students design a graphic to illustrate the relationship between theme and plot• Students design a graphic to illustrate the relationship between theme and plot• They attempt folding the treasure hunt process follows• Students design a graphic to illustrate the relationship between theme and plot• They attempt folding theme• They attempt folding theme theme• They attempt folding theme theme• They attempt folding theme• They note the differences or the theme accounts and sugger reasons why such differences or current theme and plot• They attempt folding theme• They attempt folding theme theme• They attempt folding the	S	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work
 and list possible responses to narratives of difficult situations Class discusses the underneath, and define spatial relationships, e.g., left to right/ top to bottom/ near to far excerpts and theme Students identify the theme in various literary extracts/film clips Students identify the theme in various literary extracts/film clips 	T R T E G I E	 Using the listening centre, students listen to an account of an unfortunate personal experience Students identify the emotions communicated throughout the account Students discuss their emotional responses to the reading Small-Group Work In groups, students recount similar personal experiences and list possible responses to narratives of difficult situations Class discusses the importance of aesthetic listening Groups represent their 	 <u>Game: Treasure Hunt</u> Students are given a treasure map and clues that indicate location of the treasure They attempt finding the treasure using the map given Discussion of the treasure hunt process follows Using the clues, students identify signal words that indicate spatial order, e.g., behind, across from, next to, between, underneath, and define spatial relationships, e.g., left to right/ top to bottom/ near to far 	 Students and teacher discuss the themes of popular television shows Students draw conclusions and deduce the meaning of theme Students make links between the theme and the plot of a show Students design a graphic to illustrate the relationship between theme and plot Students match excerpts and theme Students identify the theme in various literary extracts/film clips Feedback and class summary Small-Group Work 	 Teacher gives class samples of conventional informal letters: friendly letters letters of invitation letters of thanks Class examines format, tone, content Mini-Lesson Format for informal letters Using a Venn diagram, students record similarities and differences among the types of letters Small-Group Work Mini-Lesson Audience 	 Students listen attentively to two audio clips about the same event/incident that are told from two different perspectives They note the differences in the accounts and suggest reasons why such differences occurred The term <i>bias</i> is discussed and a definition is deduced Pair Work Students are given articles on the same incident from three different newspapers In pairs, students note the similarities and differences among the

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S	Small-Group Work Students view a short 	A list of questions is distributed and students	 Students share ideas or findings 	 Students, in groups, draft one social letter 	 Students generate a list of the ways in which bias can be
т	Students view a short film clip in which a request for assistance is made	respond to them in groups: - What are the details	 Students document their ideas using theme chart 	 Students engage in peer review, using a checklist 	created in printed media
R A	 In groups, students identify the kind of assistance that is 	given? - How do these relate to the topic? - Why is the description	 Students make connections between situations encountered 	 Students make oral presentations 	Whole-Group Work
т	Needed and why	important?The group discusses its responses to the	in the stories and situations experienced in their own lives	 Feedback is given Small-Group Work 	 Mini-Lesson Creating bias: omission selection of
E	 Class summarizes type of assistance that may be rendered 	questions Whole-Group Work	• Students present their ideas to the class	 Students download samples of e-mails 	- labelling - use of statistics
G	Individual Work	 Teacher then guides discussion on how the organizational pattern of 	Individual WorkStudents are given	 In groups, students discuss format, content, tone, and 	- spin/word choice
E	 Journal entry Pair Work 	the text facilitates understanding	excerpts from a literary text and a list of themes	IanguageGroups make oral	Individual Work
S	 In pairs, students take turns talking about themselves and being affirmed by their listeners Students make positive statements about other students to the class 	 Small-Group Work Students read a description of a scene that uses spatial order as an organizational strategy In groups, they create diagrams that illustrate the scene described 	 Students match themes with excerpts Students establish the relationship between plot and theme 	 presentations in which they compare traditional letters with e-mails Students e-mail friendly letters to students of another school 	 Students are given another article Individually, students identify examples of bias and explain how each is created Class discusses the possible impact on readers

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Topics	Aesthetic Listening	Organizational Patterns: Spatial Order	Theme	Informal Letters	Detecting Bias
E V A L U A T I O N	 Journal entries Alternative endings for stories Letter writing (letter of advice, letter of sympathy) 	 Given extract from texts, students identify organizational patterns Using spatial order, students create written texts Students create a graphic organizer that follows a particular organizational pattern 	 Matching exercises Written exercises 	 Letters of invitation/ thanks E-mails 	Identification of bias in identified articles
R E S O U R C E S	 Taped account Listening centre Film clip Graphic Journal 	 T-charts Treasure map Venn diagrams Extracts from content area texts 	 Literary texts Theme chart Film clips 	 Sample letters Internet Computer Venn diagram 	 Audio clips Newspaper articles Worksheets Graphics

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Critical Listening: Verbal Instructions	Context Clues	Literary Device: Alliteration	Exposition: Instructions	Visual Representation: Elements of Design
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N	 identify varied structures used in giving instructions 	 determine the context of unfamiliar words 	define the term alliteration	 identify relevant information 	 identify design elements that are common to visual texts
I N G	 follow instructions accurately 	 use context clues to deduce meaning 	 identify examples of the device in literary work 	 sequence facts/ information 	• evaluate the importance of each element to the creation of a complete text
O U T C	 appreciate the importance of clearly expressed instructions 	 appreciate the need to use clues to unlock the meaning of unfamiliar words 	explain the effectiveness of its use	 produce a piece of expository writing 	create visual texts
O M E			 appreciate the power of language to deepen the experience of the reader 	 use language appropriate to the writing task 	 appreciate the value of "eye-appeal" in creating products for consumers
S				 appreciate the value of giving clear, precise information 	

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Topics	Critical Listening: Verbal Instructions	Context Clues	Literary Device: Alliteration	Exposition: Instructions	Visual Representation: Elements of Design
S	Whole-Group Work	 Students are given a teacher-created passage 	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work
т	 Students play instructional game, for example, "Around the 	with nonsense words and sufficient context clues to suggest their meanings.	 Students are given familiar tongue- twisters, which they 	 Students follow step- by-step instructions on how to make a 	 Students are presented with flyers and magazine covers
R	Savannah" Class discusses the 	Passage should contain context clues relating to comparison and contrast,	recite and repeat in groups, e.g., <i>"She sells sea shells"</i>	simple paper object, e.g., fan, boat	 Student identify elements of design in
Α	language of instructionOrigami: Teacher	linked synonyms, and appositives	Students use consonants of the	 Class is divided into groups of four/five and each group is 	these samples: - use of colour - size of font
т	verbalizes instructions while simultaneously creating an item, e.g.,	 Using the context, students decipher the meanings of the 	alphabet to create their own tongue-twisters	given printed instructions	pictures/graphicslayouts
E	frog, swan	nonsense words	 Class is divided into two 	 The teacher talks students through 	Pair Work
G	 Teacher then reads instructions and students 	 Teacher elicits from students strategies used to unlock the meaning of 	The groups compete to determine which	instructionsEmphasis is placed	 In pairs, students discuss: the contribution of
I	simultaneously follow the instructions to make another item	the words, e.g., use of signal words, "chunking"	group can: - create the longest tongue-twister	on the language of instruction: - command form of	 a the contribution of each element to the design the relationship
E		Think Aloud	 say the tongue- twister in the 	the verb, e.g., fold, cut	among the elements in the
S	Mini-Lesson Imperative Adverbs Adverbial phrases/clauses 	Teacher models how comparison and contrast, linked synonyms, and appositives can be used to deduce meanings of unfamiliar words in a passage	fastest possible time • Teacher elicits a definition of alliteration from the students	 use of adverbs— evenly, clearly, boldly use of adverbial phrases—"while holding ends together"; "with even strokes" 	design

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Topics	Critical Listening: Verbal Instructions	Context Clues	Literary Device: Alliteration	Exposition: Instructions	Visual Representation: Elements of Design
S	 Class discusses the procedure and notes cues when following 	 Students then take turns at simulating the teacher's think aloud 	Small-Group Work Class discusses the 	Mini-Lesson Command forms 	Small-Group Work In groups, students
т	instructions	Class discusses the	effectiveness of the device, e.g., in the line,	of verbs • Adverbs and	examine other samples
R	Small-Group WorkIn groups, students	Small-Group Work	"she sells sea shells", – the 's' and 'sh' sounds mimic the	adverbial phrases	 Students identify the elements used and
Α	formulate instructions for performing an activity, e.g., a dance	Guess the Meaning	sound of the wavesStudents read selected	Peer WorkPeer assessment	determine the effectiveness of each design
т	 Group instructions are pooled 	 In groups of four, students read a passage that contains at least four 	poems from texts studied	Finished product is	 Students create a visual text using the
E	 Students select one 	unfamiliar words	 Students analyse poems: 	examined using a checklist, e.g., for	elements of design
G	set of instructions and attempt to follow them	 Students take turns reading the passage and stopping at unfamiliar 	 to identify alliteration in use to evaluate its 	flag production: - Was the fabric cut	Students mount the product of the evaluation exercise for
I.		words	effectiveness	to the specified dimensions?	display
Е		 Students vocalize the process by which they arrive at a plausible 	Whole-Group WorkClass presentation and	Individual Work	Students set up display boards and make presentations to
S		meaning for each word chosen	feedback	 Students examine sample instructions, e.g., recipes, 	their peers
		 The group then uses a dictionary to verify the meaning 		manualsStudents determine the elements of the	
		 Students create dictionary/thesaurus of new words and phrases, 		different genres of instruction	
		their definitions and synonyms		 Students produce another object and the list of instructions to be followed in creating the object 	

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Topics	Critical Listening: Verbal Instructions	Context Clues	Literary Device: Alliteration	Exposition: Instructions	Visual Representation: Elements of Design
E V A L U A T I O N	• Oral instructions	 Cloze passages Evaluation of student- created dictionary Context clues assessment: Multiple choice 	 Identification and explanation of the use of alliteration in selected literary works 	Written instructions	 Creation of: flyer for an upcoming school event book cover for literature text being studied cover for the school magazine
R E S O U R C E S	Instructional gameOrigami	 Reading literacy game Teacher-created passages 	 Poems Tongue-twisters 	 Sample instructions Checklist Paper objects Origami paper 	FlyerMagazineNewspaper

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Topics	Efferent Listening	Barriers to Comprehension: Fix-Up Strategies	Literary Element: Character Development	Expository Writing: Simple Reports	Visual Representation: Creating Comic Strips
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N	 identify relevant details in oral texts 	 identify barriers to comprehension 	 distinguish between flat and round characters 	 identify relevant details 	 identify the features of a range of comic strips
I N	 make effective notes 	 use "fix-up strategies" to remedy problems 	 trace character development in literary works 	 sequence ideas logically 	 outline the devices used in comic strips
G	 reproduce information based on notes 	 value the use of "fix-up strategies" in facilitating comprehension 	 discuss changes in character 	use connectives effectively	 determine the functions of comic strips
U T C	 become aware of the importance of attentive listening 		determine reason for character changes	 determine the appropriate format for a report 	 create comic strips using the devices outlined
O M E			 appreciate the complexity of human nature 	write a simple report	
S				 appreciate the value of accurate reporting 	

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S	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work
т	 A listening task is outlined for students Students listen to an excerpt from a literary 	 Brainstorming Teacher elicits what students think are 	 Students discuss the character of a book studied in class, for example, The Pearl 	 Teacher provides students with a written report of an incident. Significant 	 Students discuss their favourite comic strips Students are then
R	text Students make notes related to the given 	reasons why they do not understand when reading	 Class discusses the major and minor 	details are omittedStudents read the	presented with a number of comic strips
Α	task Students represent notes graphically 	Teacher distributes copies of an unfamiliar text, e.g., information	characters within the text and determines why they are so	report Teacher then asks 	Pair Work
т	 Class presentation and feedback 	leaflet from prescription medication	labelled Small-Group Work	questions to help readers identify significant details in	 In pairs, students identify features that can be found in comic
E	Individual Work Students are asked to 	Students examine the text to determine what makes comprehension	 Teacher identifies characters in a text, 	the report—when/ who/where	strips
G	create an itemized list based on details in an	difficultStudents present	for example, Kino, Juana, Doctor, Pearl Buyers	Students are then given the complete	Mini-Lesson Features of comic
I	 oral text Students listen attentively to text 	reasons, e.g., failure to understand words, sentences, how	 In groups, students track character 	 report Students compare the two reports 	strips: - concise language
E	 Students create itemized lists using graphic 	information fits together (organization)	development over time	 Teacher and students note the 	 direct speech few characters speech bubbles
S	Small-Group WorkIn groups, students	Teacher distributes level- appropriate reading material that has some		 importance of details in a report Significant details 	
	discuss and revise lists Whole-Group Work	degree of difficultyIn groups, students read the material and generate		are mapped on the chalkboard	
	 Lists are presented. Peer review occurs Class summary 	 a list of reading difficulties Students create a list of fix-up strategies used to cope with the difficulties 		Mini-Lesson Features of expository writing 	

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S	Small-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	 Students listen to a report on an incident 	 Each pair presents a list of identified
т	 Students listen to taped interviews with writers of literary texts 	 Groups share their strategies and teacher records them on board 	 Students make presentation on chalkboard 	in which the events are not logically sequenced	features in their comic strip
R	 Using worksheets, 	Think Aloud	Class discusses	Students are	Whole-Group Work
A	students take note of significant, relevant details	 Teacher models the use of additional fix-up strategies to aid 	 Character development Students note the difference between 	questioned to elicit their understanding of the sequence of events	 The teacher and students discuss the devices used in comics
T E	 Students prepare charts on the life history of a popular writer 	comprehension, e.g., - skip section of text and read on	round and flat characters Individual Work	 Teacher and students sequence the events 	 Students examine samples and identify the devices used
G	Charts are displayed around the classroom	 break text into "chunks" re-read current sentence re-read previous 	 Teacher identifies two other characters studied 	Students note the importance of accurate sequencing	 A list of devices is compiled on the chalkboard
I E		information - use context clues - consult a dictionary/ thesaurus	 Students repeat the exercise individually, labelling each 	Mini-Lesson Tenses: Past and Past perfect 	 Class discusses the functions of comic strips – to entertain, advise, explore issues
S		Paired Practice • Students practise using the "Think Aloud" strategy while reading	character as round or flatFeedback is given	 Students, in groups, are presented with a stack of pictures through which the account of an event is represented Students put pictures in order and list the details of the event Individually, students write the first draft of the report 	 advise, explore issues Students determine the functions of sample comic strips Students are given frames and a comic strip planning sheet as a guide from which to create their own original comic strips

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E V A L U A T I O N	 Note making Creation of graphics Oral report 	 Oral retelling of information Creation of poster illustrating "fix-up strategies" Comprehension exercise Research project 	 Identification of flat and round characters in literary work studied Graphic Illustration of the development of literary characters Written exercises 	 List of details First draft of the report Final draft of the report 	 Creation of comic strips based on selected scenes from the novels/plays that are being studied Production of booklet of comic strips Written exercise: "The purpose and function of comic strips"
R E S O U R C E S	 Graphic Literary texts Audio cassette Worksheet 	 Copies of unfamiliar texts Computer Internet 	 Literary text Graphic 	 Written reports Taped reports Picture puzzle Semantic maps 	 Comic strips Comic strip frames Checklist for students' creation of strips Comic strip planning sheets

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Topics	Oracy: Enunciation	Vocabulary Development	Literary Device: Pun	Summary: News Headlines	Visual Interpretation: Analysing Visual Text
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N	 enunciate clearly Standard English words 	 identify words with multiple meanings 	 define the word pun 	 identify relevant details 	 identify narrative elements used in visual texts
I N G	 differentiate among words with similar sounds 	 determine differences in the possible meanings of the selected words 	 identify examples of the device in literary works 	 use concise language 	 evaluate technical elements used in visual texts
0	 value the need to enunciate clearly 	 examine words in context to deduce their various meanings 	 explain the effectiveness of each pun in its context 	 develop summary skills 	 critique visual texts
U T C O		 become sensitized to the variety of meanings of words 	 become sensitive to the creative power of words 	 appreciate the importance of concise language 	 value visual texts as an expressive and creative medium
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S	Whole-Class Work	Whole-Class Work	Small-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Peer Work
т	 Teacher distributes a passage including words with "ar" and "er", e.g., here/hare; 	 Teacher presents one word used in different sentences that show its multiple meanings, e.g., 	 Students listen to a variety of calypsoes/ poems in which there are examples of puns 	 Students are given sample headlines In groups, students 	 In pairs, students give a brief account of a film that they viewed
R	bare/beer	flag, face	 Students are asked to: 	examine and discuss the	 Using a worksheet, students discuss the
Α	 Individual students are asked to each read a sentence from the 	 Students examine the sentences to understand the different meanings 	 identify and discuss the instances offer the various 	structure/language of headlines	narrative elements, e.g., character, theme, plot, conflict
т	passage	one word may have	possible meanings of words used	Students establish connections	
Е	Students' responses are recorded	 Students offer examples of other multi-meaning words 	 comment on how they affect the meaning of the 	between content and headline	Students make chalkboard summary of oral presentation of
G	Students listen to recording to determine the differences in meaning	 Teacher introduces the term <i>multi-meaning</i> words 	work, e.g., 1. "Sir Lancelot once had a very bad	 Class shares findings 	narrative elements Whole-Group Work
E	 Students create sentences showing the difference in the 	 Dictionary work (traditional or electronic texts). Students use their 	dream about his horse. It was a <i>Knight</i> mare	Mini-Lesson Concise language Structure of 	 Students view a visual text
S	meaning of the wordsClass plays a game of Bingo, identifying the	dictionaries to find multiple meanings of selected words	2. "A dog not only has a fur coat but also <i>pants</i>	headlines • Diction	Mini-Lesson Technical elements of visual texts:
	different words as they are called	 Students create sentences using selected words as both nouns and verbs, e.g., blossom, 	Whole-Class WorkClass presentation	 Small-Group Work Students are given brief news reports 	- sound track - lighting - special effects
		thunder, stamp	Feedback	 Students examine and discuss content 	

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S	Small-Group Work	<u>Charades</u>	 Teacher identifies this technique as pun 	 Students compose news headlines for 	Students view film again and identify the
т	 Students create poems, using rhyming couplets with other "er" 	 Students select a few words and take turns playing charades 	Students deduce their own definition	each reportStudents compare	technical aspects of the film
R	 and "ar" words Students make oral presentations: 	showing their various meanings Crossword Puzzles	Mini-Lesson	their headlines with original headlines Small-Group Work	 Students present this information on a graphic organizer
A	 recitation of their poems 	In groups, students create clues for	Homophones	 In groups, students discuss interesting 	 Through whole-group discussion, students determine the impact
E	Review and feedback Individual Work	crossword puzzles using words with multiple meanings	Small-Group WorkStudents are given a	school events: - school outing - school competition - visit by a well-	of the technical elements on the narrative
G	 Students are stationed at the listening centre 	<u>Cloze Activity</u> • Copies of a cloze	list of puns and, in groups, explain the meaning of each	known person	Small-Group WorkStudents are placed in
I	 Students are given a cloze passage 	 Students insert the 	Individual Work Individually, students 	 Students create brief news headlines for the events 	groups and view another clip. They discuss both the
E	 Students complete cloze passage while listening to a story 	appropriate words	create statements using puns, then share their creations with	Feedback given	narrative and technical elements of the visual texts
S	 Individually and in 		their classmates	 Students revise work Students and teacher create a 	Presentations
	groups, students enunciate the words used to complete the cloze passage			 Students post news headlines on news board 	• Feedback

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Topics	Oracy: Enunciation	Vocabulary Development	Literary Device: Pun	Summary: News Headlines	Visual Interpretation: Analysing Visual Text
E V A L U A T I O N	Word bingoDictation	 Crossword puzzles Cloze exercises Creation of sentences using words with multiple meanings 	 Identification and explanation of puns Creation of verses 	Creation of news headlines	 Creation of a graphic outlining the technical elements of a film Creation of graphic outlining the narrative elements of a film
R E S O U R C E S	 Game Picture Text Audio cassette Cloze passage 	 Words with multiple meanings Crossword puzzles Electronic dictionaries Print dictionaries 	 CD player Literary texts 	 News reports News headlines News boards 	 Film clips Multimedia projector Worksheets Graphics

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Topics	Critical Listening	Cause and Effect	Literary Devices: Rhythm and Rhyme	Formal Letter	Visual Interpretation: Caricature
Ļ	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
E A R N	 identify persuasive language in oral texts 	 deduce the effects of stated causes 	 identify rhyme in poems 	 identify and apply the format for formal letters 	• define the term caricature
I N G	 determine speakers' intent 	 deduce the cause/s of stated effects 	mark out the rhyme scheme in poems	 make connections between purpose, audience, and content 	 state the functions of caricatures
O U	 become sensitive to the use of language to persuade 	 determine cause and effect relationships in a given text 	 identify metre 	 use language suited to formal letters 	 deduce messages sent through caricature
T C O		 draw accurate conclusions based on evidence 	 mark out the rhythm in poems 	 generate content for different types of formal letters 	 become sensitive to the possible negative effects of caricatures
M E S			 appreciate the effect of rhyme and rhythm in literary works 	 value the conventions of formal letter writing 	

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S	Whole-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work
T R A T	 Students listen to two oral texts on the same issue Class discusses the difference in the language used 	 Students are presented with an extract from an Agricultural Science or Geography text Students identify the effects of stated causes in the passage Students use T-chart or other graphic to illustrate 	 Students are placed in small groups Copies of an appropriate song are given to the students Class copy is projected The song is read and the class notes the 	 Students examine and discuss sample letters: format content organization language Students note the characteristics of a 	 Students volunteer to tell the meaning of their name and reveal a nickname by which they are also called Students give reasons why they have been given the nickname Students draw a
E G	Introduction to persuasive language	 Students make presentations to the class using "if" and "when" 	 The words are underlined on the class 	formal letter on a graphic organizer Mini-Lesson	 Students draw a sketch to depict their nickname Students make links between nickname
I E	 Class identifies examples of persuasive language Students and teacher 	 constructions Whole-Group Work Students view a short 	copyStudents identify the pattern in the songs	 Formal letters format content organization language 	and characteristics/ qualities Individual Work
S	discuss the effect/ impact of the language usedClass deduces the intention of the writer in each oral text	 Science or Geography documentary A list of effects is given to students Students view film again and identify the possible cause/s Students discuss their responses 	• With the teacher's help, students arrive at a definition of <i>rhyme scheme</i>	Students make connections between purpose, audience, and content	 Teacher produces pictures of well-known personalities in the society Students identify distinctive features of each personality

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Topics	Critical Listening	Cause and Effect	Literary Device: Rhythm and Rhyme	Formal Letter	Visual Interpretation: Caricature
S	Small-Group Work	Individual Work	Whole-Group Work	Individual Work	 Students share features identified with
т	 Students listen to an advertisement 	 Individually, students read a selected passage and identify cause and 	Students listen to haiku and limerick	Students engage in writing letters of	the classStudents choose one
R	 In groups, students identify the target audience 	 Students write the cause and effect relationships 	 Students identify distinguishing features of the structure of the 	request: - generate and organize content - determine the	 Students choose one character and sketch a picture emphasizing/ exaggerating a feature identified
A	 Students deduce the message in the advertisement 	using either <i>if/when</i> clauses or w <i>hen/then</i> clauses	poems	language appropriate to a letter of request - produce a first draft	Small-Group Work
E	 Students identify language that is used persuasively in the 	 Students discuss their responses 	Mini-Lesson Syllabication 	of a letter	Teacher distributes copies of caricatures of well-known persons
G	 Students identify the writer's intent 	Whole-Group WorkOral presentations	Small-Group WorkStudents are put in	Mini-Lesson Grammar will/would Future Perfect 	 Students identify exaggerated features and give possible reasons for the
I	Students discuss how		groups to write either a limerick or haiku	• Future Perfect Tense	exaggeration
E	language is used to support the message	Mini-Lesson Relative clauses using: 	Students identify each syllable in their poem	 Students revise their letters 	 Students then suggest/infer the artist's intention:
S	Whole-Group WorkClass presentationsFeedback	- if - when	 Students read their poem expressively, with a focus on communicating the rhythm 		 exaggerate a distinctive feature suggest a quality the person possesses
			• Copies of poem, e.g., <i>"Education"</i> by Mighty Sparrow, are given to students		 Students discuss the issue of caricaturing, giving reasons for/ against the use of caricature
			 Students mark out the rhythm of one verse of the poem 		

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Topics	Critical Listening	Cause and Effect	Literary Device: Rhythm and Rhyme	Formal Letter	Visual Interpretation: Caricature
E V A L U A T I O N	 Listening comprehension Identification of the use of persuasive language in oral texts 	 Identification of cause and effect relationships Composition of paragraphs showing cause and effect relationships Comprehension exercise 	 Creation of either a limerick or haiku Identification of rhythm in a given poem Identification of the rhyme scheme in a poem 	Evaluation of processFormal letter	 Imagine you have been caricatured, write a response to the artist, telling him how you feel about his caricature of you Creation of caricatures of characters in a literature text Creation of an "Ole Mas" band
R E S O U R C E S	 CD player Video cassette recorder Texts Advertisement 	 Pictures Envelopes Texts Graphic organizer Science documentary Television 	 Literary texts Taped poem: "Education" Charts 	 Sample letters Graphic Checklist 	• Texts

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Topics	Efferent Listening	Opinion: Supported/Unsupported	Literary Element: Conflict	Narrative Writing	Media Literacy: Persuasive Techniques
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N	 identify significant events/details in oral texts 	 identify opinions in texts 	 identify and explore sources of conflict 	 analyse a given stimulus 	 define the term <i>jingle</i>
I N	 recount oral texts in their own words 	 identify bias 	 determine appropriate resolutions to conflict situations 	deduce significant information	 determine the features/elements of jingles
G	 summarize oral texts 	 differentiate between supported and unsupported opinions 	 examine the impact of conflict on characters in literary texts 	use information to create a story	 create original jingles
U T C O M	 value the importance of capturing significant information when listening 	 appreciate well-supported opinions 	 appreciate the role and implications of conflict and its resolution or non-resolution on peace and harmony 	 create a title for a story 	appreciate the persuasive power of media devices
E S				 appreciate language as a vehicle for creative expression 	 detect persuasive language
					 develop critical awareness

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S	Small-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Whole-Group Work
т	 Students are given several different lists of events 	 Teacher plays a popular recording, e.g., calypso, chutney, rapso 	Students view film clip of a conflict scene	Students are provided with a well- written short story	Students listen to an audio clip/view video clip of an
R A T E G	 Students listen to story read by the teacher Students list the main events in the story In groups, students examine all the lists given and choose the one that contains all the events Students retell the story in their own words 	 Students are given copies of the lyrics Class discusses the content and identifies the singer's view of the topic Teacher elicits from class details that support the singer's view Small-Group Work Students, in groups, examine two newspaper 	 Class discusses the nature of the conflict: What was the conflict about? Who was involved in the conflict? Why did individuals behave the way they did? What alternative course of action could they have taken? What changes occur as a result of the conflict? 	 based on a picture In groups, students examine the picture and using a worksheet, deduce information about: storyline setting character Class discussion Small-Group Work	 advertisement in which a jingle is used Students discuss the elements that contribute to an effective jingle Elements are mapped on the chalkboard Students determine the purposes for which jingles are used in advertisements
ES	Mini-Lesson Review Identifying main idea Individual Work Students listen to an oral text Individually, students identify the main ideas	 extracts with differing reports of the same incident Students identify opinions from each and examine the passages to ascertain whether opinions are supported Students record their findings on graphic organizers of their choice and make presentations to the class 	Mini-Lesson Identification of major sources of conflict: with nature with self with society between individuals among individual characters	 Students view a scene from a short movie Students discuss the scene and brainstorm ideas for the story Students create a group story Students share stories with other groups and receive feedback 	 Students deduce a definition of the term, using the ideas they previously generated Small-Group Work Students listen to another clip and discuss in groups how the use of jingles can affect the sales of products/influence consumers to purchase items

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S	Students then write a summary of the oral	Whole-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Groups make presentations to the	Pair Work
т	text Whole-Group Work	Teacher guides students as they examine the language of the	Students identify the source/s of conflict	classThe best story is	In pairs, students invent a product
R	 Students make presentations 	 Newspaper extracts Students list words that alogeity reycol the writerio 	 Students discuss the impact of conflict on characters' lives 	chosen Individual Work	Using rubrics, students create an original jingle to sell
A	 Class assesses summaries, using a checklist of main ideas 	clearly reveal the writer's feelings and attitude	Students retell parts of the story to suggest	Students are given another picture	that product to their classmates
Т	Class discussion and	 Students infer possible reasons for the writer's choice of words 	acceptable, alternative patterns of behaviour	 Students: create a story line 	Groups make presentation to the class
E G	feedback Small-Group Work	 Teacher introduces the term bias 	 Students role-play to show alternative patterns of behaviour 	 outline the setting develop characters 	 Jingles are taped
l l	 Class listens to instructions from a manual 	 Students, in groups, examine letters to the editor and identify words 	Feedback	 Students engage in peer review 	
E	 In groups, students make a list of all the 	and phrases that reveal possible bias		Students write their first draft	
S	equipment/tools/ materials needed for the intended task	Class discussion follows			
	 Students state the purpose of each 				
	Whole-Group Work				
	 Class discusses the importance of attentive listening 				
	Class summary				

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E V A L U A T I O N	 Summary writing Report writing Creation of objects Listening comprehension 	 Identification of supported opinions in letters to the editor Creation of list of words that reveal bias Matching exercise – details to opinions 	 Labelling of excerpts from literary text based on their source of conflict Written exercise: "Describe the impact of conflict on the life of a character in a literary text" 	 First draft Creation of short story 	Creation of jingles
R E S O U R C E S	 CD player Assessment criteria Texts 	 CD player Music CD Copies of lyrics of selected songs Graphic organizers Newspaper extracts 	Film clipLiterary text	PicturesWorksheetsFilm clip	 Audio/video clips Graphic Audio tape

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Topics	Oracy: Pronunciation	Author's Purpose and Point of View	Literary Device: Symbolism	Introduction of Statistical Report	Visual Interpretation: Websites
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N	 pronounce Standard English words correctly 	 identify a writer's point of view 	define the term symbolism	 interpret information documented statistically 	 identify different types of websites
I N G	 distinguish between Creole and Standard English pronunciation 	 determine a writer's purpose 	 identify the symbols used in a literary work 	 write a simple report based on statistics 	 define terms associated with websites
O U T	 appreciate the importance of the correct pronunciation of Standard English words 	identify tone	 explain the effectiveness of the use of symbolism in selected literary works 	 appreciate the importance of precision and accuracy in report writing 	 learn to navigate a website
C O M E	 value both English- based Creole and Standard English as effective means of communication 	 make connections between and among content, point of view, and purpose 	 appreciate the power of language to deepen the experience of the reader 		 identify purposes for which websites may be used
S		 become sensitized to differing points of view 			 define criteria for evaluating websites
					evaluate websites
					 value the need to be critical when exploring, selecting, and using websites

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S	Whole-Group Work	 Students listen to an excerpt of a persuasive 	Small-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work
т	 Students listen to the Creole pronunciation and Standard English 	speechIn groups, students	 Students are shown popular symbols: the victory sign 	 Students are asked to conduct a survey among students in 	 Students are instructed to log on to the following website:
R	pronunciation of selected words	discuss the position from which the speaker addresses the topic (e.g.,	- the thumbs-up sign - the thumbs-down sign	their year group on their plans for the holiday period	http://www.media- awareness.ca/english/ games/jocool_jofool/in
Α	 Students distinguish between the Standard English pronunciation 	beliefs, assumptions, biases)	 the power sign Students and teacher	 Class creates a list of questions 	dex.cfmOnce there, they click
т	and the Creole pronunciation	 Groups discuss the speaker's attempts to persuade the audience 	discuss: - the meaning of the	Students gather and represent data on a	on CyberTourStudents visit chosen
E	 Students note the difference in spelling and sound 	 Teacher explains concept of writer's purpose and 	signs - the possible relationship between	statistical formStudents present	sitesAs students take the
G	Mini-Lesson	points out that every writer has a purpose in mind	the actual signs and their meaning	information gathered in report form	tour, they complete a worksheet
E	 Standard English pronunciation of words with 'y' glide 	 Class discussion on purposes for writing follows 	 Students suggest other signs, discuss their meaning, and show the relationship between the signs and 	Mini-Lesson Review	Students identify the content of each site and note the important lesson taught by Jo
S	Small-Group Work	 Copies of different genres of writing are distributed 	 Students deduce a 	- Report format - Internal structure	 Students share their lessons
	 Students practise Standard English pronunciation 	 Students identify the various types, e.g., non- fiction, persuasive, fiction 	definition of the term symbol	 A statistical chart is displayed on the chalkboard along 	The types of sites are listed on the chalkboard
	 Students relate short stories using similar words 	 For each type of writing, students determine the writer's purpose, tone, and point of view 		with a task	 Students discuss the characteristics of a site: layout
					 organization media elements ease of navigation

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S	 Short stories are taped In groups, students 	 Using graphic organizers, groups record their findings and then make 	Small-Group Work Popular songs 	 Students analyse the task 	 Students create a checklist of criteria for evaluating websites
т	listen to the taped stories and conduct	oral presentations	containing symbols are played for students	 Students source information related 	 Students evaluate
R	peer reviewClass summary	 Groups critique each other's presentations 	Copies of the lyrics are distributed	to the task from the chart	these sites using the checklist
Α		 <u>"Say Something"</u> Students, in pairs, read 	 Students read the lyrics and identify 	Class reviewFeedback	 Students share their findings
т		an extract of non-fiction, e.g., biography,	symbols used	Individual Work	
Е		expository articleEach reader stops at	 Students discuss the impact that the use of symbols can have in 	 Students draft their report 	
G		intervals to "say something" about the writer's point of view,	songs		
I		tone, and purposeStudents read an excerpt	Mini-Lesson The identification		
Е		of a short story or poem. Using the "Say Something" strategy,	and explanation of traditional symbols in		
S		students stop at intervals to say something about the writer's point of view,	literature Small-Group Work		
		tone, and purpose	 Students read an 		
		<u>Role play</u>	excerpt from a literature text		
		 News item: Students present an incident from different points of view, e.g., an accident from the 	 Students identify the symbols used 		
		perspective of the victim, a witness, and the perpetrator	 Student discuss the effectiveness of the symbols 		

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Oracy: Pronunciation	Author's Purpose and Point of View	Literary Device: Symbolism	Introduction of Statistical Report	Visual Interpretation: Websites
E V A L U A T I O N	 Dictation Oral reading exercises 	 Identification of writer's point of view and purpose in written texts <u>Project Work</u> Fractured fairytales – Read and re-write familiar stories from the point of view of different characters Oral presentations 	 Identification and explanation of symbols in literary texts Creation of signs to represent and replace classroom rules Creation of a verse or paragraph using symbols 	• Written reports	• Evaluation of websites
R E S O U R C E S	CDCD playerAudio cassette	 Written texts Audiotape of speeches Fractured fairytales CD player Graphic organizers 	 Graphics Taped music Cassette player Texts 	 Statistical form/charts Checklist 	 Internet Websites Blog set up by the teacher Checklist Graphic Worksheet

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Critical Listening	Fallacies in Reasoning: Hasty Generalization and Faulty Causes	Literary Element: Mood and Tone	Formal Letters	Visual Representation: Creating Visual Text
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R	 identify significant cues in oral texts 	 define the terms hasty generalization and faulty cause 	 identify tone/mood 	format a formal letter	 create storyboards for short films or videos
N I N	 determine the logical sequence of an oral text 	 identify these fallacies in texts 	 discuss how tone/ mood is created by writers 	 generate content for different types of formal letters 	 write scripts for films and videos
G	 categorize information in oral texts 	 develop critical thinking skills 	 determine the effect of tone/mood in literary texts 	 use language appropriate to the language task 	• direct, produce, and edit films
U T C O	 develop critical listening skills 		 value the contribution of tone/mood to a literary piece 	 make connections between content, audience, and purpose 	 appreciate the complexity of film production
M E S				 appreciate the formal letter as a significant means of expressing one's views 	 value film as a vehicle to express themselves creatively

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Topics	Critical Listening	Fallacies in Reasoning: Hasty Generalization and Faulty Cause	Literary Element: Mood and Tone	Formal Letters	Visual Representation: Creating Visual Text
S	Whole-Group Work		Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Small-Group Work
т	Students listen to a segment of a storyStudents determine the	 Students view a film clip from a TV sitcom that illustrates hasty generalization or faulty 	 Students are presented with various short excerpts from short stories and 	 Teacher presents a newspaper article of topical interest for discussion: 	 Students examine a storyboard as an example of a short visual text
R	author's main point/ focus of interest	causeStudents discuss the	poemsStudents discuss the	 students give their views on the topic students draft their 	Students examine the structure and content
A T	• Students identify cues in the story segment that support their views	 situation presented Teacher introduces the term <i>fallacy</i> 	feelings evoked within the pieces of literary work	response in the form of a letter to the editor/relevant	 of the text Students write a script and create a
E	Individual Work Using the listening 	 Students look again at the clip to identify the 	 Students determine how mood is developed 	authorities	storyboard of their own
G	centre, individual students listen to a recording of a debate	fallacies in reasoning.Students discuss the logic or lack of logic	 Students represent information using graphics 	Mini-Lesson Review - Format of the	 The class is divided into two teams and production companies are created
I	 Students list arguments in support of and against the topic 	evident in the film clipBrainstorming: teacher	 Teacher reads an emotional monologue or dialogue 	formal letter - Emotive language - Logical argument	 are created Roles are assigned: director, producer,
E S	Peer review	elicits from students their own experiences with illogical thinking and represent these on the	dramatically Teacher and students 		editor, camera persons, actors
	 Students listen to recording again and confirm their points 	boardTeacher introduces two	discuss the feelings communicated	 Students engage in peer review Students revise 	 Each role is clearly explained on cards and given to the students
	Whole-Group WorkClass presentationDiscussion and feedback	types of fallacies, "hasty generalization" and "faulty cause"	Mini-Lesson Strategies for creating mood: choice of words literary devices rhythm and length of lines emphasis 	 Students revise letters Class presentations 	 Teacher guides and lends support Each production company presents its film

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Topics	Critical Listening	Fallacies in Reasoning: Hasty Generalization and Faulty Cause	Literary Element: Mood and Tone	Formal Letters	Visual Representation: Creating Visual Text
Topics S T R A T E G I E S	Critical Listening Small-Group Work Students listen to another speech In groups, students list and discuss the arguments put forward by the speaker Together, the students determine the stance of the speaker Class sharing Feedback			 Formal Letters Small-Group Work Students discuss areas of concern in their school/projects deserving of commendation in the community Each student, in turn, makes a contribution to the discussion Contributions are pooled and mapped on graphic Graphics are displayed for peer review Individual Work Students write a first draft 	

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Topics	Critical Listening	Fallacies in Reasoning: Hasty Generalization and Faulty Cause	Literary Element: Mood and Tone	Formal Letters	Visual Representation: Creating Visual Text
E V A L U A T I O N	Creation of story endings	Identification of fallacies in written or electronic texts	 Dramatic presentations Identification of mood and tone in oral and written texts Written exercises 	 Peer review using checklist: relevance of ideas clarity of ideas language use format Final draft of letter 	• Project: production of a short film, using Windows Movie Maker
R E S O U R C E S	 Story segments T-chart CD player Listening centre Recordings 	 Film clips Written texts Electronic texts 	 Literary texts Graphics 	 Newspaper articles Graphics 	 Storyboard template Sample storyboard Camcorders Software – Windows Media player Computer Projector Rubrics

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STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Aesthetic Listening: Message, Mood, Rhythm	Fact and Opinion	Conflict	Exposition	Media Literacy: Promotional Media
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N	 identify message and theme in a piece of music 	 differentiate between fact and opinion 	explain the role of conflict in literary texts	 select relevant information 	 explain the function of advertisements
I N G	 identify mood in different types of music 	 perceive bias in writing 	 analyse motives for characters' actions 	 organize details 	 infer the implied messages in advertisements
0	 make connections between rhythm, mood, and theme 	 identify subjective language 	 deduce the impact of conflict on individuals and societies 	 write an expository essay using information gathered 	 create advertisements for non-print media
U T C	 become aware of the value of wholesome lyrics 	 be sensitized to the power of subjective language 	appreciate the role of conflict in the human experience	 develop an appreciation of individual differences 	 become sensitive to the persuasive power of language
M E S				 become aware of the link between language, audience, and purpose 	

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Topics	Aesthetic Listening: Message, Mood, Rhythm	Fact and Opinion	Conflict	Exposition	Media Literacy: Promotional Media
S	Small-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work
т	A variety of music is played	 Students listen to short stories narrated from multiple perspectives 	 Students describe types of conflict that teenagers have at 	• A topic is decided on by teacher and students, e.g.,	Students describe their favourite television
R	 Students select one piece of music and, using a prepared 	 Students role-play the different stories 	home/school/in society/with self	"Dress or music from the sixties to the present"	advertisementsFrom the
Α	checklist, identify the theme of the piece	Small-Group Work	 Students are given vignettes of conflict situations 	Students are introduced to the	advertisements identified, students select the most
т	 Students make presentations 	 Students are grouped and given T-charts 	 Together, students 	strategy – Cubing	popular television advertisement
E	Whole-Group Work	and given i bharte	read the vignettesStudents:	Cubing	 Students discuss the features of the
G I	 A medley is played Students beat the rhythm by clapping/ drumming/tapping feet 	Mini-Lesson Emotive language Definition Effect of use of emotive language 	 discuss the motive for characters' behaviour deduce the source/s of conflict 		advertisement that they find appealing and explain the reason for the appeal
Е	Students relate rhythm to the theme		 discuss the impact of conflict on characters' lives 		 Students deduce the relationship between population for which the advertisement is
S	 Students examine writer's use of language Students identify the reason/s for writer's choice of words Students make connection between 		Students note their responses, accompanied by textual references on a graphic, e.g., a table	 Small-Group Work Students are grouped and allowed to choose an area on the cube to explore 	 Students determine the advertisement Students determine the advertiser's intent and the purpose of advertisements Small-Group Work
	choice of words, theme, and rhythm				 In groups, students view radio/television advertisement

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Topics	Aesthetic Listening: Message, Mood, Rhythm	Fact and Opinion	Conflict	Exposition	Media Literacy: Promotional Media
S	Individual Work	 Students select emotive words 	Small-Group Work	 Students brainstorm and note ideas 	 Using a worksheet, students discuss:
т	 Music is played again Think sheets are distributed 	Students extract factual and opinion statements	 Students discuss a literature text studied by the class 	Students conduct research into topic	 the target population the appeals made
R	Students connect rhythm to mood	from storiesStudents categorize statements on T-charts	 Students identify sources of conflict and the characters 	 Using the cubing strategy, individual groups present 	 the intention of the writer the implied messages
A T	Calvasa	Whole-Group Work	involved in the conflictIn groups, students	various facets of the topic	Mini-Lesson
E	Calypso Excited Happy	Students discuss the term <i>bias</i>	determine the motive for one character's behaviour and the impact of conflict on	 <u>Role Play</u> Students are given cards with scenarios 	Persuasive techniques
G I E	Love song Reflective/ Sad	• Students explore how language can be used to manipulate thoughts and action, e.g., political speeches, sermons, advertisements	 his/her life Students prepare a defence for the character's behaviour Whole-Group Work 	for role playing – the same situation with different audiences and purposes, e.g., - relating the details of a fight to: (i) a friend	 Students brainstorm the techniques used in the advertisements Students note the importance of making informed decisions
S	Dirge Melancholic		Groups make presentationsClass discussion	(ii) the Principal/DeanStudents role-play scenarios	Students create a checklist to assess the persuasive power of advertisements Small-Group Work
			• Feedback	 Class discusses the impact of purpose and audience on language Small-Group Work Students examine samples of expository writing 	 Students draft a plan for an advertisement: identify a target group determine the appeals to be made list the strategies to be used outline the purpose of the advertisement

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Topics	Aesthetic Listening: Message, Mood, Rhythm	Fact and Opinion	Conflict	Exposition	Media Literacy: Promotional Media
S T R A T E G I E	Message, Mood,	Fact and Opinion Individual Work • Students create a short passage employing emotive language • Students make class presentation • Feedback is given by peers and teacher	Individual Work Journal Entry Students identify a source of conflict in their lives Students write a private message to themselves in their journals about how they resolve to deal with the situation Students determine the source of each conflict they have identified Students identify the impact of conflict on self and others Student suggest	 Exposition Students determine: internal/external structure features of expository writing Mini-Lesson Grammar Types of sentences Tense Present Past Voice Passive Active Using information from the cube, students write a plan for an expository essay 	
S			strategies for dealing with conflictStudents report to classClass discussion	Students write their first draft	

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Topics	Aesthetic Listening: Message, Mood, Rhythm	Fact and Opinion	Conflict	Exposition	Media Literacy: Promotional Media
E V A L U A T	 Group performance of musical piece Oral discussion of message and mood of a piece of music 	 Identification of facts/bias in one of the following texts: newspaper article letter to the editor speech written conversation 	 Rewriting of story ending to show alternative responses to conflict situation Essays 	Plan for essayFinal draft	Create an advertisement for print media
O N					
R	• Music	Stories	Vignettes	• Cube	Camcorders
E	Tape recorder	• T-chart	Journal	Library	Cameras
S O	Cassettes	Written texts	Graphics	Internet	 Taped recorders/digital voice
U	Think sheets		Literary texts	Written text	recorders
R C E S	Checklist			newspaper encyclopedia	Computer

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Critical Listening	Research Skills	Literary Device: Symbolism	Persuasion Writing	Promotional Media: The Brochure
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N	 identify the associations that are made in oral persuasive texts 	 use a variety of media to conduct research 	 identify symbolism where it is used in literary texts 	 identify persuasive devices/techniques 	 explain the function of brochures
I N G	 identify target groups 	 organize information effectively 	explain the device in context	 assess the impact of devices used 	 categorize different types of brochures
O U	 indicate the purpose of the oral texts 	 be sensitized to copyright laws 	 analyse the effectiveness of its use in identified literary texts 	 create an advertisement 	 determine the design features/elements of a brochure
T C O M	decode language		 appreciate the power of language to enrich the experience of the reader 	 become sensitive to the persuasive power of advertisements 	 produce brochures value the brochure as
E S	 give examples of the devices used in oral persuasive texts 				a tool of persuasive communication
	 recognize strategies used to persuade 				
	become more informed consumers				

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Topics	Critical Listening	Research Skills	Literary Device: Symbolism	Persuasion Writing	Promotional Media: The Brochure
S	Small-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Small-Group Work
т	 A jingle is played twice Students sketch the	 Students are grouped and assigned five letters of the alphabet to use as 	 Students are given the names of organizations and 	 Students are given samples of advertisements 	 In groups, students examine a selection of brochures
R	associated images that are created in their minds	stimulus for brainstorming chosen topic: "Music and dress from	 In groups, students discuss the 	along with guiding questions to stimulate discussions on	 Using a worksheet with accompanying questions, students
Α	 Students display and give oral explanations 	the sixties to the present"	significance of the names:	persuasive devices used in	identify: - the content
т	of their sketches Students identify the 	Group 1: A – E Group 2: F – J	 the relationship between the purpose/function of 	advertisements in different media: - newspaper	the layout/formatlanguage style
E	groups targeted in the jingle	 Students map information gathered for presentation, 	the organization and its name	televisionradio	Students make presentations of their
G	Paired Activity	e.g:	 the suggestions that are being made its intended effect/ 	Mini-Lesson	findings Class discussion
I	 A variety of advertisements is 	→ anglais	impactStudents record their	 Persuasive techniques used 	Feedback
E	playedStudents make lists of		responses on a worksheet	in advertisements	Whole-Group WorkStudents list the
S	possible purpose of each		• Students deduce a definition of <i>symbolism</i>		various types of brochures
	Teacher maps students' contributions on the chalkboard	→ batik →	Small-Group Work • Students choose the name of a character in a story/the name of a movie/television show that they think is symbolic		A class list is compiled

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Topics	Critical Listening	Research Skills	Literary Device: Symbolism	Persuasion Writing	Promotional Media: The Brochure
S	entertain inform	Individual Work	Whole-Group Work	Students discuss findings and note the	Pair Work
т		 Students identify aspects of the topics for individual research 	 Students describe in what way the name is symbolic and discuss the effectiveness of its 	devices/techniques identified Small-Group Work	Students list the purposes of the different types of brochure
R	persuade incite	 Students brainstorm sources of information – Internet, magazine, 	Students make	Students examine three selected	 Students' responses are listed on a graphic
A		newspaper, people in their neighbourhood	presentations	advertisements	on the chalkboard
Т	Workshop ActivityA promotion for an	 Research work – Students conduct 	Feedback is given	 Students select the most effective advertisement and 	to inform to educate
E	event is played	research on chosen aspects of the topic	Mini-Lesson Analysis of the 	justify their choice Students determine 	
G	 Copies are distributed to students 	Mini-Lesson	effectiveness of symbolism	the least effective advertisement and justify their choice	to explain to instruct
I	 Given a checklist, students identify: the purpose of the 	 Note-taking strategies, e.g.: "Oh rats" 		Students discuss the	to explain to instruct
E	promotion - the target population	- DIA - KWL - Information-gathering		impact of persuasive language	 Students discuss the limitations of using the
S	 devices used to encourage people to attend 	 mormation-gathering map Collaborative note- taking 		 Students create a rubric to evaluate advertisements 	brochure
	Students deduce the associations made				Students are given a checklist with design
	Students determine the effectiveness of the oral text				 rubrics Students determine purpose and audience of the brochure

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Topics	Critical Listening	Research Skills	Literary Device: Symbolism	Persuasion Writing	Promotional Media: The Brochure
Topics S T R A T E G I E S	Critical Listening • Oral presentation of devices identified in the oral texts Used in Oral Texts Used in Oral Texts Example Example	Research Skills Whole-Group Work • Presentation by resource person from Copyright Organization of Trinidad and Tobago (COTT) • Students ask questions • Students use note-taking strategies to collate information for a written report		Persuasion Writing Mini-Lesson • Grammar • imperative mood • adverbial phrases/clauses • adjectival phrases/clauses • adjectival phrases/clauses Individual Work • Students create an advertisement for a product of their choice Whole-Group Work • Advertisements are presented and feedback given	 Promotional Media: The Brochure Students design and create one type of brochure, using templates available on the computer Finished works are displayed

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Topics	Critical Listening	Research Skills	Literary Device: Symbolism	Persuasion Writing	Promotional Media: The Brochure
E V A L U A T I O N	 Evaluation of group work – process Analysis of oral persuasive texts 	 Display of information gathered using research strategies Charts Concept maps Research on a chosen topic Short answer responses on research topic 	 Written exercises: essay short answer responses analysis of excerpts 	 Creation of advertisements Evaluation of advertisements 	Creation of a school brochure
R E S O U R C E S	 Cassette player Radio Checklists Oral texts 	 Computer Encyclopedia Written texts Resource personnel 	Literary textWorksheets	Electronic mediaNewspapersMagazines	 Sample brochures Worksheets Graphic organizers Computers Rubrics

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Critical and Discriminative	Inference	Literary Device: Appeal to Senses	Description	Detecting Stereotyping
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N	 deduce theme and message in identified texts 	 infer meaning from different types of texts— proverbs, fiction, non- fiction 	 identify language use in literary texts that makes appeals to the senses 	 use descriptive language to create sensory impact 	define the term stereotype
I N G	 differentiate tone/mood 	 discern implicit messages 	 deduce the source of the texts' appeal 	 produce a descriptive piece of writing 	 identify the characteristics of stereotypes
O U T C	 relate language to tone and mood 		 determine the effectiveness of appeals to the senses in accomplishing writers' purposes 	 appreciate the power of words to create sensory effects 	 analyse examples of stereotyping in the media
O M	 develop critical listening skills 		 appreciate the poet's use of language to create effect 		 deduce the impact of stereotyping
E S					 appreciate the multi- faceted nature of human beings

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Topics	Critical and Discriminative	Inference	Literary Device: Appeal to Senses	Description	Detecting Stereotyping
S	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work
т	 Students listen to a taped text 	 Some objects are placed on the teacher's table, e.g., an umbrella, a 	 Students are given copies of a concrete poem 	 Students take turns in describing a popular personality 	 Students discuss acts of stereotyping in schools
R	 Students are given a selection of three or four options from which to choose one 	 bandana, a bowl A student selects one 	 Students read the poem silently 	Students describe his/her physical	Students discuss the possible impact on individuals (groups of the second
Α	correct theme	and uses it for a purpose other than the one intended	 Teacher reads the poem aloud 	appearance, distinguishing features, and dress	individuals/groups of people
т	 Taped text is replayed Students and teachers 	 Class suggests what the object has become 	 Students discuss mental images that 	 Other students guess who the 	 Discussion points are mapped on the chalkboard
E	discuss their choice Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	they formed while listening to the poem	personality is	 Students suggest a definition of
G	 Teacher reads a text 	 Students are given copies of a report of an 	Students identify the words/expressions that	Mini-Lesson	stereotyping
1	 Students respond to the text by answering 	experiment taken from a Science text	contribute to the formation of the images	 adjectival clause/phrase tenses – 	Small-Group WorkStudents examine two
E	the following questions:	Class discussion of observations drawn from the activity described	Class discussion on	present/past continuous	sets of photographs in each of which
S	 What does it mean to you? How does it make you feel? 	the activity described	the sensory appeal of the poem	 vocabulary development 	"typical"/"traditional" or "non-traditional" images of males/ females have been
	 What does the text remind you of? 		Mini-Lesson • Effectiveness of the device		 captured Students discuss the images, noting the similarities and differences

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Topics	Critical and Discriminative	Inference	Literary Device: Appeal to Senses	Description	Detecting Stereotyping
S	 Responses to each question are mapped on to the chalkboard 	 Students use information given in experiment to draw inferences 	 Students listen to a taped excerpt from a literary text 	Students view film clip or still pictures	 Students list the instances of stereotyping
T R A T E	 Students draw the conclusion that people respond to texts in different ways Small-Group Work Students stand in a circle One student makes a 	 Inferences are noted on the chalkboard Students note factors that contribute to making accurate inferences Whole-Group Work Teacher introduces a proverb in a meaningful 	 Students list sounds that they can imagine while listening Students are given copies of the text and they underline the words/expression linked to the sounds they heard 	 Students write a description of the image depicted in the selected picture Students read descriptions Class critiques the descriptions Class discusses the 	 Students identify the assumptions that are made in the stereotypes Students discuss the possible impact of the stereotypes Individual Work
G I E S	 statement in a particular tone, e.g., happy sad concerned Each student, in turn, repeats the statement changing the tone Students discuss the importance of attentive listening	 and interesting way, e.g., in a short story Students discuss use of actual proverb to convey meaning Mini-Lesson Use of context clues: drawing conclusions identifying details 	 Students create a list of words that help them to imagine sounds Class discusses the effectiveness of the use of the device Individual Work Students are directed to consider two other senses—Taste and Touch 	 descriptive language used Students revise their work Small-Group Work Class project: Fashion research/ display Students are grouped to conduct 	 Students view a range of print and non-print material in which various types of stereotypical images are used Using a worksheet, students identify the stereotype used in each image and explain the implication of each Whole-Group Work
			 Students list expressions that communicate the senses represented 	 research on fashion of different periods: Stone Age 16th century 21st century 	Students discuss their findingsFeedback

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Topics	Critical and Discriminative	Inference	Literary Device: Appeal to Senses	Description	Detecting Stereotyping
	Critical and		Literary Device:		
			Class presentation and discussionClass summary		

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Topics	Critical and Discriminative	Inference	Literary Device: Appeal to Senses	Description	Detecting Stereotyping
E V A L U A T I O N	 Listening comprehension Analysis of mood and tone in oral texts 	 Matching Exercise Match vignettes with proverbs Solve riddles with inferential questions Comprehension passage with inferential questions 	Written exerciseAnnotation	 Evaluation of project (process and product) display Fashion show – Evaluation of commentary 	 Identification of stereotypes in the print and electronic media Written exercise: "Discuss the negative impact of stereotyping"
R E S O U R C E S	Taped textsWritten texts	 Texts Description of a science experiment Riddles Vignettes Short story 	 Audio cassette Worksheets Literary texts 	 Film clip Still picture Texts 	 Photographs Worksheets Print/non-print material Graphic

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Oracy	Topic Sentence	Literary Device: Hyperbole	Argument	Creating Visual Texts: The Photo Essay
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N	 identify the characteristics of an effective speaker 	 identify the topic sentence in paragraphs/ texts 	define the term hyperbole	 generate ideas for a given topic 	 identify narrative elements of a photo essay
I N	 identify features of an effectively delivered speech 	 identify supporting details in paragraphs/texts 	 identify examples of hyperbole in literary works 	 support ideas with sound arguments 	 prepare photo essays
G	 demonstrate oracy skills 	 explain the methods by which topic sentences can be developed 	 explain the effectiveness of the device in context 	 develop an argument on a chosen topic 	 select suitable captions for the shots in a photo essay
U T C O	 appreciate the need to be respectful of a speaker and his/her views 	 develop paragraphs from chosen topic sentences 	appreciate the power of language to communicate a writer's intent	 use connectives to produce coherent writing 	 appreciate how visuals can enhance the process of communication
M E S	 become aware of the value of developing oracy skills 	 deduce the importance of topic sentences in texts 		 appreciate the importance of other points of view 	
				 value the importance of presenting sound arguments 	

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Topics	Oracy	Topic Sentence	Literary Device: Hyperbole	Argument	Creating Visual Texts: The Photo Essay
S	Whole-Group Work	 Students are given a selection of paragraphs 	Small-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Class Work
т	 Students view video footage of the semi- final leg of a public 	and topic sentencesIn groups, students read	 Students are given examples of caricature from newspapers/ 	 Students are given copies of a graphic organizer and a 	 A student reads a story to the class
R	speaking competitionStudents are given	each paragraph and number/identify the details within each	magazines and comic books	calypso, e.g., "Portrait of Trinidad"	 Simultaneously, another student tells the same story by
Α	questions to guide their viewing, e.g.:	 Students read the selection of topic 	 Students examine each and discuss the message that they 	 Students listen to the calypso 	sequencing pictures on the chalkboard
т	 How clear were the speakers' words? Were their words 	sentences and match topic sentences with paragraphs	think is being conveyed	 Students use graphic organizers to represent main 	 Class discusses the two forms of telling a story
E	well pronounced? - Did they speak too quickly/too slowly?		 Students note that exaggeration is a means of 	ideas and supporting details	 Students identify the advantages and
G	 Students share and collate information on 	Paragraph Topic Sentence	communicating messages	Mini-Lesson	Imitations of eachThe findings are
I	characteristics of an effective speaker	1. 1. 2. 2.	Students deduce a definition of the term	 Techniques of persuasion repetition 	mapped on the chalkboard
E	 Students create a checklist 	3. 3. 4. 4.	hyperbole	 analogy rhetorical question 	Class outlines the value and place of
S				quoonon	photo essays
					Mini-Lesson Review • The key elements of narratives: - setting - plot - character - theme

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Topics	Oracy	Topic Sentence	Literary Device: Hyperbole	Argument	Creating Visual Texts: The Photo Essay
S T R A T E G I E S	 Mini-Lesson Identification and explanation of oracy skills Small-Group Work Students view a video clip of the finals of a public speaking competition Students discuss which factors (apart from oracy skills) contributed to the winning performance, e.g.: sense of audience use of gestures body language confident delivery Students represent information on a graphic organizer 	Mini-Lesson • Topic sentence • definition • position • development Individual Work • Students are given topic sentences and are asked to develop each, using one of the methods of development identified during the mini-lesson Pair Work • Students evaluate each other's work Whole-Group Work • Whole-class sharing	 Whole-Group Work Students are asked to identify hyperboles in popular songs A list is compiled on the chalkboard Students: determine the purpose of the device discuss its effectiveness Students write short verses using hyperbole Students make presentations Class discussion Feedback Small-Group Work Students are given excerpts from literary texts 	 Students discuss ideas raised and collate the main ideas of the calypso Whole-Group Work Using a T-chart, students identify general characteristics of individuals found in literary works, e.g., evil maliciousness generosity friendliness Students choose one character from a literature text who demonstrates the identified characteristic 	 Small-Group Work Students identify the narrative elements in the photo essay Students make presentations to the class Feedback is given Whole-Group Work Students are given a photo essay and a worksheet Students identify the narrative elements in the photo essay Students make presentations Feedback is given Whole-Group Work Students make presentations Feedback is given Whole-Group Work Students make presentations Feedback is given Whole-Group Work Students are given the same photo essay with captions Students examine each

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S	Small-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Students examine the excerpts and identify	Students list supporting details	 Class discusses: the purpose of the
т	 Students are divided into groups. One member is selected to 	 Students are given part of a paragraph that provides supporting details, and 	examples of extreme exaggeration	from the text to justify their choice	captions - their contribution to the photo essay
R	represent the group and is coached by the group to deliver one of	are asked to create a suitable topic sentence	Students discuss the writers' intent in using hyperbole, and assess	 Students write a paragraph to justify their choice 	Mini-Lesson
Α	the following:a speech on the acceptance of an	• Students share their topic sentences and these sentences are evaluated	its effectivenessClass sharing	Class sharing	Creating captions
T	award - thank you speech - victory speech	by their peers	Feedback	 Feedback Whole-Group Work 	
E G	 Students deliver prepared speeches to an audience 			Students are presented with a provocative	 Small-Group Work Students are provided with materials for a
I	 The audience judges the exercise, using the checklist created 			statement: "Teenagers of today do not respect authority"	photo essay, rubrics, and a checklist
E	checklist created			 Students generate ideas on the topic, 	Students create a photo essay
S				using a graphic organizer	 Students make presentations to the class
				 Students organize ideas in preparation for the writing of an essay 	The photo essays are compiled into a booklet
				 Students write their first drafts 	

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E V A L U A T I O N	 Delivery of short speeches by individual students Creation of graphics to represent oracy skills Assessment of a speech 	 Explanation of term <i>topic</i> sentence Selection of topic sentence from paragraphs Development of a paragraph from a chosen topic sentence 	 Sketch-to-Stretch Written exercises 	 Graphic organizers Final drafts of the argumentative essay 	 Creation of a photo essay Creation of a photo essay journal
R E S O U R C E S	Video clipGraphicsChecklist	 Texts Graphic organizers 	 Charts White board Magazines Comics 	 Texts – calypsoes Graphic organizers 	 Stories Photo essays Graphic organizers Rubrics Checklist Computer

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Critical Listening	Summary Skills	Literary Element: Setting/Atmosphere	Argument: Fallacies	Conventions of Media
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
E A R N	 identify the main point of an argument 	 categorize a group of items 	 describe settings in literary texts 	 explain logical fallacies 	 identify the elements of different types of television programmes
I N G	 detect fallacies in an argument 	 summarize phrases and expressions into one word 	 analyse the use of language in the creation of setting 	 detect three fallacies used in arguments: ad hominem, band wagon, and circular arguments 	 compare and contrast the use of these elements in the different programmes selected
O U T C	 deduce persuasive techniques 	 identify topic sentences 	 determine the relationship between setting and atmosphere 	 present logical arguments 	 state the purpose and function of each
O M E	 assess the validity of an argument 	 identify relevant details 	 appreciate the writer's craft 	 become critical thinkers 	 deduce the conventions that govern formal discussion
S	 become aware of the importance of expressing their views in a respectful manner 	 use connectives to summarize main ideas in a cohesive unit 			 appreciate the importance of being an informed consumer

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S	Individual Work	Small-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work
т	 Students listen to a debate presentation Using a checklist, 	 Students are given lists of items and categorize them 	 Students are given excerpts of graphically described settings 	 Students are presented with examples of the three fallacies, e.g., 	 Students view any popular talk show Students brainstorm
R A	students assess the validity of the arguments presented by each speaker	 Individual Work Students are given copies of paragraphs and copies of paragraphs and copies the statistical terms of term	Students read the excerpts aloud in an attempt to communicate mood	"Smoking cannot be bad for people. Millions of people smoke"	and identify the elements of a talk show, using a graphic organizer
т	 Students present and justify their assessment 	are required to select the topic sentence in each Small-Group Work	and atmosphere of the setting to their peers Small-Group Work	 Students say what each statement means and decide 	Students assess the contribution of each element to the
E G		 Students are given five sentences in random order 	 Students attempt to identify mood/ atmosphere 	whether valid reasons were given • Students are asked	programme Small-Group Work
I.		 Students sequence the sentences and connect them in a meaningful way 	 communicated Students identify features of the 	to give examples of valid reasons to support the main statement	 Students view a panel discussion Students identify the
E			passages that contributed to the creation of the	Slatement	elements of the programme
S			 atmosphere Students note the connection between setting and atmosphere 		 Student discuss the roles played by different members of the panel

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S T R A T E G	Critical Listening Mini-Lesson Developing logical arguments Small-Group Work Students are grouped for debate on a chosen topic Students generate and develop ideas for presentation Students conduct the debate Using a checklist, students judge the delivery of the content	Summary Skills Whole-Group Work • Students are given copies of a cloze passage • Students read the passage and choose the most appropriate connective to complete it Mini-Lesson • Connectives • Class discussion of choice of answers Small-Group Work • Students are grouped and each group is given 15 cue cards with phrases written on them • Students write a word for those phrases on the reverse side of the card		 Argument: Fallacies Mini-Lesson Identification of types of fallacies Explanation of: ad hominem, band wagon, circular argument Small-Group Work Students are asked to write a brief scenario in which they illustrate the use of one of the fallacies identified above. Groups role- play scenarios The other groups infer the fallacy used in the presentation and each student writes one logical argument to replace it 	 Conventions of Media Whole-Group Work Students compare and contrast the elements of a talk show and a panel discussion Students discuss the function of talk shows/ panel discussions Functions are mapped on the chalkboard Whole-Group Work Students view video clips of a talk show and a panel discussion Students identify the conventions that govern formal discussion

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S T R A T E G	 Using a checklist, students evaluate the content of the speech Class discusses the debate presentations The best presentation is chosen 	 Individual Work Students are given a short passage containing redundancies, e.g.: Triangular in shape It is an abandoned house. No one lives there now Students revise the passage to eliminate the redundant words, phrases, and statements Class discussion on the importance of precision in 	Setting/Atmosphere	 Argument: Panacles Paired Work Students are given copies of texts in which these fallacies are used, e.g., advertisement, passages/extracts from magazines, newspapers Students identify the fallacies and replace them with logical arguments Students share information 	 Small-Group Work Students stage and record a talk show/ panel discussion Students critique copies of the recorded programmes
I E S		language use, e.g.: All of a sudden → Suddenly In the end → Finally			

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E V A L U A T I O N	 Identification of: fallacies opinions presented as facts use of persuasive techniques in oral texts 	 Substitute synonyms for underlined phrases Give two examples of redundancies from a passage Write a summary of a given passage 	 Oral description of the atmosphere in an excerpt from a chosen literary text Written analysis of setting and atmosphere in selected literary texts 	Identification of fallaciesWritten essays	 Creation of rubric for assessment Talk show/panel discussion Critique of talk show/ panel discussion
R E S O U R C E S	 Television/radio Video cassette Recorder Tape Recorder/player 	Passage to be summarized	Literary textsGraphics	 Newspapers Advertisements Magazines 	 Video clips Graphics Camcorders Computers

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Topics	Critical Listening	Comparison and Contrast	Role of Character	Speech	Creating Visual Texts: PowerPoint Presentations
Ļ	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
E A R N	 list the different purposes for which a speech can be given 	 identify similarities and differences in texts 	 determine major and minor characters in literary texts 	 adhere to the format of a speech 	determine the elements of effective PowerPoint presentations
I N G	 determine the purpose and distinguishing features of different types of speeches 	 categorize texts based on their similarities and differences 	• define the term <i>role</i>	 generate content suited to the writing task 	 use the computer to generate an innovative PowerPoint presentation
O U T	 establish links between purpose and form 	 become more discerning readers 	 examine roles played by characters 	 determine language appropriate to the writing task 	 value the PowerPoint presentation as a useful communication tool
C O M E	 become aware of the importance of purpose and audience in communication 		 value the contribution of individuals in society 	 become aware of the link between language, audience, and purpose 	1001
S			 empathize with others 	 appreciate language as a means of expressing thoughts and ideas 	

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S	Whole-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Whole-Group Work
т	 Students brainstorm to identify the types of speeches with which they are familiar 	 Sheets of bristol board, each indicating a period of the year, e.g., October 21st to November 22nd, 	Students choose a character in a selected text	 Students are given copies of different types of speeches 	 Students discuss their experiences of PowerPoint presentations either
R	 This information is 	are stuck around the classroom	 Students identify all the other characters 	Students are also given prompt	as viewers or creators
Α	recorded on a web, e.g.:	 Students are asked to go to the area representing 	with whom that character interacts, e.g.:	questions, e.g.: - Whom is the speaker	 Students list on a graphic on the chalkboard:
т		the period during which their birthday falls		addressing? - How does he/she	- the purpose and functions of
E G	Eulogy Sermon Robber Talk Welcome Valedictory	 Each group of students lists on bristol board all the characteristics they have in common 	Juana Juan Thomas	begin the address? - Do the methods of address follow any particular order?	PowerPoint presentations - the advantages and limitations
I E	 Students further categorize the types of speeches identified 	 Each group moves to the area on the right and lists/identifies similarities and differences in 	Coyotito Doctor	 What is the speaker's intention? Does the speaker's intention 	Students discuss the value of PowerPoint as a communication tool
S	Informative – e.g. Oral Business	 characteristics of the people in the two groups This is represented on a Venn diagram and placed between the two sheets 	Mini-Lesson • Factors that determine major and minor characters	affect his/her choice of words? - How does he/she conclude the speech?	 Whole-Group Work Students view a presentation on the use of PowerPoint
	Persuasive - e.g. Political Speech	of bristol board			(Note: the presentation may be done by the teacher, a student, or group of students who
	Social — e.g. Wedding Speech				may have already developed the competence)

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Topics S T R A T E G I E S	Critical Listening Small-Group Work Students listen to three types of speeches: informative persuasive social Students identify the purpose of the speeches and compare and contrast the distinguishing features of each Class shares information	Individual Work <u>Spot the Difference</u> • Students are given two pictures each and are asked to spot the differences between them • The person who finishes first is allowed to point out differences on the enlarged pictures Paired Work • Each student receives an envelope with a sample of two different texts Example of Texts - advertisements - poems - brochures - jingles	 Role of Character Students classify the characters from the selected text into two groups: those who contribute significantly to the development of the plot those who contribute little to the development of the plot Students label the two groups – major/minor Students identify the major and minor characters from another text Small-Group Work In small groups, students take on the role of selected 	 Speech Students examine the speech Students discuss and present their findings Teacher makes a chalkboard summary of the information Small-Group Work Students are divided into small groups, given a choice of speech types, and asked to plan one speech with specific focus on: Format: opening closing Audience Purpose Language 	 PowerPoint Presentations Students note the steps in the procedure Students create a checklist to guide the development of a PowerPoint presentation Students view a PowerPoint presentation Using the checklist created, students assess the presentation Class discussion Feedback Small-Group Work
		- newspaper articles	characters in a literary text	• Language	 In groups, students select a topic and use the computer to create a PowerPoint presentation Class views presentation Feedback is given

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S	Individual Work Students prepare a 	 Each pair of texts must have one sample in common with another 	 Students make a presentation detailing that character's 	Examples of speech types selected:	
т	short speech	pair, e.g.:	relationship with the major character	- A sales representative	
R	Whole-Group WorkClass presentations	 Poem Advertisement 	 Each character is introduced by another member of the group 	persuading audience to buy computers	
A	 Peer review using prepared checklist 		Individual Work	 A welcome speech at a 	
т	Feedback	Poem	 Each student identifies the character who in 	 birthday party Speech on AIDS prevention to the 	
E	Class summary	B • Newspaper • Article	his/her opinion had the most significant	school assembly	
G		Students move around to	impact/least significant impact on the major character's life and in the text	 Individual Work Students write the first drafts of their speeches 	
E		find a student with a sample text that is similar to theirs	 Each student writes a brief justification of his/her choice 		
S		Pairs examine sample texts and list the similarities of the two similar texts and the differences of the other two texts	 Whole-Group Work Students make presentation to the class Students and teacher give feedback on presentations 		

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Topics	Critical Listening	Comparison and Contrast	Role of Character	Speech	Creating Visual Texts: PowerPoint Presentations
E V A L U A T I O N	 Evaluation of taped speech Evaluation of graphics representing different types of speeches 	 Compare and contrast an excerpt from a literature text with one from a science text Compare and contrast an "ole time" character with a modern character from a Carnival band Compare <i>before</i> and <i>after</i> pictures 	Analysis of the role of major and minor characters in selected literary texts	The plan for the speechThe written speech	 Creation of a PowerPoint presentation Analysis of PowerPoint presentations
R E S O U R C E S	 Tape recorder Cassettes Text of speeches Graphic organizers 	 Graphic organizer –Venn diagram Texts – newspaper articles, brochures, poems 	TextsGraphics	 Texts Scenarios and speeches 	ComputerChecklistsGraphics

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STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Oracy	Cause and Effect	Literary Device: Imagery	Exposition: Questioning Skills	Graphic Organizers
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N	 use spoken language to communicate a message to an audience 	 deduce the effects of stated causes 	 identify examples of various kinds of imagery in literary texts 	 frame questions accurately 	 explain the concept of graphic organizers
I N G	 use tone, mood, pitch, volume, and pace when communicating with an audience 	 deduce the cause/s of stated effects 	 explain the concept of imagery in context 	 use different methods to frame questions 	 select appropriate graphic organizers
O U T	 value their voice as an organ for communication 	 determine cause and effect relationships in a given text 	 explain the effectiveness of its use 	 demonstrate effective questioning skills 	 use graphic organizers effectively
C O M E S	 develop self-esteem 	 draw accurate conclusions based on evidence 	 appreciate the power of language to deepen the experience of the reader value the creative process 	 appreciate the value of clear, precise questions 	 value graphic organizers as tools to enhance study skills

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Topics	Oracy	Cause and Effect	Literary Device: Imagery	Exposition: Questioning Skills	Graphic Organizers
S	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Class Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work
т	 Students are given an excerpt containing dialogue for silent 	 Students are presented/shown a photograph, e.g., of a car 	 Teacher plays a popular song in which imagery is used 	 Students are given the following scenarios: 	Students use the computer to research graphic organizers on
R A	 reading Students volunteer to read the lines of the different characters in 	 Students discuss the possible causes of the crash 	 Through discussion, the students deduce the points of comparison 	1. You are a tourist and you need to find your way to a popular site/tourist attraction	 the Internet Students examine a variety of graphic organizers
т	 The teacher or other students read the 	 Students share suggested causes and represent them on a 	• Students describe the image that is created	2. You are a policeman and someone has asked you to help bim/bor find a lost	 Students identify the purpose and function of each
E G	 narrative parts Individual students take turns reading their lines 	 graphic organizer Teacher and students establish cause and effect relationships 	 Students discuss the contribution of the image to their deeper understanding 	him/her find a lost child 3. You need the store clerk's help to make a purchase	 Students make links between the purpose and design of graphic organizers
I E S	 Class discussion of the reading to determine its effectiveness The reading is taped and played 	 Small-Group Work Students are given lists of causes and effects Students match causes with effects 	 Mini-Lesson Definition of imagery Effectiveness of imagery 	 Students volunteer sample questions for each scenario and these are placed on chalkboard Teacher uses 	 Class discussion Students deduce the concept of graphic organizers
	 Mini-Lesson Exploration of tone/pitch and volume and the part they play in effective communication Vocabulary development 	 with effects Students explain the cause and effect relationship 		 information to categorize and point out the different ways that questions can be structured: inversion interrogatory tags Teacher identifies 4Ws and H strategy as a way of formulating questions 	Mini-Lesson • Purpose and function of graphic organizers

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Topics	Oracy	Cause and Effect	Literary Device: Imagery	Exposition: Questioning Skills	Graphic Organizers
S T R A T E G I E S	 Oracy Students are invited to demonstrate alternative ways of reading the lines Students decide on the best way to read the characters' lines The excerpt is read again and taped for a final time Small-Group Work Taped monologue is played, or teacher or student performs a dramatic monologue for students Each group of students is then invited to choose a monologue from one of their literature texts and prepare to present it Whole-Group Work Students make class presentations Students assess other students' presentations using a student-made checklist 	 Cause and Effect Students match pictures to show possible causes and effects in various situations Students describe the cause-effect relationship in writing, e.g.: If you water your plants, they will bloom If you strike a match, it will ignite When you water your plants, they bloom When you strike a match, it ignites 	Literary Device:		

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S	Individual Work	Mini-Lesson	Individual Work	Mini-Lesson	Whole-Group Work
т	 Students are asked to compose a brief response to one of the following experiences: 	 Review of verb forms past tense future tense 	 Students identify examples of imagery in literary texts 	Factors that contribute to effective questioning skills:	 Sample graphic organizers are posted on the chalkboard
R	1. You have just lost your pet		 Students discuss the areas of similarity in the avamples 	 precise phrasing lack of ambiguity avoidance of 	Students examine and critique the samples
Α	2. You have just won a competition	Whole-Group Work	the examplesStudents discuss the	double-barrelled questions	 Students identify essential design
т	 You have been unfairly treated by someone in authority 	Students are presented with an extract from	effects of the use of the literary device in each text		elements of graphic organizers
E	 Students make presentations 	Science or History textsStudents identify the effects of stated equases	 Students establish the intention of the writer 	Individual Work Resource persons 	
G	 Students' responses are taped 	effects of stated causes in the passage	 Students create sketches to show their 	from different professions may be	
I		 Students use T-chart or other graphics to illustrate responses 	understanding of the imagery used in the	invited to make presentations to the class:	
E	Class discussionClass assessment of	Students make	literary texts	 a policeman a secretary	
S	performance	presentations to the class		 a doctor a fashion designer a disc jockey a hair dresser 	

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Topics	Oracy	Cause and Effect	Literary Device: Imagery	Exposition: Questioning Skills	Graphic Organizers
S		Small-Group Work		 Students are asked to prepare a list of 	
т		 Students view a short Science or Geography documentary 		five questions to ask one of the persons who will be invited	
R		 A list of effects is given to them 		Small-Group Work	
Α		 Students view film again and identify the possible 		 Students are grouped based on their choice of 	
т		cause/s that give rise to the effects		career and asked to share and revise their questions	
E		 Students share and discuss their responses 		 Students compile one list for 	
G		Individual Work		submission	
I		 Students read a selected passage and identify cause and effect 		Individual WorkStudents are given	
Е		relationships		comprehension passages	
S		Using appropriate language, students describe, in writing, the cause and effect relationship		 Students create questions based on the passages 	
		 Pair Work Students share and discuss their responses 		Class presentationFeedback	

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Topics	Oracy	Cause and Effect	Literary Device Imagery	Exposition: Questioning Skills	Graphic Organizers
E V A L U A T I O N	 Presentation of monologues chosen from text Checklist for assessing oral performances Written exercise: "The importance of effective communication" Taped responses 	 Identification of cause and effect relationships Composition of statements showing cause and effect relationships Comprehension exercise 	 Identification of imagery in identified literary texts Analysis of effectiveness of imagery 	 Creation of questions for interview of career person Comprehension questions 	 Creation of graphic organizers Strategic use of graphic organizers in other learning tasks, e.g., in making notes, etc.
R E S O U R C E S	 Text Taped monologue Tape recorder 	 Picture Computer Texts Graphic organizer Documentary 	 Literary texts Song Audio cassette player 	 Texts Computer Library Resource personnel 	 Texts Multimedia projector Computer

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STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Oracy	Summary	Plot Structure	Narrative Writing	Headlines and Captions
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N	 pronounce words correctly 	summarize texts	 determine the relationship between story structure and author's purpose 	 generate and develop ideas in response to a given topic 	 state the purpose of headlines and captions
I N G	 enunciate accurately 	 appreciate the value of concise language 	 analyse the story structure of a given text 	 use language effectively to make a story vivid and appealing to an audience 	 describe techniques used in the creation of headlines and captions
O U T C	 use words effectively to create desired effects 	 appreciate the importance of sequence in texts 	 identify different types of story structure 	 use punctuation effectively 	 create headlines and captions for chosen articles and pictures
O M E S	 appreciate language as an efficient vehicle to establish tone, create mood and atmosphere, and communicate a message 		determine the purpose and function of each	 appreciate the creative power of language 	 value the power of concise language
	develop a sense of the aesthetic		appreciate the value of story structure	 become aware of the need to develop their creativity 	
	 appreciate the value of working as a team 		 use story structures effectively to create their own stories 		

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S	Whole-Group Work	Small-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work	Whole-Group Work
т	 Students are given a text and are asked to read quietly Teacher then reads 	 Students are given a short story, drama, or narrative poem and asked to create, in five 	 Students are asked to divide a short story into beginning/middle/ end 	• Students are given a newspaper headline to generate ideas using a Story Star,	<i>Captions</i> • Students are given pictures with captions from the newspaper
R A	• Teacher them reads text and guides whole- class discussion to ensure the text is understood	frames, a comic strip based on itClass presentation and discussion follow	 Students' ideas are presented on chalkboard using a graphic organizer 	e.g.: "Baby found abandoned in fast food outlet"	 Students examine picture in an attempt to identify the relationship between
т	 Students are asked to dramatize portions of 	 Students post comic strips around the room 	Story structure	Story Star	the caption and the picture
Е	the text in order to consolidate meaning	 In groups, students view and evaluate each strip 	Beginning Middle End	Where?	 Students examine the language used in captions
G	 With the help of leading questions, students identify the speaker's tone, and 	 Individual Work Students are given an 		Who? When?	 Chalkboard summary of criteria for effective captions
E	the mood and atmosphere created in the text For example:	experiment from a Science text and are asked to enumerate the steps	Individual Work	Result Why? Conclusion	Mini-Lesson Purpose of captions
S	 What feelings do the words arouse in you? What is the tone of the writer in line? Happy Sad Concerned 	• Students are given a numbered chart with which to record the steps in the process	 Students read short play with a different story structure and perform the same task Class discusses the two types of structures and the effect of each 		 Small-Group Work Students are given three pictures and an envelope with four captions Students match pictures with captions Students explain their choice Whole-class assessment

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Topics	Oracy	Summary	Plot Structure	Narrative Writing	Headlines and Captions
S T R A T E G I E S	 What is the general atmosphere of the text? Identify words/ expressions, which, in your opinion, help to create this atmosphere Chalkboard review and summary Whole-Group Work Students and teachers identify words from the text that they will have to exercise care in pronouncing/ enunciating Words are placed on chalkboard and students listen to the correct pronunciation/ enunciation on tape or by the teacher Students repeat, then practise in small groups 	1.	Mini-Lesson Story Structure • Introduction to terms: • exposition • climax • denouement • Students identify the exposition, climax, and denouement of the play Small-Group Work • In groups, students recount the story of a different literary text • Students identify points of low, moderate, and high interest in the story	 Small-Group Work In relation to ideas generated above, each group of about five students develops a short story Stories are written and shared orally Class discusses the development of the ideas Students revise short stories previously written to improve language used Individual Work Students are given another headline and, after brainstorming, they represent ideas on a story chart 	Individual Work A picture without a caption is taped to the chalkboard Students are asked to create a caption for the picture Class chooses the best caption Small-Group Work Headlines Students examine newspaper articles with headlines Students identify the purpose of headlines Students examine the language used in headlines Students engage in whole-class sharing Chalkboard summary Individual Work The words of a headline are cut apart and placed in an envelope

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S	 Students are invited to listen to the pronunciation and 	Small-Group WorkStudents are given a	 Students represent this information on a graph 	Story Chart Headline	 Students are given the corresponding newspaper article with
т	enunciation of words on tape when	passage and are asked to reduce it to one-third of	Graphs are shared	Character Setting Plot Dev.	the envelope of words
R	necessary Whole-Group Work	 its length Students share and feedback is given 	Students discuss the different structures		 Students are asked to use words in the envelope to create a headline for the article
Α	 Students and teachers mark: 	Students choose one of	Class summary	Students write the	Students read the
т	 the phrasing throughout the text the points at which 	the careers from the Listening/Speaking Strand and create a job		first draft of their story	headlines createdStudents choose the
E	to pause - the words/lines to be said loudly/softly/	application formForms may be presented		Whole-Group Work	most effective headline
G	fast/ slowly - the lines where an	on overhead projector or through a PowerPoint		Mini-Lesson	Whole-Group Work
I	individual voice or small-group work is needed	presentation		Effective use of identified punctuation marks:	 Students compare the language of captions and headlines
E S	 Students practise text in parts and in its entirety, paying 			the semi colon, colon, exclamation mark, comma, period, and	 Responses are noted on a T-chart on chalkboard
	attention to synchronization			inverted commas	Caption Headlines
	 Class presentations 			 Students share orally for peer assessment 	Full Condensed phrases
				Individual Work	Channels
				Students revise stories to ensure the effective use of language and punctuation	Omission of articles

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Oracy	Summary	Plot Structure	Narrative Writing	Headlines and Captions
EVALUATION	Group performances	 Portfolio of tasks done during the unit Diary entry of one day's activity Summary of a newspaper article 	 Mapping story structure on interest graph Identification of story structure of chosen text Written response: "The role of story structure in a given text" 	 The final draft of the short story Story chart Students' portfolios with all four drafts of their story 	 Creation of captions in response to given pictures from the newspaper Creation of headlines for newspaper articles
R E S O U R C E S	TextGraphicsCassettes	 Comic strips Graphic organizers 	 Graphic Organizers Texts – stories 	 Newspapers Graphic organizers 	 Newspaper articles Pictures Graphics

Form 3 — Term 3

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Oracy: Effective Delivery	Completion of Forms	Theme	Letter of Invitation	Cartoons
L	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:	Students will be able to:
A R N	 express themselves clearly and precisely when asking questions 	 interpret information on forms 	 identify themes in a literary work 	 adhere to the format for writing formal letters 	 identify the features of cartoons
I N G	 deduce significant details from responses given 	 deduce the meaning of standard abbreviations used on forms 	 determine how the exploration of a theme in a literary text reveals character 	 identify the essential details needed in a letter of invitation 	explain the functions of cartoons
O U	 respond accurately to questions posed 	 describe how information is organized on forms 	 relate theme to a understanding of point of view 	 use language appropriate for a formal letter 	 outline the devices used in cartoons
T C O M	 demonstrate respect for another person when communicating 	 appreciate the usefulness of forms 	 empathize with characters' responses to situations in which the characters find themselves 	 demonstrate suitable addressing system on envelope 	 explain the procedure used in the creation of cartoons
E S	 appreciate the need for clarity when communicating 	 categorize information needed on forms 		 appreciate the need for precision and clarity in formal letters 	 discern the impact that cartoons can have on the viewer
		 complete forms accurately 			
		 create forms to access data 			
		 appreciate the importance of honesty when completing forms 			

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Efferent Listening: Oracy	Completion of Forms	Theme	Letter of Invitation	Cartoons
S T R A T E	_	 Completion of Forms Small-Group Work Students bring in sample application forms Students examine the forms to classify the types of information asked, e.g.: personal data information related to occupation specifics related to the purpose of application Students point out 	Note • The teacher may wish to select a text/texts that explore some of the themes that may be relevant to the study of this section, e.g.: • conflict • choices • individual in society • power and authority • self-development	 Small-Group Work Class drafts a letter to invite resource persons to address students on career choices Students identify the resource persons to whom letters of invitation may be sent Class engages in discussion to identify 	Cartoons Whole-Group Work Students are given a data sheet before viewing three short cartoons Data Sheet Features of cartoons Language Use concise language narration
G I E S	to gather information about their careers	 abbreviations used on the forms and state what they mean: dd/mm/yy Chalkboard summary 		 essential details needed in the letter: the reason for the invitation the benefits of the visit to the class a suitable close Chalkboard summary 	Character • stereotypical • representational

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Efferent Listening: Oracy	Completion of Forms	Theme	Letter of Invitation	Cartoons
S T	 Small-Group Work Students are grouped according to their career choices 	Mini-Lesson Protocol for the completion of forms: use of appropriate writing implement 	 Individual Work Students read a selected text in preparation for the lesson 	• Students write first draft of their letter (each group is to send a letter to a different resource person)	Setting Single setting
R A	Students collate information gathered during the interview about their chosen	- the need for honesty	 Students reflect on text and create a semantic map of key issues 	 Group letters are read and feedback is given by teacher and atudants on the 	Structure • Fast paced • Episodic
т	careers: - what the job entails - the length of the course of study for	Students choose one of the careers from the Listening/Speaking	raised in the textStudents use a stimulus question:	students on the contents of each letter	
E G	preparation for the career - the institutions where training can	Strand and create a sample job application form	"What is this text about?" Whole-Group Work	 Small-Group Work Students examine the language used in 	Students complete the data sheet after viewing the cartoons
I	 be obtained the qualifications needed job opportunities in 	 Forms may be presented on overhead projector/ bristol board and a computer 	 Students brainstorm key issues and create a general semantic 	their lettersStudents use prepared checklist to	 Student presentations and class discussion followed by chalkboard summary
E S	the field	 Individual Work Students read a vignette that gives a short history of a young person about to make a first flight alone to another country 	 map Students select an issue that is of interest to them Groups are formed, each exploring a different theme 	examine the areas: - grammar - phrasing/ expression - vocabulary/diction - spelling - punctuation - register	 Small-Group Work Based on the cartoons viewed, students discuss: the primary target audience of the cartoons

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Topics	Efferent Listening: Oracy	Completion of Forms	Theme	Letter of Invitation	Cartoons
S	Individual Work Students re-examine 	 Students note that travellers have to fill out an immigration 		Mini-Lesson • Grammar:	- The purpose and function of cartoons
т	their career choices and give reasons for staying with their initial choice or	form before boarding an airplane		 the use of 'will' and 'would' complex sentences 	 Violence in cartoons
R	changing to another	Students fill out the immigration form		 vocabulary development punctuation 	 The responsibility of the cartoonist
Α	Small-Group WorkStudents prepare a	 Students exchange forms and engage in 			Students recreate the story line of a selected cartoon
т	document/write-up on their final career choices	peer review of the forms		 Students edit and revise their letters 	Whole-Group Work
E	All documents are compiled in a single document entitled	Students and teacher engage in explanation of technical terms			 Students view other selected cartoons and identify and
G	<i>Career Choices</i> , and a copy is placed in the library	used on the forms: - point of embarkation - resident/non-			discuss the devices used
E		resident - country of residence			Devices are mapped out on the chalkboard
S		 Students fill out application forms for a passport 			Devices Used in Cartoons
		 Whole-Group Work Class discusses information that a person may need to give on a job application form 			 onomatopoeia exaggeration appeal to the senses use of contrast symbols

STRANDS	LISTENING/SPEAKING	READING	LITERARY APPRECIATION	WRITING	MEDIA/VISUAL LITERACY
Topics	Efferent Listening: Oracy	Completion of Forms	Theme	Letter of Invitation	Cartoons
S	Small-Group Work	Small-Group Work		Mini-Lesson	Individual Work
т	Students plan and prepare for a Career Fair	Students create a job application form		 Addressing the envelope Use of punctuation in 	 Students create another graphic to represent the
R	Students prepare necessary materials:	Students present forms to the class		the address Choice of stationery white	devices mapped out on the chalkboard
Α	 handouts brochures charts 	 Students engage in discussion and are given feedback by 		manila unscented	Whole-Group Work • Students view a
т	 Students host the Career Fair for students 	the teacher		♦ free of graphics	documentary on the making of cartoons
Е	of the other forms Students prepare a 	 Students revise forms 			or view demonstration of how it is done
G	Students become	 Students reproduce forms on the overhead projector 		Small-Group WorkStudents address their	 Students engage in a question and
I	members of a career panel:	Individual Work		envelopes Final draft of letter of 	answer session on the making of cartoons
Е	 they make presentations on specific careers 	 Students are given personal data and job history of different 		invitation is posted to career person identified	 Students produce a step-by-step
S	 they answer questions posed to them by their peers 	persons			procedure for the creation of cartoons
	20010	Using the information given, students fill out one of the job application forms created			

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Topics	Efferent Listening: Oracy	Completion of Forms	Theme	Letter of Invitation	Cartoons
E V A L U A T I O N	 Individual documents describing their career choices Students' questioning skills during the interview Career Fair 	 Evaluation of completed application form Creation of an entry form for an inter-school competition Completion of a form to apply for an identification card 	Monologue • Students adopt the stance of a character and express a personal view related to a theme	 Process – the drafts of the letter Product - The final draft 	 Step-by-step procedure for the creation of cartoons Creation of a graphic representing the features of cartoons Creation of a graphic representing the devices used in the creation of cartoons Written exercise: "The impact of cartoons on the viewer"
R E S O U R C E S	Resource personnel	GraphicsApplication formsVignettes	Literary texts	Writing paperEnvelopes/stampsChecklist	 Documentary films Cartoons Data sheet Television/video Recorder cassette

Part 3

Teaching and Assessment Strategies

Introduction

The English Language Arts curriculum is the major vehicle for the development of communication skills in students. It is concerned with the development of the skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing, and visually representing—skills that are required for learning in all areas of life. The English Language Arts are viewed as foundational to learning across the curriculum.

The English Language Arts curriculum reflects an integrated approach within the subject itself. There is an underlying understanding that the skills identified above cannot be taught in isolation as they serve to mutually reinforce each other.

The focus of the English Language Arts curriculum is on developing within the student knowledge of the language itself, and the ability to use and produce language for various purposes.

Thus, as teachers seek to implement the curriculum in their classrooms, we offer as a guiding principle, the following mission:

We aim to get our learners to develop linguistic fluency, not just the accuracy that has so consumed our historical journey. We are equipping our students with tools for generating unrehearsed language performance "out there" when they leave the womb of our classrooms. We are concerned with how to facilitate lifelong language learning among our students, not just with the immediate classroom task. We are looking at learners as partners in a cooperative venture. And our classroom practices seek to draw on whatever intrinsically sparks learners to reach their fullest potential.

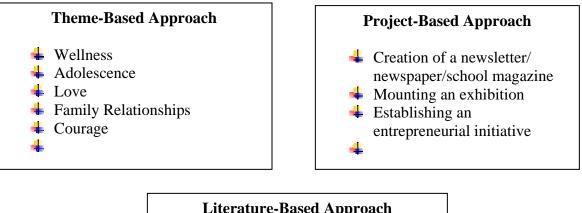
H. Douglas Brown (2001)

Planning for Instruction

The teacher of English Language Arts is encouraged to research and explore innovative and creative ways of planning for instruction. The suggestions that follow are not exhaustive and can be developed and modified to suit the students for whom they are intended.

Some Approaches to Language Teaching

Language serves several major purposes, and several approaches have been identified which help teachers to plan instruction in a way that makes language learning meaningful for students. The approaches identified below are suggestive of some approaches teachers may use to plan instruction, together with examples of topics, concepts, or activities that typify each approach.



Literature-Based Approach

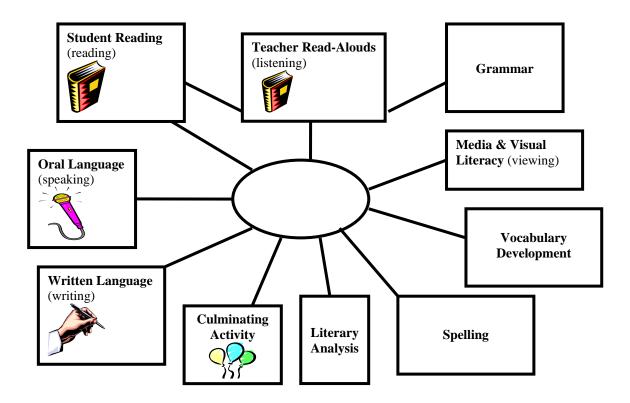
- Prose extract
- Drama extract
- Poem

Task-Based Approach

- Hosting a fashion show
- Hanning a field trip
- 4 Organizing a career fair
- **Inviting a speaker**

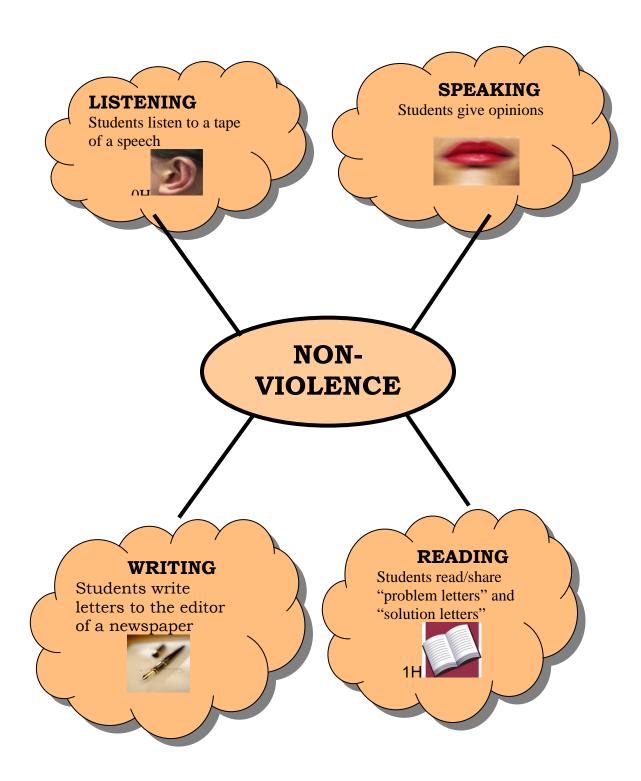
Dramatic Play Approach

- A lost child
- A student who is being bullied
- Playing truant

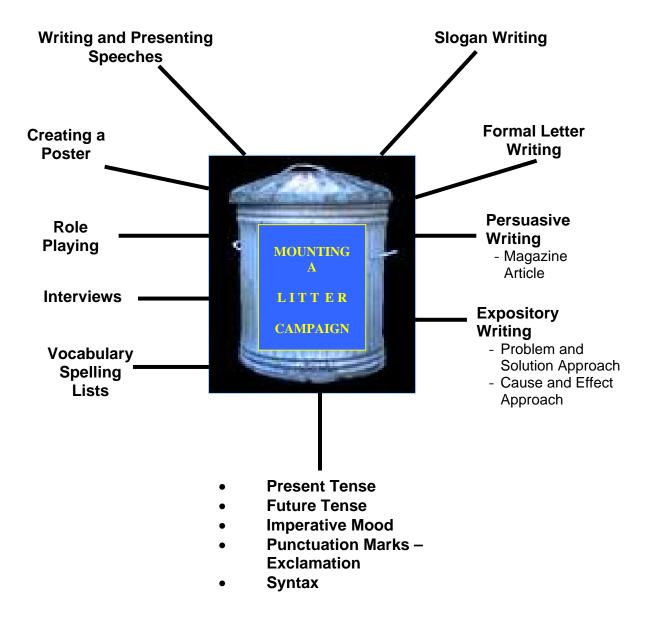


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Theme-Based Approach



Project-Based Approach



Literature-Based Approach

The stimulus: This poem may be used as a stimulus to engage students in language activities as depicted in the graphic that follows the poem.

The Whipping

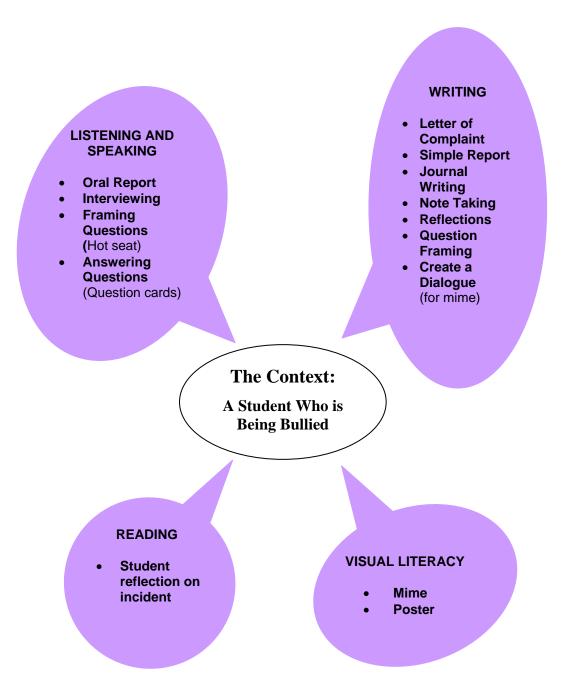
The old woman across the way is whipping the boy again and shouting to the neighbourhood her goodness and his wrongs.	
Wildly he crashes through elephant ears, pleads in dusty zinnias,while she in spite of crippling fat pursues and corners him.	5
She strikes and strikes the shrilly circling boy till the stick breaks In her hand. His tears are rainy weather to woundlike memories:	10
My head gripped in bony vise of knees, the writhing struggle to wrench free, the blows, the fear worse than blows that hateful	15
Words could bring, the face that I no longer knew or lovedWell, it is over now, it is over, and the boy sobs in his room,	20
And the woman leans muttering against a tree, exhausted, purged – avenged in part for lifelong hidings ¹ she has had to bear.	

Robert Hayden

¹ hidings - beatings



Dramatic Play Approach



A Sample Unit Plan

The following sample unit plan attempts to demonstrate to teachers the possibility for integration of lessons across the strands. It also shows the connectivity among lessons and reflects the attempt being made in the curriculum document to consolidate learning and to facilitate the transfer of knowledge.

	Topic:	Persuasive Language Skills	
Year:	200 200_	Term:	1
Form:	3	Teacher:	
Duration:	4 Weeks	No. of Lessons:	6

Section A

General Learning Objectives

Cognitive:	Develop persuasive language skills						
Affective:	Appreciate the use of persuasive language						
Psychomotor:	Demonstrate performances	the	power	of	persuasive	language	through

English Language Arts Strands Involved

Writing, Reading, Listening, Speaking, Viewing

Prerequisite Skills/Concepts

Ability to:

- identify main idea
- identify explicit details
- identify supporting details
- recognize the difference between literal and figurative language
- understand the concept of "audience"

Section B

Lesson Topics

1. Fact and Opinion

Specific Objectives

- differentiate between fact and opinion
- identify characteristic features of subjective language
- perceive bias in writing
- be sensitized to the power of subjective language

2. Inference

Specific Objectives

- infer meaning from text—proverb, fiction, non-fiction
- become aware of implicit meanings
- respond sensitively to implicit meanings

3. Persuasive Writing

Specific Objectives

- identify persuasive devices/techniques used in advertisements
- assess the impact of devices used
- create an advertisement for print media

4. Appeals to the Senses

Specific Objectives

- identify language in poetry that appeals to the senses
- create written texts using language that appeals to the senses
- analyse writer's use of language to create effect

5. Jingles

Specific Objectives

- define the term "jingle"
- identify the associations that are made in jingles
- identify the target groups that jingles are meant to reach
- indicate the purposes for which jingles are used
- give examples of the devices used in jingles
- use devices identified in the creation of their own jingles

6. Advertisements

Specific Objectives

- identify technical devices used in advertisements
- assess the impact of the devices used
- create an advertisement for non-print media

Section C

Methodology

- Whole-group teaching
- Small-group work
- Individual work
- Creation of semantic maps
- Presentation
- Demonstrations

Section D

Resources

- Think sheets
- Checklists
- Video recorder/Video clips
- Cassette recorder/Cassette
- ♦ Graphics

Section E

Evaluation

1. Fact and Opinion

- Identify facts/bias in one of the following texts—newspaper article, letter to the editor, speech, script of a conversation
- Oral presentation

2. Inference

- Matching vignettes with proverbs
- Riddles
- Comprehension passage with inferential questions

3. Persuasive Writing

- Creation of an advertisement
- Assessment of an advertisement that they do not consider effective, using one of the following:
 - checklist
 - written response
 - oral presentation
- Identification of a technique that might be deemed offensive by consumers, supported by reasons

4. Appeals to the Senses

- Poetry analysis
- Presentation using graphic organizers

5. Jingles

- Creation of a jingle
- Creation of graphics to show:
 - purpose/function of jingles
 - target groups

6. Advertisements

- Evaluation of product
- Evaluation of process
- Creation of a Venn diagram to show the common characteristics of media advertisements

Sample Lesson Plan

The focus of this sample lesson plan is Reading Inference. The plan demonstrates the internal integration of the strands of the English Language Arts as well as the possibility for external integration with other subject areas, for example, Science and Visual and Performing Arts. It also seeks to demonstrate a student-centred, activity-oriented approach to the teaching of English Language Arts.

Reading

Topic:	Inference	Duration:	80–90 minutes

Class: Form 3

Objectives

Students will be able to:

- infer meaning from texts—proverb, fiction, non fiction
- respond sensitively to implicit messages

Prerequisite Skill/Knowledge

- ability to identify the main ideas in texts
- ability to identify supporting details
- ability to use context clues

Resources

Texts

- Science experiment reports
- Riddles
- Vignettes
- Short story

Realia

- umbrella
- bowl
- chalkboard

Set Induction

Theatre Sports

- Some objects are placed on the teacher's table, for example, an umbrella, a bandana, a bowl.
- A student selects one and uses it for a purpose other than the one intended.
- Class suggests what the object has become.

Student Activity

Whole-Group Work

- Students are given copies of an experiment from a Science text.
- Class discusses observations drawn from the activity that was conducted.
- Students use information given in experiment to draw inferences.
- Inferences are noted on the chalkboard.
- Students note factors that contribute to making accurate inferences.

Mini-Lesson

- Use of context clues
- drawing conclusions
- identifying details

Whole-Group Work

- Teacher introduces a proverb in a meaningful and interesting way, for example, in a short story.
- Students discuss use of actual proverb.

Small-Group Work

- Students are given copies of proverbs.
- Students read proverbs and say or sketch the meaning.

Whole-Group Work

• Students make presentations and discuss how they arrived at their conclusion.

Individual Work

- Students are given copies of an excerpt.
- Students identify the significant details.
- Students make pertinent links among details.
- Students make inferences.

Closure

Using a graphic, teacher and students review factors that contribute to making accurate inferences.

Evaluation

- Solve riddles
- Comprehension passage with inferential questions
- Match vignettes with proverbs

Sample Teaching/Learning Strategies

In planning instruction, it is important to have a repertoire of strategies that teachers may use for variety and to maintain student motivation. Such a repertoire can also help to ensure that curriculum delivery acknowledges the different intelligences and learning profiles of students. Brief descriptions of sample strategies are provided below, together with suggestions on how they may be implemented.

ABCDarium

Twenty-six ways to gather information.

An *abecedarium* is a 17^{th} century Latin term for an alphabetized record of key features of an area or culture (A is for Accra, B is for Blanchisseuse, C is for Callaloo, D is for Doubles, and so on). An abecedarian is a person learning the literacy of an area or culture.

Step	1	Students are divided into groups and assigned letters of the alphabet.
Step	2	Each group identifies key features of an area, concept, or culture beginning with the letter of the alphabet that has been assigned to it, for example, A is for Accra, B is for Blanchisseuse, C is for Cinquain H is for Haiku.
Step	3	Students compile information on each feature, for example, D is for Drumology. Students bring in drums and describe different kinds of drums.
Step	4	Students choose the best method to present their information, for example, tell a story, do a rap, draw a picture, perform a skit, share a recipe, create a collage.

Clone the Author/Clone the Genre

Successful reading and writing involve the creation of a text world in which meaning is organized and unified. Successful comprehension involves synthesizing what is read into a set of key ideas. *Clone the author* and *clone the genre* help students detect patterns and conventions in texts.

Materials/Procedures

- Single copies of different stories by the same author
- Single copies of different stories in the same genre
- Stack of 3 x 5 index cards or slips of paper
- Paper to make books

Step 1	Teacher reads aloud several different stories by the same author or stories in the same genre.
Step 2	Students are asked to identify features of the story that cut across the different texts. These are listed on the board.
Step 3	Students discuss ways in which they might write their own version of the stories using the patterns they have identified.
Step 4	Students plan their stories on index cards then write them in book form.

Directed Inquiry Activity (DIA)

The Directed Inquiry Activity (DIA), developed by Keith J. Thomas, is an instructional procedure primarily used for content reading. The procedure is specifically designed to help direct students through content materials that contain an abundance of factual information.

The DIA utilizes six specific points of inquiry, namely, Who? What? Where? When? Why? How? To utilize this procedure effectively, the teacher must be thoroughly familiar with the content and organization of the selection. He/She must also have a clear understanding of expectations for student learning.

Not all of the six points of inquiry, however, may pertain to a given reading assignment. In such cases, the teacher may elect to delimit the number of categories used during Prediction.

The five steps involved in employing the DIA are:

1. Surveying the material to be read

- (a) In short selections, students study the titles.
- (b) In longer selections, students study whole chapters, illustrations, subheadings, or topical headings.

2. **Predicting outcomes**

Students are asked to make predictions under each category of the six key inquiry questions.

- (a) Verbal feedback is encouraged.
- (b) Skilful questioning is employed.

3. **Recording predictions**

- (a) Predictions are recorded under appropriate categories.
- (b) Verbal feedback is promoted.
- (c) Skilful questioning is employed.

4. Reading the assigned material

Students read the selection to verify and confirm or reject hypothesized ideas and information.

5. Critically analysing predictions

- (a) Conjectures are reviewed and discussed.
- (b) Additions, deletions and/or modifications of the recorded material are made under the appropriate inquiry categories.

Provisions for the pre-teaching of vocabulary are not explicitly included in the DIA. Nevertheless, the approach affords the teacher the opportunity to attend to vocabulary. This can be done during the hypothesizing phase.

As a prerequisite, teachers should ensure that students are given the proper level of content reading materials.

Fractured Story

In a Fractured Narrative anything can interrupt the story. In this exercise, the students are asked to name characters from fairy tales or folklore. They will then work in pairs and compose a story using two different characters from two different stories, for example, Cinderella and one of the three little pigs. The characters must maintain their integrity in this new story.

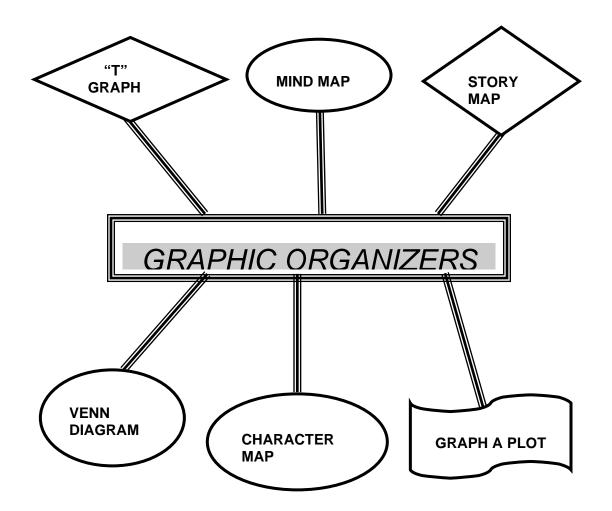
The technique in story writing can be adapted in these ways:

- Changing the ending of a story
- Using a story and choosing your own adventure by asking "What if...?"
- Changing the setting: "What if Hamlet went to the mall?"
- Changing the language or the role of a character
- Changing the perspective of the minor character, for example, changing the perspective of the wolf in the "Three Little Pigs"

By using this technique in story writing, students are in a position to maintain control over the writing because they are using familiar material to draw upon while at the same time infusing new material. The stories become their creations in a unique way. They become authors who can give their characters a perspective. Their writing becomes meaningful because there is a value lesson in the story.

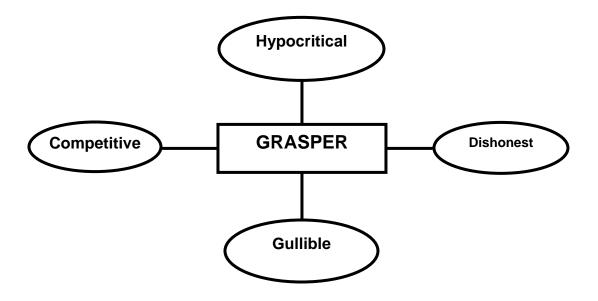
Graphic Organizers

Graphic organizers and other visual tools enable students to clarify and organize information, construct knowledge, and communicate their learning to others.



Story Title:	 	
Setting:		
Characters: _	 	
Source of		
Conflict:		
Event 1	 	
Event 2		
Event 3		
Event 4	 	
Solution:		

Character Map



Literacy Autobiography

- 1. When did you learn to read and write? What are the most significant events or moments you can recall about beginning to read and write? Who inspired you, motivated you? What incentives did you have to learn to read and write?
- 2. What books were important to you as a young reader? What books have influenced you in your lifetime and why?
- 3. How was language used in your family? Do you have any sayings or expressions that are unique to your family or your community?
- 4. What words were important to you as a child? Did you love wordplay, nonsense rhymes, crosswords, invented songs? How did you make language your own?
- 5. Who told you stories? Who read to you? Who was the best storyteller in the family? What family stories do you remember?
- 6. Can you recall a significant moment—a turning point—in your literacy learning? A time when your writing made a difference, perhaps, or your reading took you to another world? Can you describe that moment?
- 7. If you were to make a collage of books/artifacts/cultural objects/locations/ memories that reveal your early literacy development, what would that collection include?
- 8. If you were to perform a moment important to you in your reading/writing/speaking or listening, how would you reconstruct it? Who are the key players? What was the significance of the moment?
- 9. What did you like most/least about writing in school? Outside of school?
- 10. What did you like most/least about reading in school? Outside of school?

Oh Rats!

"Oh Rats!" is a note taking method that students can use while they are reading. The resulting notes can be used later to review materials and study for tests. The following are the steps as they should be taught to students:

O Overview

- Look at the reading assignment
- Read title, headings, and subheadings
- Look at the illustrations and other graphic information and read the captions
- Read the introductory paragraph
- Read the summary and any questions at the end of the assignment

H Headings

- Write the headings on the left side of a folded (lengthwise in half) sheet of paper
- Think about the information each section will contain. Ask yourself these questions: Who? What? Why? Where? How?

R Read

• Read the section and pay attention to information that you think will help you answer your question

A Answer

- In the right-hand column of your folded note page, list the important information
- Only include the information that is needed to answer your questions
- Continue with steps **H**, **R**, **A** until you have finished your reading assignment

TS Test-Study

- Re-read your notes, make corrections, and add any information you missed
- Fold your paper in half so you see only the headings
- Ask yourself your heading questions, then check your answer by looking at the answer column

Survey, Question, Read, Recite, and Review (SQ3R)

Step 1: S = Survey	The student surveys the materials, giving careful attention to the title, introductory pages, headings, organization of the material and summary. Following this survey, the student should try to recall as much information as possible before going on to the next step.
Step 2: Q = Question	As the student reviews what is remembered from the survey, and reads the material, specific questions should be formulated. These questions assist the reader in establishing purposes for reading.
Step 3: R = Read	With the specific questions in mind, the student reads the material to locate answers. It is possible that answers to all of the questions will not be found, and in that case, other resources must be sought. In addition, the students should be encouraged to use these unanswered questions during class discussion.

Step 4: R = Recite	After reading the material, the student should recite the answers to the questions formulated prior to reading. This assists in remembering and leads the student to summarize the ideas presented. Recitation will help the student to become more critical in analysing the information and possibly question the logic of some of the author's ideas. This recitation is a personal matter; it is not a recitation to others in the class.
Step 5: R = Review	At this point, the student should review the ideas presented in the entire selection and may outline them mentally or on paper. He or she should attempt to fill in the specific details from what was read. If the student cannot review the material in this matter, then the teacher may need to assist the student to

develop the higher-level comprehension skills of interpretive

Theatre Sports

Aim: To demonstrate the value of using the dramatic arts to enhance literacy learning

and critical reading.

Strategies:

- Spot improv
- Role playing
- Extempo
- Mime
- Mirroring
- Mood poems

Activities

Spot improv	Using objects from our ABCDarium, we ask the actors to work up a scene around each of them.
Role playing	As audience, we choose scenes for actors to perform, first in dialect, then in Standard English.
Extempo	Using words from the word box, actors make up a rhyme on the spot (with or without melody).
Mime	Actors pick a piece of paper that holds a word describing one of the senses. They open the box (or door, or package) and mime the word they have been given. Audience describes facial features/body gestures.

- *Mirroring* Groups stand in circles. Each person takes a turn. First person says a line in a tone to convey a particular emotion (e.g., "I don't believe it"). First person steps back. The others (one at a time, in turn), step into the circle and repeat what the previous person did (how they stood, how she/he spoke). Person two chooses another line, conveying another emotion. Process is repeated.
- *Mood poems* Teams of two or three people select an activity. Together, the team builds a tableau (a freeze frame) that conveys the mood at the core of the activity. The team members position their bodies and faces to illustrate the activity. Others must guess what is being communicated.

The Writing Process

Stage 1 PreWriting

During this stage, students:

- decide on a topic on which to write;
- consider the audience for whom they are writing, the purpose for writing, and the form their writing will take;
- generate and organize their ideas.

They may therefore be involved in a number of activities:

- Drawing
- Clustering, Semantic mapping
- Conducting research
- Brainstorming
- Peer or group discussion
- Impromptu presentations
- Freewriting

Stage 2 Drafting

During this stage, students:

- > get their ideas down on paper to create a rough draft;
- > may change their earlier considerations on audience, purpose, and form.

They may therefore be involved in activities like:

- ➢ Writing
- > Reflecting

Stage 3 Revising

During this stage, students:

- clarify and refine ideas;
- obtain feedback on their first draft;
- ➢ create another draft.

They may therefore be involved in the following range of activities:

- Rereading the rough draft
- Sharing with a person (peer or teacher) or group
- Revising the first (or second or third ...) draft

Stage 4 Editing

During this stage, students:

create the final draft.

They may therefore be involved in the following range of activities:

- Distancing themselves from the written piece
- Proofreading to locate errors
- Correcting errors

Stage 5 Publishing

During this stage, students:

- ➢ share their work with others;
- develop confidence in their writing ability.

They may therefore be involved in the following range of activities:

- Making presentations
- Delivering oral reports
- Performing
- ➢ Reading
- Publishing
- Displaying

Assessment

Unlike the traditional approach to assessment, which is to provide a mark or grade to rank students at the end of the term, the approach to assessment advocated in the English Language Arts curriculum conceptualizes assessment as an integral and continuous part of the instructional process.

Students should be assessed at various points of the instructional process. *Diagnostic* assessment is used at the beginning of the year or new unit, in order to establish students' prior knowledge. *Formative* assessment takes place during the term, and is an indicator of how far the student has progressed, giving the teacher a good idea of how far students are from reaching the desired learning objectives, and what else has to be done. Formative assessment also suggests to the teacher how approaches to instructional delivery may have to change. *Summative* assessment takes place at the end of the unit, term, or year and provides the evidence of the knowledge, skills, and so on, that students have developed throughout the teaching cycle.

The results of continuous assessment help the teacher to guide instruction, monitor student progress, and ensure that the learning needs, interests, and abilities of all students are addressed. Continuous assessment provides the tools to identify "struggling students," and reinforces the view that "all students can learn." Since most students learn by doing, students must be actively involved in the learning and self-assessment process.

Competence in language is a necessary life skill. As such, students should be engaged in authentic language tasks in the classroom and should therefore also be assessed and evaluated in authentic ways. The evaluation procedures used must also be compatible with the instructional objectives set by the teachers.

Authentic assessment:

- engages students in tasks that are grounded in instruction;
- is personally meaningful for the students;
- employs tasks used in real-life contexts.

Authentic assessment is also called "performance assessment," in that it refers to the type of student response being assessed. For example, to test punctuation, use an assessment of a performance item that involves students in writing and punctuating their own writing, for example, portfolios, which encourage students' self-reflection, self-discovery, and self-assessment.

Authentic assessment thus allows for students to be evaluated by means of a range of language tasks, for example:

- An oral presentation as a member of a panel
- A performance to demonstrate understanding of discrete language items
- Creation of advertisements and brochures

A natural outcome of a performance-based curriculum is the use of performance-based evaluation strategies. In any language curriculum in which the teaching and learning of the language is contextualized, based in authentic situations, and where a heavy emphasis is placed on function and use, there must be a corresponding emphasis on evaluating the developmental process as well as student performance in the language.

Language learning is also a social activity, and students' ability to engage in the use of language during the course of interaction with others will also be evaluated. Some criteria for evaluation follow:

- Ability to initiate discussion
- Willingness to engage in communicative activities
- Receptivity to ideas of other
- Evidence of reflective thinking
- Ability to participate in group activities
- Willingness to share
- Willingness to act upon advice
- Concern for presentation of work

Care must also be taken to ensure that evaluation strategies vary and cater to the multiple intelligences that students possess. Students must therefore be allowed to sketch, create graphics, make oral presentations, do demonstrations, as well as engage in written exercises. Only then will each be given equal opportunity to perform well at all given tasks.

This section provides the teacher with ways of determining whether and how much their students have learned. The expectation is that teachers will move away from sole reliance on traditional pencil and paper tests and will develop a repertoire of assessment strategies that allow students to show what they can do. The assessment strategies signal a shift from "one shot" summative assessments of learning to (trans)formative assessments for learning that allow for feedback and remediation as necessary. Evidence of student learning therefore moves away from a focus on product-oriented assessment to a process approach (inclusive of self-assessment strategies) that fosters an understanding of how to arrive at the place where one wants to go.

As the focus of the national curriculum is "a student-centred approach to instruction," continuous assessment is an integral component of student-centred learning. This approach to assessment and evaluation results in language learning being more interactive, more interesting, and more meaningful for students. When used in addition to the traditional methods of assessment, therefore, alternative assessment methods give greater coherence to the evaluation process. These alternative methods or instruments used for assessment must be varied enough to provide students with a range of opportunities to develop the competencies expected of English Language Arts students.

Some alternative modes that can be part of the formative assessment of students' language competencies follow:

- Discussion structured talk
- Oral presentations, for example, prepared speeches, impromptu speeches, choral speaking, monologues
- Panel discussions, television talk shows, and interviews
- Oral responses to listening exercises
- Oral responses to recreational reading
- Graphic organizer response to reading literature
- Oral and written reading comprehension exercises
- Open-ended essays
- Research projects
- Written reports
- Composing oral and written arguments
- Portfolios of writing tasks, for example, poems, short stories, raps, calypsoes, essays, letters, diary/journal entries, speeches
- Journal writing
- Learning logs
- Checklists
- Conferences
- Taped recordings
- Observations
- Production of brochures, comic strips, cartoons
- Design of advertisements
- Project-based activities, for example, fashion show, magazine or newsletter productions
- Creation of charts
- Role play
- * Task-based activities, for example, planning a field trip

Some sample evaluation activities and instruments in the various strands are included for use and adaptation by teachers.

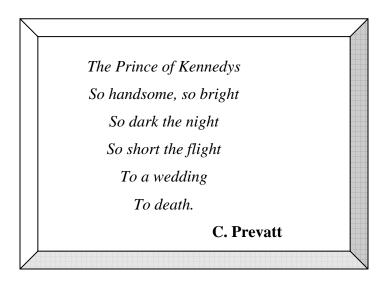
Appreciative/Creative Listening

Assessment Focus: Listening Comprehension

Benchmark:

To apply comprehension strategies and respond to mood and feelings of poem

Listen to the following poem and then complete the tasks given.



Sample Instrument for Appreciative/Creative Listening

	Criteria	In Progress	Basic	Proficient			
Skill:	Skill: Responding to mood/feeling of the poem						
Task:	(a) Complete the statement by putting in an appropriate word: "The poet was feeling"	Tries, but unable to answer	Bad	Any appropriate synonym			
	(b) Two reasons why I think so are and 	No logical reason	One logical explanation	Two logical explanations			
Skill:	Responding creatively to poem						
Task:	You are a relative of the deceased. Say (or write) how you feel in two or three sentences or a short poem	Inappropriate response	Some feelings in a few words	Appropriate response in two or three sentences or a poem			

Structured Talk

Task

Pretend you are a television reporter covering a CARICOM Heads of Government Conference. You are interviewing the Prime Minister/Head of State of another country. (Standard English is the expected language). You may have to make a presentation to your peers on the salient points explored in the interview.

Guidelines

The classmates become the audience to whom the talk on the interview is presented.

- Each member should have a specific responsibility, for example, leader/encourager, scribe, monitor of the process (using the checklist), timekeeper, actors
- The monitor of the process should check:
 - the timeliness of the process
 - whether everyone has the opportunity to speak
 - whether the task is progressing
 - whether Standard English structures are used
 - whether participants give way to, and disagree courteously with, other speakers
- Discussion during the task should focus on:
 - selection of the content
 - coverage of the topic/s
 - questions/answers/dialogue
 - practice for the group presentation
 - use of Standard English structures
 - giving way to and disagreeing courteously with other speakers
- The monitor may use the Structured Talk Checklist for Peer Assessment to record scores for each member of the group. With this assessment, the monitor may initiate discussion with the group about their performance before they present to the class. In subsequent assessments, the roles will be rotated so that each student is given the opportunity to assess the entire group.

Criteria	Yes	Partly	No
	3	2	1
I shared my ideas and offered my suggestions			
I used Standard English structures			
I spoke at an appropriate pace			
I asked questions to get information			
I answered other persons' questions			
I remained on the topic and helped the group to stay focused			
I understood the content			
I encouraged others to participate/have a turn at speaking			
I disagreed without hurting others' feelings			
I summarized or repeated my ideas when necessary			
I gave reasons for my opinions			
I listened courteously and effectively			
I tried to understand and extend others' ideas			
I took notes on the main point			
I prepared for the group presentation			
I practised sufficiently to feel confident to participate in group discussion			
Total Score			

Sample Self-Assessment for Structured Talk

Criteria		Joh	n	В	onn	ie	Frank			Susan		
		Ρ	Ν	Υ	Ρ	Ν	Υ	Ρ	Ν	Y	Ρ	Ν
Shared ideas and offered suggestions												
Used Standard English structures												
Spoke clearly												
Spoke at an appropriate pace												
Asked questions to get information												
Answered other persons' questions												
Remained on topic												
Helped the group to stay focused												
Understood the content												
Encouraged others to participate/have a turn at speaking												
Disagreed without hurting others' feelings												
Summarized or repeated ideas when necessary												
Gave reasons for opinions												
Listened courteously and effectively												
Tried to extend others' ideas												
Took notes on the main points												
Prepared for the group presentation												
Practised sufficiently to feel confident to participate in group discussion												
Total Score												

Sample Peer Assessment Checklist for Structured Talk

Key:

 $\mathbf{Y} = Yes$ $\mathbf{P} = Partly$

 $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{No}$

Presenting a Prepared Speech

Task

The students are asked to present a prepared speech of three minutes on a specific topic.

Guidelines

- The subject may be topical and/or controversial.
- It should be communicated to the students at least two weeks before the presentation is expected to allow time for research and preparation.
- At a higher level, the students may be given a broad area to research and may be asked, at short notice, to make an impromptu presentation on a limited aspect of that topic.
- This may be done as formative assessment, which follows the first task.
- Peer assessment may be used to evaluate the impromptu presentations. Groups of students may focus on different aspects of these presentations, for example, the Introduction.
- Students may also be given an opportunity to provide their own self-assessment.

Criteria	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Needs Considerable Improvement				
	5	4	3	2	1				
Section 1: Introduction									
Performs an action/ uses a statement to introduce topic									
Evokes a response from the listener									
Clearly states the topic									
Section 2: Body									
Uses relevant content									
Uses effective transitional terms									
Maintains focus (does not deviate from topic)									
Presents ideas coherently (leads smoothly from one idea to the next)									
Offers proper support for ideas presented									
Effectively develops ideas									
Section 3: Conclusion	n								
Conclusion logically derives from the body									
Main points are succinctly summarized									
A sense of closure is manifested									

Sample Speaking Assessment Instrument

Criteria	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Needs Considerable Improvement						
O mona	5	4	3	2	1						
Section 4: Language Proficiency											
Uses Standard English											
Uses appropriate vocabulary											
Uses a varied vocabulary											
Uses a variety of sentence patterns											
Section 5: Presentation	on										
Maintains eye contact with audience											
Effectively connects with members of the audience in all parts of the room											
Maintains effective pace throughout presentation											
Modulates voice in order to be heard by entire audience											
Uses gestures at appropriate times											
Speaks fluently											

Assessing Response to Literature

Task

The student will complete the grid after reading a book.

Under the first section, the students will write the information that properly identifies the book. Under the second section, the students will write a statement about each of the elements.

For the final section, the students will write a short answer.

1.	Identification of Book	Put in the information to identify the book
	✤ Title	
	✤ Author	
	✤ Genre	
	✤ Illustrator	
	 Publisher 	
2.	Content	Write a sentence about each of the elements
	✤ Plot	
	 Main Character 	
	Setting	
	 Point of View/Perspective 	
	✤ Theme	
3.	Personal Response	Write a few sentences to say how you feel about the book

Assessing and Evaluating Letter Writing

Theme: "Self-discovery/self-expression"

Learning Outcome

The student is able to write a detailed personal letter using correct grammar and usage

Evaluation Activity

Students are asked to write a letter to a pen pal who is a Form 1 secondary school student in another country. Each letter should include the following details:

- Where is the student from (name and description of town and community, including a description of local characteristics, such as climate, vegetation, urban/rural, etc.)?
- What is the student like (physical characteristics, age, etc.)?
- What is the student's family like (number of brothers and sisters, extended family, parents' occupations, details about home life, etc.)?
- What are student's likes and dislikes (foods, television programmes, sports, pastimes, etc.)?
- What is school like for the student (favourite subjects, description of daily activities, etc.)?

The letter should end by posing specific questions to which the recipient should be asked to respond.

If possible, students should actually mail their completed letters, either via regular mail or e-mail. Addresses of many schools interested in pen-pal programmes can be obtained on the Internet.

Scoring Rubric

Writing Skills	Marks									
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Grammar	×									
Mechanics (punctuation, spelling, penmanship)	×									
Fluency (effective language use, sentence variety)	×									
Relevance (content in relation to topic)	×									
Vocabulary	×									



Mechanical Accuracy

This procedure for assessing mechanical accuracy consists of deducting marks from a given total. For example, a student may lose marks for grammatical errors, misunderstanding words, misspellings, etc.

Criteria for Evaluation

A. Content of Writing

B.

1.	The letter addresses all specified content	40
2.	The letter is clearly organized (logical organization)	10
Mec	hanics of Language and Writing	
3.	Student writes in complete sentences	10
4.	Student writes without errors in spelling and grammar	10
5.	Student makes correct use of verb tenses	10
6.	Student uses correct punctuation	10
7.	Student utilizes appropriate letter format	10

Points

SCORING RUBRIC

1. The letter addresses all specified content

- 40 The letter not only addresses all specified content, but adds many details and additional information about the writer. There is a great deal of descriptive narrative. The letter is complete, including questions for the respondent.
- 35 The letter addresses all specified content, and adds some details and additional information about the writer. There is a lot of descriptive narrative. The letter is complete, including questions for the respondent.
- 30 The letter addresses all specified content, but adds few details and additional information about the writer. There is some descriptive narrative. The letter is complete, including questions for the respondent.
- 25 The letter addresses all specified content, but adds few details or additional information about the writer. There is only one complete sentence that addresses each specified type of content. The letter is complete, including at least one question for the respondent.
- 15 The letter does not address one specified type of content.
- 10 The letter does not address two specified types of content.
- 5 The letter does not address three specified types of content.
- 0 The letter does not address four or more specified types of content.

2. The letter is clearly organized (logical organization)

10 The letter flows smoothly from start to finish, with good use of transitional sentences. The letter is completely understandable and fully coherent.

3. Student writes in complete sentences

10 All sentences have a subject and verb and are written as complete sentences with good structure.

4. Student writes without errors in spelling and grammar (including correct use of singular/plural)

10 Letter has no errors in spelling or grammar.

5. Students make correct use of verb tenses

10 All verb tenses in the letter are correct.

Narrative Writing

Task

After reading a story, students write a story about one of the minor characters, for example, *the Fairy Godmother* in *Cinderella, Jim* in *Tom Sawyer*.

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Imagine that you have done something exciting, interesting, or out of the ordinary. Write a story about what happened.

	Criteria	Yes	No	Comments
1.	Content: Story Grammar			
	 Setting 			
	 Characters 			
	✤ Plot			
	 Episodes 			
	 Conflict resolution 			
2.	Organization			
	 Title sequence 			
	 Effective sentence structure 			
	 Varied sentence structure 			
	 Effective transitional words and devices 			
	 Paragraphing 			
	 Heading/sub-heading 			

Sample Assessment Instrument for Narrative Writing

	Criteria	Yes	No	Comments						
3.	3. Expressive Skills									
	 Use of dialogue (vernacular and standard structures selected as appropriate to context) 									
	 Use of figurative language 									
	 Use of significant details 									
	 Observance of Standard English rules where appropriate 									
	 Use of sensory data 									
4.	4. Language Proficiency									
	 ♦ Grammar 									
	 Spelling 									
	 Indenting of paragraphs 									

Argumentative Writing

Task

The students are assigned a topic that is currently in the news and allowed a period of time to gather supporting information relative to the pros and cons of the issue. The class then engages in discussion about the issue in order to build upon the knowledge that the students have gleaned. The teacher then assigns students to different sides of the argument and they write an argumentative essay stating and supporting the positions they have been assigned.

	Criteria	1	2	3	4	5	Comments
1.	Content						
	 Stated point of view 						
	 Used supporting details/ evidence 						
	 Refuted opposing views 						
	 Logically developed arguments 						
	 Used relevant evidence 						
2.	Organization						
	 Structured and used paragraphs effectively 						
	 Sequenced ideas logically 						
	 Used effective transitional words and devices 						

Sample Self-/Peer Assessment Instrument for Argumentative Writing

	Criteria	1	2	3	4	5	Comments
3.	Expressive Skills						
	 Used questioning effectively 						
	 Varied sentence structure 						
	 Used short sentences effectively 						
	 Used arguments that appeal to the emotions 						
	 Used rhetoric effectively 						
	 Used repetition effectively 						
	 Used appropriate organizational strategies to make points effectively 						
4.	Language Proficiency						
	 Used complete sentences 						
	 Used Standard English rules 						
	 Used appropriate spelling 						
5.	Conclusion						
	 Clinched the argument 						

Using Portfolios

Purpose

- To allow students to monitor their own progress over time
- To identify strengths and weaknesses of students
- To facilitate communication with parents
- To assist in developing the students' profiles
- To assist students to develop the skill of goal setting
- To help students to develop the skills of reflection and self-evaluation
- To document learning in areas that are not easily tested
- To gain information about many facets of each student's development

Standardization

- The same content should be expected from all students. One suggestion may be a selection of the different kinds of writing:
 - 2 narrative
 - 2 expository
 - 1 descriptive
 - 1 argumentative
 - 1 poem
 - 1 one-act play
- One or two pieces may document the student's growth through the entire writing process, that is, these pieces will include all of the drafts done in order to produce the final draft.
- One piece of writing may also be a piece done under controlled conditions, and in a specific time frame (for half-hour in class).
- The pieces should be selected at different intervals throughout the school year so that the development of skills is reflected in the final portfolio compilation.
- Cross-curricular themes should be encouraged.
- The students should have a say in deciding (under the conditions set out) which pieces of their work they wish to have included.

	Criteria					3	2	1
1.	Or	ganization						
	*	Cover and design						
	*	Title						
	*	Pagination						
2.	Re	flection						
	*	Goal setting						
	*	Growth and development						
	*	Reflection/self-assessment						
	*	Acknowledgement						
3.	Со	ontent						
	Na	rrative Writing	(20)					
	*	Dated and labelled						
	*	Reflection on purpose and significance						
	De	scriptive Writing	(20)					
	*	Dated and labelled						
	*	Reflection on purpose and significance						
	Ex	pository Writing	(20)					
	*	Dated and labelled						
	٠	Reflection on purpose and significance						
	Le	tter Writing	(20)					
	٠	Dated and labelled						
	*	Reflection on purpose and significance						

Sample Instrument for Assessment of Portfolios

Criteria		5	4	3	2	1
Persuasive Writing	(20)					
 Dated and labelled 						
 Reflection on purpose and significance 						
Research Project	(20)					
 Dated and labelled 						
 Reflection on purpose and significance 						
Work Completed in Class	(20)					
 Dated and labelled 						
 Reflection on purpose and significance 						
Process from Beginning to End	(20)					
 Dated and labelled 						
 Reflection on purpose and significance 						

Checklists

Among the items maintained by students in their portfolios may be a series of checklists. Items on a checklist will vary depending on your purpose, subject, and class/form level.

Checklist items can be used easily by a student to assess present performance as compared with previous self-assessments.

Open-ended questions, which allow comments, encourage the student to provide additional information as well as to do some expressive writing.

A checklist can also be constructed to assess the group's use of basic reference materials. After a student has demonstrated each of the skills satisfactorily, a check is made next to the student's name by the teacher in conference with the student.

	Did the Student	Yes	No	Comments
1.	Speak so that everyone could hear?			
2.	Finish sentences?			
3.	Seem comfortable in front of the group?			
4.	Give a good introduction?			
5.	Seem well informed about the topic?			
6.	Explain ideas clearly?			
7.	Stay on the topic?			
8.	Give a good conclusion?			
9.	Use effective visuals to make the presentation interesting?			
10	. Give good answers to questions from the audience?			

Oral Report – Assessment Checklist

Reference Sources Assessment Checklist

	CRITERIA	Bill	Tara	Fred
1.	Uses picture captions and titles to organize information			
2.	Uses glossaries and dictionaries to identify word meaning			
3.	Uses dictionaries as aids to pronunciation			
4.	Uses a variety of reference works, including sources on the Internet			
5.	Uses an atlas			
6.	Uses the telephone directory and the Yellow Pages as sources of information when the task demands			
7.	Uses an index to locate information			
8.	Uses newspapers and magazines as sources of information			
9.	Writes letters to obtain information			
10	Accesses computer database sources			

Recreational Reading

Task

Students share what they have read informally through use of the "Author's Chair" (see Glossary).

- Students bring in a favourite piece of reading material or choose something from the library box in the classroom.
- * The students engage in USSR (Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading).
- * The students sit in the Author's Chair to make their informal presentations.
- Peer assessment takes place.
- * There is group talk about the presentation.

Sample Peer Assessment Instrument for Recreational Reading

Criteria	Yes	Not Sure	No
Was the reading material clearly identified?			
Did the presenter make it clear whether he/she liked or disliked the item read?			
Did the presenter make it clear what the item was about?			
Did the presentation make you become interested in reading the item?			
Could you hear the presentation clearly?			

Reading – Synthesis/Integration of Language Skills

Task

The students are asked to research and present, both orally and in writing, a project that integrates the use of as many language skills as possible. It should not only demonstrate the students' ability to gather information, but also their ability to analyse the information and draw their own conclusions from it.

Specific Example of a Task

Find out about and write a paper on "Dying Species in My Country."

Guidelines

This activity will synthesize/integrate a wide range of language skills. All of the instruments that would have been developed to assess any relevant skills may therefore be used to formatively assess the project. The following checklist is an instrument that may be used in a summative manner to judge the project in its entirety.

Criteria	Very Good	Good	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Little or No Grasp of Concepts
	5	4	3	2	1
Title					
Foreword					
Table of contents					
Page numbering					
Illustrations and other support materials					
Content					
Coverage					
Relevance					
Organization					
Use of appropriate/clear sub-headings					

Sample Instrument for Assessment of Research Project

Criteria	Very Good	Good	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Little or No Grasp of Concepts
	5	4	3	2	1
Development of ideas in support of main points					
Personal reflection					
Conclusion					
Sense of closure					
Summary skills demonstrated					
Logically derived from content					
Language proficiency					
Standard English rules observed					
Appropriate vocabulary used					
Varied vocabulary used					
Well-structured sentences					
Variety of sentence types used					
Appropriate paragraphing					
Effective use of transitional words and devices					

A Note on the Assessment Structure for the NCSE Level 1

The marking system is as follows:

- \blacktriangleright 60% on continuous assessment during the term
- \succ 40% on the end-of-term assessment

Suggested Assessment Structure

Criteria	Formative	Summative
Listening and Speaking		
(structured talk, speech, oral reading, etc.)	10	10
Reading Comprehension and Literature	25	15 Getting meaning from a specific type of passage or media
Writing and Media/Visual Literacy – (Portfolio)	25	15
Total	60%	40%

Guidelines for Assessment Structure

Weighting can vary according to needs; the above is merely an example.

Guidelines for Teaching Grammar

As indicated in the introductory section, the curriculum guide emphasizes the teaching of grammar in context. In the section, "Curriculum Content," grammatical items that have challenged students seeking to acquire competence in English have been identified for direct instruction by the teacher.

It is expected that, as with other aspects of the syllabus, students will demonstrate different levels of competence—ranging from those who use the language with a degree of excellence and even flair, to those for whom the structures and patterns of English are more challenging, primarily due to the influence of the Creole.

The teacher is therefore expected to model the use of the standard in the classroom. Additionally, the teacher, in daily interaction with students, will be aware of those items of grammar (in addition to those signalled in the "Curriculum Content") that require greater attention in the teaching/learning process and treat with them accordingly.

Teachers should also note that single citations of grammatical items in the "Content" should not be construed as one-off exercises in grammar drills. Recurrent use in the context of both receptive and productive activities is necessary.

Teachers are therefore expected to explore ways in which grammar may be taught to students in our linguistic context.

Resources for Teaching

The teacher of English Language Arts, even while in possession of a textbook that may help in providing enrichment activities for students, must draw on resources that are "out there" at his/her disposal, thus creating the supportive environment needed for language learning.

The teacher can therefore explore the use of the following suggested resources for teaching (the list is not exhaustive):

- school literature and other literature that appeal to students' interests
- newspapers
- magazines
- clips from television programmes/films
- students' experiences
- flyers/posters
- art
- recordings of radio programmes
- recordings of debates and other oral presentations
- the natural environment
- the social environment
- field visits/trips/tours
- other subject area content

Teachers must also be guided by the recognition that the student for whom instruction is being planned is immersed in and greatly influenced by the world of technology. Teachers must therefore integrate the use of modern technology at their disposal—the computer and available and suitable software, as well as any other devices—as an integral part of curriculum implementation.

The expertise and creativity of the teacher, together with the software and hardware:

- facilitate meaningful interaction between teacher and student, student and student, and student and curriculum;
- allow the teacher to cater to students' needs, abilities, interests, learning styles, and pace;
- provide opportunities for students to take charge of their own learning while the teacher serves as guide and facilitator in the learning process.

Suggested Reading Lists

This curriculum requires a literature-rich classroom where books and other reading material are always accessible to the student. Reading literature, especially local and other West Indian literature, and expository materials is central to English Language Arts. Students read and respond in writing, speak about what they read, and respond orally and visually to what they read. In addition, reading for pleasure, for research and for enrichment should be continually emphasized. What follows is a list of titles that students in the different forms may find appealing, depending on their interests. The list is not exhaustive. Teachers will be able to identify other titles for classroom teaching. The school librarian, when considering titles for addition to the library, may use the list as a guide.

Author's Name	Titles
Prose (Novel)	
Achebe, Chinua	Chike and the River
Alcott, Louisa May	Eight Cousins
Allen, Eric	The Latchkey Children
Burnett, Frances Hodgson	The Secret Garden
Byars, Betsy	The Cartoonist
Carpenter, Richard	The Complete Adventures of Robin of Sherwood
Carroll, Lewis	Alice in Wonderland
Cleary, Beverly	Ramona Quimby, Age 8
D'Costa, Jean	Escape to Last Man Peak
D'Costa, Jean	Spratt Morrison
Dahl, Roald	Matilda
DeJong, Meindert	The House of Sixty Fathers
Fitzhugh, Louise	Harriet the Spy
Gallico, Paul	Jennie
Gallico, Paul	The Small Miracle
Gallico, Paul	The Snow Goose
Garnett, Eve	The Family From One End Street

Year 1

Author's Name	Titles
George, Jean	My Side of the Mountain
Grahame, Kenneth	The Wind in the Willows
Guy, Rosa	Paris, Peewee and Big Dog
Holm, Anne	I am David
Jones, Evan	Skylarking
Kanawa, Kiri Te, & Foreman, Michael	Land of the Long White Cloud
Kastner, Erich	Emil and the Detectives
Kipling, Rudyard	The Jungle Book
Lewis, C.S.	Chronicles of Narnia (Books 1–7)
Lindgren, Astrid	Pippi Goes Abroad
Lindgren, Astrid	Pipi in the South Seas
Lindgren, Astrid	Pippi Longstocking
Lofting, Hugh	Dr. Dolittle
London, Jack	The Call of the Wild
MacDonald, George	At the Back of the North Wind
MacDonald, George	The Princess and the Curdie
MacDonald, George	The Princess and the Goblin
Mackay, Claire	The Minerva Programme
Milne, A.A.	Winnie the Pooh
Nesbit, E.	The Complete Adventures of the Treasure Seekers
Nesbit, E.	The Enchanted Castle
Nesbit, E.	Five Children and It
Nesbit, E.	The House of Arden
Nesbit, E.	The Last of the Dragons and Some Others
Nesbit, E.	The Magic World
Nesbit, E.	The Phoenix and the Carpet
Nesbit, E.	The Railway Children
Nesbit, E.	The Story of the Amulet
Nesbit, E.	The Story of the Treasure Seekers
Nesbit, E.	The Treasure Seekers
Nesbit, E.	The Wouldbegoods

Author's Name	Titles
Nicholls, Millis	A Father for Christmas
Norton, Andre	The Crystal Gryphon
Norton, Mary	The Borrowers
O'Hara, Mary	My Friend, Flicka
Palmer, C. Everard	Baba and Mr. Big
Palmer, C. Everard	Big Doc Bitteroot
Palmer, C. Everard	The Cloud with the Silver Lining
Palmer, C. Everard	A Cow Called Boy
Palmer, C. Everard	The Hummingbird People
Palmer, C. Everard	The Sun Salutes You
Palmer, C. Everard	The Wooing of Beppo Tate
Paris, Terry	Jason Whyte
Pearce, Phillipa	A Dog So Small
Redmond, Diane	The Comic Strip Odyssey
Reid, V.S.	The Young Warriors
Salkey, Andrew	Hurricane
Salkey, Andrew	The Shark Hunters
Serraillier, Ian	The Silver Sword
Sewell, Anna	Black Beauty
Sherlock, Philip	The Iguana's Tail
Sherlock, Philip	Three Finger Jack's Treasure
Smith, Dodie	The Hundred and One Dalmatians
Stevenson, Robert Louis	Treasure Island
Streatfeild, Noel	Ballet Shoes
Twain, Mark	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Farmer Boy
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Little House in the Big Woods
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Little House on the Prairie
Williamson, Henry	Tarka the Otter

Author's Name	Titles
Prose (Short Story)	· ·
Anthony, Michael	Cricket in the Road
Green, Roger Lancelyn	Tales of Greek Heroes
Reeves, James	Heroes and Monsters: Legends of Ancient Greece
Serraillier, Ian	The Enchanted Island
Sherlock, Philip M.	Anansi the Spider
Warner, Rex	Men and Gods
Drama	
Lee Wah, James	Carray!
Redhead, Wilfred	Canaree and Pot
Redhead, Wilfred	Hoist Your Flag
Redhead, Wilfred	Three Comic Sketches
Poetry	
Guiseppi, Neville, & Guiseppi, Undine	Out for Stars 1
Mordecai, P., & Walker, Gordon	Sun Song 1

Year 2

Author's Name	Titles
Prose (Novel)	
Anthony, Michael	The Year in San Fernando
Byars, Betsy	Cracker Johnson
Byars, Betsy	The TV Kid
Canning, Victor	The Runaways
Carpenter, Richard	Catweazle
Clarke, Arthur C.	Dolphin Island
Cleary, Beverly	Fifteen
Conly, Jane Leslie	Rasco and the Rats of NIMH
Cooper, Susan	Over Sea, Under Stone

Author's Name	Titles
Cushman, Karen	The Ballad of Lucy Whipple
Degen, T.	Friends
DeJong, Meindert	The Wheel of the School
Desai, Anita	The Village by the Sea
Dickens, Charles	A Christmas Carol
Dickens, Charles	Oliver Twist
Drayton, Geoffrey	Christopher
Dumas, Alexandre	The Three Musketeers
Durrell, Gerald	Three Singles to Adventure
Fisk, Nicholas	Trillions
Freeman, Suzanne	The Cuckoo's Child
Garnett, Eve	Further Adventures of the Family From One End Street
Green, Roger Lancelyn	The Adventure of Robin Hood
Green, Roger Lancelyn	King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table
Green, Roger Lancelyn	The Luck of Troy
Green, Roger Lancelyn	Myths of the Norsemen
Green, Roger Lancelyn	The Tale of Troy
Green, Roger Lancelyn	Tales of Ancient Egypt
Guy, Rosa	The Friends
Guy, Rosa	Ruby
Hodge, Merle	For the Life of Letitia
Hodgson Burnett, Frances	A Little Princess
Kipling, Rudyard	The Second Jungle Book
L'Engle, Madeleine	A Wrinkle in Time
London, Jack	White Fang
Nash, Ogden	Custard and Company
Norton, Andre	Iron Cage
Norton, Mary	The Borrowers Afield
Norton, Mary	The Borrowers Afloat
Norton, Mary	The Borrowers Avenged

Author's Name	Titles
O'Dell, Scott	Island of the Blue Dolphins
Palmer, C. Everard	My Father Sun-Sun Johnson
Peyton, K.M.	Who, Sir? Me, Sir?
Ransome, Arthur	Swallows and Amazons
Reid, V.S.	Peter of Mount Ephraim
Reid, V.S.	Sixty-Five
Salkey, Andrew	Riot
Schaefer, Jack	Shane
Seaforth, Sybil	Growing up With Miss Milly
Sperry, Armstrong	The Boy Who Was Afraid
Steinbeck, John	The Pearl
Stevenson, Robert Louis	Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
Stevenson, Robert Louis	Kidnapped
Stuart, Morna	Marassa and Midnight
Taylor, Mildred	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
Taylor, Theodore	The Cay
Taylor, Theodore	Timothy of the Cay
Twain, Mark	The Prince and the Pauper
Van der Loeff, A.R.	Children of the Oregon Trail
Verne, Jules	Around the World in Eighty Days
Warner, Rex	Greeks and Trojans
Wyss, Johann D.	The Swiss Family Robinson
Prose (Short Story)	
Callender, Timothy	It So Happen
Fisk, Nicholas	The Puffin Book of Science Fiction Stories
Gray, Cecil	Perspectives
Gray, Cecil	Response
Guiseppi, Neville, & Guiseppi, Undine	Backfire
Ireson, Barbara	In a Class of Their Own
Kipling, Rudyard	Just So Stories
Lamb, Charles & Mary	Tales From Shakespeare

Author's Name	Titles
Martinez, Christina	The Earth Needs Friends
Maugham, W. Somerset	The Kite and Other Stories
Narinesingh, Uriel	Vintage
Ramsawack, Al	Sermon of the Drunkard
Serraillier, Ian	The Road to Canterbury
Taylor, D. Mildred	The Friendship and Other Stories
Walmsley, Anne, & Caistor, Nick	Facing the Sea
Warner, Rex	Greeks and Trojans
Drama	
Boagey, E.J.	Starting Shakespeare
Gheon, Henri	Christmas in the Market Place
Peat, R.C.	Presenting Shakespeare
Redhead, Wilfred	Canaree and Pot
Redhead, Wilfred	Hoist Your Flag
Redhead, Wilfred	Three Comic Sketches
Waite-Smith, Cicely	African Slingshot
Walcott, Roderick	The Harrowing of Benji
Wood, E.R.	The Eighth Windmill Book of One Act Plays
Poetry	
Gray, Cecil	Bite In 2
Guiseppi, Neville, & Guiseppi, Undine	Out for Stars 2
Mordecai, P., & Gordon-Walker, G.	Sun Song 2
Walmsley, Anne, & Caistor, Nick	Facing the Sea

Year 3

Author's Name	Titles
Adams, Douglas	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Adams, Richard	Watership Down
Anthony, Michael	The Year in San Fernando
Ballard, J.G.	Empire of the Sun

Author's Name	Titles
Banks, Lynne Reid	One More River
Banks, Lynne Reid	The Writing on the Wall
Bosse, Malcolm J.	Ganesh
Braithwaite, E.R.	To Sir With Love
Burnett, Frances Hodgson	The Secret Garden
Byars, Betsy	Cracker Jackson
Byars, Betsy	The TV Kid
Chambers, Aidan	The Present Takers
Chesterton, G.K.	The Man Who Was Thursday
Conly, Jane Leslie	Rasco and the Rats of NIMH
Coppard Quirk, Yvonne	Everybody Else Does! Why Can't I?
Coppard Quirk, Yvonne	Not Dressed Like That You Don't
Craven, Margaret	I Heard The Owl Call My Name
Darke, Marjorie	The First of Midnight
Darke, Marjorie	A Long Way To Go
Defoe, Daniel	Robinson Crusoe (abridged)
DeJong, Meindert	The House of Sixty Fathers
Dickens, Charles	David Copperfield (abridged)
Doherty, Berlie	Street Child
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	The Return of Sherlock Holmes
Drayton, Geoffrey	Christopher
Duder, Tessa	Alex
Ekwensi, Cyprian	Burning Grass
Gilmore, Kate	Of Griffins and Graffiti
Guy, Rosa	And I Heard A Bird Sing
Hautzig, Esther	The Endless Steppe
Hentoff, Nat	The Day They Came to Arrest the Book
Hodge, Merle	Crick Crack Monkey
Hughes, Richard	A High Wind in Jamaica
Le Guin, Ursula	Very Long Way From Anywhere Else
Le Guin, Ursula	A Wizard of Earth Sea

Author's Name	Titles
Lester, Julius	Basketball Game
Lester, Julius	To Be a Slave
Lewis. C. Day	The Otterbury Incident
Lindsay, Joan	Picnic at Hanging Rock
London, Jack	The Call of the Wild
Lovelace. Earl	The Schoolmaster (excerpts)
Marshall, Alan	I Can Jump Puddles
Matthews, P.E.	State of the Heart
Meniru, Teresa	Uzo
Munonye, John	The Only Son
Naidoo, Beverley	No Turning Back
Naipaul, V.S.	Miguel Street
O'Dell, Scott	Island of the Blue Dolphin
O'Dell, Scott	My Name Is Not Angelica
O'Dell, Scott	Streams to the River, River to the Sea
Palmer, C. Everard	A Cow Called Boy
Palmer, C. Everard	The Wooing of Beppo Tate
Pausewang, Gudrun	Fall-Out
Schaefer, Jack	Shane
Selormey, Francis	The Narrow Path
Selvon, Samuel	Ways of Sunlight
Shute, Nevil	No Highway
Steinbeck, John	The Pearl
Steinbeck, John	The Red Pony
Swarthout, Glendon	Bless the Beasts and Children
Swift, Jonathan	Gulliver's Travels (abridged)
Townsend, Sue	The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 ³ /4
Twain, Mark	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Woodford, Peggy	Misfits
Young, Colville	Pataki Full

Author's Name	Titles
Prose (Anthologies of short stories and/or excerpts from novels)	
Benson, Gerard	This Poem Doesn't Rhyme
Black, Clinton V.	Tales of Old Jamaica
Denny, Neville	Pan-African Short Stories
Gray, Cecil	Response
Narinesingh, R, & Narinesingh, Clifford	Insights
Smyth, W.M.	Good Stories
Warner, Rex	Men and Gods
Poetry	
Belloc, Hilaire	Cautionary Verses for Boys and Girls
Forde, A.N.	Talk of the Tamarinds
Gasztold, Carmen Bernos	Prayers from Ark
Gordon, G.	Sun Song II
Gray, Cecil	Bite In – Stage 3
Magee, Wes	The Puffin Book of Christmas Poems
McKay, Claude	Selected Poems
Phinn, Gervase	Lizard Over Ice
Pollard, Velma	Anansesem
Walmsley, Anne	The Sun's Eye
Wilson, Donald G.	New Ships
Drama	
Brathwaite, Edward Kamau	Odale's Choice
Campbell, Alistair	Anansi
Noel, Keith	Caribbean Plays for Playing
Rattigan, Terence	The Winslow Boy
Shiach, Don	The Wild Bunch and Other Plays
Shakespeare, William	Julius Caesar
Shakespeare, William	Macbeth
Shakespeare, William	The Merchant of Venice
Shakespeare, William	Romeo and Juliet
Wilson, August	Fences

Part 4 Glossary, Bibliography, and Webliography

Glossary

Abecedarium

A 17th century Latin term for an alphabetized record of key features of an area or culture.

Alliteration

The repetition of the initial consonant sound in consecutive words, or words in close proximity.

Assonance

The repetition of vowel sounds in non-rhyming words. It is used to emphasize certain words, to impart a musical quality, to create a mood.

Author's Chair

One chair in the classroom is designated as the "author's chair" for students to use when sharing their writing. After the reading, classmates who want to make a comment raise their hands, and the author chooses several classmates to ask questions, give compliments, and make comments. Then the author chooses another person to share and takes a seat.

Caricature

A representation that ridicules a person by exaggerating and distorting his/her most prominent features and characteristics.

Chunking

See Clustering

Cinquain

A five-line poem containing 22 syllables in a 2-4-6-8-2 syllable pattern. Cinquain poems often describe something, but they may also tell a story.

The formula is as follows:

Line 1: a one-word subject with two syllables

Line 2: four syllables describing the subject

Line 3: six syllables showing action

Line 4: eight syllables expressing a feeling or an observation about the subject

Line 5: two syllables describing or renaming the subject

Clerihew

A four-line rhymed verse that describes a person. Clerihews can be written about anyone—historical figures, characters in stories, and even the students themselves.

The formula is as follows:

Line 1: the person's name

Line 2: the last word rhymes with the last word in the first line

Lines 3 and 4: the last words in these lines rhyme with each other

Cloze

A method for testing a reader's ability to comprehend written text by guessing missing words that have been deleted at regular intervals from the text being read. Cloze passages can be used for diagnostic purposes as well as for reading comprehension instruction.

Clustering

Generally used in spoken language, and sometimes referred to as "chunking." Speech is broken down into smaller groups of words—either phrases within clauses, or clauses—in order to retain information for comprehension.

Colour Poem

A poem built around a colour. Each line of the poem may begin with the same colour or with a different colour. More complex poems can be created by beginning each stanza with a colour and by expanding the idea within it.

Concrete Poem

A poem that is created through art and the careful arrangement of words on a page. Words, phrases, and sentences can be written in the shape of an object, or word pictures can be inserted within poems written left to right and top to bottom.

Conflict

The problem in the text. It is the tension or opposition between forces in the plot and it is what interests readers enough to continue reading the story. Conflict usually occurs:

- between a character and nature
- between a character and society
- between/among characters
- within a character

Cubing

A literacy strategy that uses a concrete visual of a cube with its six sides to serve as a starting point for consideration of the multiple dimensions of topics within subject areas.

Diction

A writer's or speaker's choice of words and way of arranging the words in sentences. Word choice involves a writer's selection of the proper language—words, phrases, figures of speech—to best express particular thoughts, feelings, and perceptions. Diction often reveals a writer's tone or attitude toward a subject.

Dramatic Play Approach

An approach in which teaching of the language skills is facilitated through small groups preparing a dramatization of an event.

Expository Text

Text that includes extensive description, classification, and explanation in order to primarily convey information.

Fallacies of Argument

Ad hominem:	Attacking the person who presents an issue rather than dealing logically with the issue itself.
Bandwagon:	An argument saying, in effect, "Everyone's doing or saying or thinking this, so you should too."
Circular argument:	Supporting an argument by simply repeating it in different terms.
Non sequitur:	A statement that does not follow logically from what has just been said—a conclusion that does not follow from the premise.

Five Senses Poem

A poem written about a topic using each of the five senses. Sense poems are usually five lines long, with one line for each sense.

"5 Ws and H"

A research strategy which allows students to create questions that help to focus their reading (who, what, where, when, why, and how). Students then read informational texts to find answers to their questions.

Fix-Up Strategies

A variety of actions/strategies that demonstrate the thinking engaged in when a person does not understand a text but attempts to understand before continuing reading. The purpose is to monitor and repair comprehension while reading.

Fractured Fairytale

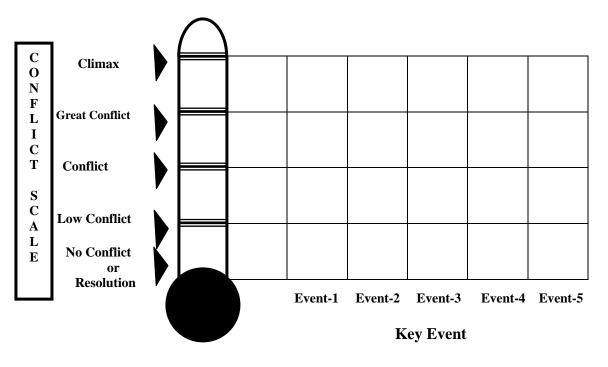
A story composed using two different characters from two different stories (e.g., Cinderella and one of the three little pigs). The characters must maintain their integrity in this new story.

This technique in story writing can be adapted in numerous ways:

- Changing the ending of a story
- o Using a story and choosing your own adventure by asking "what if..."
- Changing the setting. "What if Hamlet went to the mall?"
- Changing the language or the role of a character
- Changing the perspective of the minor character, for example, changing the perspective of the wolf in the *Three Little Pigs*

Graph a Plot

A visual method of identifying plot development. The graph can also be used to track the tension or excitement in the story.



Graphic Organizer

A visual way of showing information—semantic maps, information charts, diagrams, webs.

Haiku

A poem consisting of 17 syllables arranged in three lines of 5, 7, and 5 syllables. Haiku poems deal with nature and present a single clear image.

Jingle

A verse or verses with a catchy rhythm, emphatic rhyme, and alliteration.

K-W-L

An instructional strategy that helps students to categorize information by first recalling what they know about a topic, and then what they wish to know and what they have learnt after reading (Know- Want to Know- Learnt).

Let's Vote

An activity that provides students with the opportunity to systematically present and defend an opinion or point of view.

Limerick

A form of light verse that uses rhyme and rhythm. It consists of five lines—the first, second, and fifth lines rhyme, while the third and fourth lines rhyme with each other and are shorter than the other three. The last line usually contains a funny or surprise ending.

Line	Rhyme	
1	a	
2	a	
3	b	
4	b	
5	a	

Listening

Aesthetic listening:	Listening for enjoyment
Critical listening:	Listening to evaluate a message/analyse a message
Discriminative listening:	Listening to distinguish sounds and to develop a sensitivity to non-verbal communication
Efferent listening:	Listening to understand a message/Listening for information

Literature-Based Approach

Prose, poetry, dramatic excerpts (and other forms of literature) may be used to teach language.

Metre

The pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables in verse.

Mini-Lesson

Mini-lessons are taught on English Language Arts concepts, strategies, and skills, and in connection with the task the students are engaged in at the time. These lessons are brief, usually lasting 15 to 20 minutes and may be taught over a period of several days. The purpose of mini-lessons is to highlight a topic or concept and teach it in the context of authentic literacy activities, not to isolate it or provide drill-and-practice. Students apply the lessons to their own English Language Arts activities. Minilessons can be conducted with the whole class, with small groups of students who have indicated that they need to learn more about a particular topic, and with individual students. Teachers can also plan mini-lessons on a regular basis to introduce or review topics.

Mood

The feeling or atmosphere that the writer creates for the reader in a literary work. Descriptive words, the setting, and figurative language contribute to the mood of a work, as do the sound and rhythm of the language used. The use of imagery—language that appeals to one or more of the five senses—contributes to the mood.

Personification

The attribution to non-human things (objects, animals) of characteristics possessed only by human beings.

Pitch

This involves the inflection up (raising) or inflection down (lowering) of the voice to convey emotions, and build suspense and conviction. The pitch can be high or low.

Plot

The structure of a story. It includes characters, setting, problems, climax, and resolution.

The sequence of events involving characters in conflict situations. It is based on the goals of one or more characters and the processes they go through to attain these goals.

Poetry Pool

A collection of class poems. Inputs are made by both students and teachers. Students can eventually learn to categorize poems—narrative poems, odes, limericks, ballads, sonnets. The collection is a resource pool for further study. It develops as the students are promoted from one form to another.

Point of View

The perspective used to tell a story. A story may be told from different points of view: omniscient, first person, second person, third person.

Project-Based Approach

A hands-on approach to language, where students are involved in the receptive and productive use of language as they engage in activities undertaken to create a product or a result, or render a service. This approach may be aligned with a theme/topic that students and teachers may have identified as important for consideration and treatment.

Protagonist

The protagonist is the central character or hero in a narrative or drama, usually the one with whom the reader or audience tends to identify. Opposing the protagonist is the antagonist. Usually, an antagonist is another character, but some protagonists are opposed by antagonists of a different sort, such as forces of nature or sets of circumstances.

QAR

A strategy that aids students' story comprehension. It identifies two sources of information for answering questions: "in the head" and "in the reader's head."

Read Aloud

Fluent reading to students, modelling the use of effective reading strategies.

Readers' Theatre

A performance of a literary work (a story, a poem, a play) that is read aloud in an interpretative manner.

Say Something

A reading strategy that allows a pair of readers to read an extract by stopping at intervals to "talk" about what is being read before continuing reading.

Sketch-to-Stretch

Students make drawings to emphasize themes or key points related to a topic.

Soliloquy

A speech that a character gives when he/she is alone on stage. Its purpose is to let the audience know what the character is thinking.

Speaking Rate

The speed at which one speaks or delivers a speech. The effective speaking rate is between 125–160 words a minute. Speakers vary the rate to reflect mood changes and emphasize points of the speech.

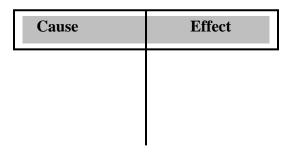
Sustained Silent Reading (SSR)

Sustained Silent Reading (SSR) is an independent reading time set aside during the school day for students in one class or for the entire school to silently read self-selected books. In some schools, everyone stops to read, usually for a 15- to 30-minute period.

Teachers use SSR to increase the amount of reading students do every day and to develop their ability to read silently and without interruption. SSR has been found to be beneficial in developing students' reading ability, promoting a positive attitude toward reading, and encouraging students to develop the habit of daily reading.

T-Chart

A graphic organizer which presents data in a way that makes it easy to compare what is depicted on either side of the chart. Using a T-chart, students can look at two different sides of an issue, character, or event. As a class or in small groups, students record their responses under each headings. T-charts can be used for "Cause-Effect," "Problem-Solution," "Pro-Con," "Then-Now," and "Looks Like-Sounds Like" exercises.



Text

The word "text" is usually associated with textbooks prescribed for use in the study of the various disciplines that comprise the curriculum of education. The word "text," however, as used in the study of discourse and its interpretation carries a somewhat modified meaning. It is possible to consider text as the record of a communicative event. In these days of advanced technology, such a record may exist on disc, tape, or in print.

As a record of a communicative event, a text will contain information from a transmitter (writer or composer) on a selected topic, addressed to an intended receiver (reader, listener) with a specific intent.

From this point of view, the accustomed use of "text" for textbook is really an identification of one instance of "text"; orally conducted communication events can be transformed into texts of various types.

Theatre Sports

The use of the dramatic arts to enhance literacy learning.

Strategies:

Role playing Mime Mirroring Mood poems

Related activities

Role playing: This may involve giving a role to one or more members of a group and assigning an objective or purpose that participants must accomplish. A group role play may involve a discussion of an issue with each person assigned a particular point of view.

Mime: From a box, actors select a piece of paper that holds a word describing one of the senses. They mime the word they have been given. The audience describes facial features/body gestures as they identify the sense being conveyed.

Mirroring: Groups stand in circles. Each person takes a turn. First person says a line in a tone to convey a particular emotion ("I don't believe it"). The first person steps back. The others (one at a time, in turn) step into the circle and repeat what the person did (how he/she stood, how he/she spoke). Person two chooses another line, conveying another emotion. The process is repeated.

Mood poems: Teams of two or three people select an activity to convey. Together, the team builds a tableau (a freeze frame) that conveys the mood at the core of that activity. The team members position their bodies and faces to illustrate the activity. Others must guess what it is.

Theme-Based Approach

Teaching of the language skills is structured around themes or topic that are of interest and concern to students. Themes may be drawn, for example, from the reallife experiences of the students or the literature that they may be reading in or outside of class.

Think Aloud

A reading strategy that demonstrates how a fluent reader constructs meaning from text. It demonstrates the reader's ability to think out loud about the process of reading while actually reading.

Think Sheet

An open-ended worksheet that introduces students to new ways of thinking about and responding to the texts they read and to new ways of organizing their thoughts.

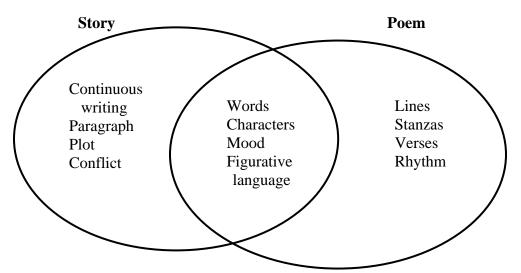
Tone

A writer's choice of words; tone reflects the writer's attitude towards his/her subject or characters. The writer carefully chooses the proper language—words, phrases, figures of speech, imagery—to best express particular thoughts, feelings, and perceptions.

Venn Diagram

A graphic organizer used to compare and contrast two or more subjects. It can be made more complex by the addition of more circles.

The following is an example of a Venn diagram used to compare and contrast the literary forms of the poem and the short story:



Vignette

A short, descriptive literary sketch that may stand alone or be part of a larger work of fiction. Like a short story, a vignette is a work of fiction that can be read in one sitting. However, its plot and characterization are less fully developed than that of a short story.

Vocal Variety

Ways of making one's voice more appealing to the listening audience. Volume, tone, pitch, rate, and rhythm are elements of vocal variety that speakers use to create and maintain interest when making oral presentations.

Volume

The strength or loudness of sound. Speakers increase or decrease the volume (loudness) of their voice to stress the main points in an oral presentation and draw in the listeners.

Writing Process

A recursive process that involves five distinct steps in composing written texts: prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing.

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