

The Language of Literature, Grade 10

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Content The Language of Literature from McDougal Littell is a flexible program that allows for both a standards-based and integrated approach to teaching literature. The instructional methods are based in years of educational research; program development was guided by a team of authors with strong credentials in the teaching of reading, literature, and writing.

At the middle school level, the program allows students to experience literature and language arts by developing a variety of skills through carefully crafted instructional processes that support students' future success. Students are taught how to apply strategies according to their purpose. This develops a love and enjoyment for reading, a thorough understanding of language skills, and, thereby, improved test scores. For example, students are exposed to 3-4 author studies where style is critically examined. This is both a motivating experience for enriching the students' study of literature and also improving skills necessary to be successful learners.

At the 9th through 12th grade levels, the program builds upon the strategies learned in middle school. Students gain success analyzing solid literary works and applying language skills. Through skillfully crafted instruction, focused application of skills, and flexible ongoing assessment, students are able to increase achievement.

Student Experiences The selections students read comprise an interesting blend of today's best writing alongside yesterday's classics. Students will enjoy the pairings of literature with informational nonfiction. In addition, every grade level of The Language of Literature includes Author Studies which afford the students the opportunity to "walk in the shoes" of favorite authors teachers love to teach and authors students love to read.

The program and resources provide a broad base in reading strategies, special support for non-native speakers, and instruction accessible for all in print, technology, and audio. Students always read the original, unadapted literature, fostering equity in the curriculum. Students also are given guided practice instruction in order to learn critical comparison strategies needed for high stakes assessment. Pair and group activities allow students to communicate and exchange information while practicing grammatical structures and pronunciation.

Students have additional opportunities to interact with the text culminating in a motivating and rewarding literature experience. The InterActive ReaderΣ Plus is a motivating reading tool for students to use. The InterActive ReaderΣ Plus is a write-in worktext that includes approximately thirty selections from the anthology in a workbook format. Students enjoy the ability to read a selection and mark-up the text and make annotations. Students benefit from the side bar annotations that provide additional guidance and reading support for all. For differentiated instruction and to meet the needs of all learners, we offer the same, authentic text in three different versions, with point-of-

use support, for the diverse learning populations in today's classroom.

The InterActive Reader™ Plus- The core worktext with standard reading support.
The InterActive Reader™ Plus with Additional Support- This version is struggling readers who need more reading support and guidance as they read.
The InterActive Reader™ Plus for English Learners-This version includes more vocabulary and cultural information to help students acquiring the English language.

Assessment

Research says that integrating test preparation into regular instructional activities as a regular practice is far superior to setting aside time for test practice for its own sake or "cramming" right before a test. Guided by the Judith Langer's research on the characteristics of effective schools, The Language of Literature integrates standardized test practice in several features of the text, making test preparation just another aspect of everyday learning.

With the importance of high stakes assessments containing nonfiction pieces, McDougal Littell's The Language of Literature contains Reading for Information that teaches strategies for reading everyday materials, such as newspapers or magazine articles, and encourages students to make connections to the literature and to the real world. These skills are commonly tested on high stakes tests.

Writing Workshops take students through the writing process for all key writing modes that students might encounter on state writing assessments and in preparing their writing portfolio pieces. Features such as Basics in a Box and Student Model with a Rubric in Action help students visualize the task while two Target Skills provide models for effective revising and editing of writing.

Comparing two or more literary selections is one of the most commonly-tested items and also one of the hardest sections for students to complete. Comparing Literature introduces the task, provides guided practice, and teaches students how to respond to comparative prompts.

Reading and Writing for Assessment occurs twice per book and models the strategies for successful test taking, including answering multiple choice questions and responding to writing prompts. Teachers will love the Strategies in Action and the yellow highlighting of the test selection.

Mixed Review provides practice identifying grammar, usage, and mechanics errors in text passages and choosing correct revision suggestions-a common task on many standardized tests.

Specially created for Kentucky students and teachers, McDougal Littell offers KCCT Preparation and Practice Pupil's Edition and Teacher's Edition (Grades 6-10). This is not generic test preparation-this is test preparation for Kentucky including practice with Kentucky testing formats and practice tests designed on the format of the KCCT. Lastly,

The Language of Literature provides assessment options that include:

Formal Assessment Book: Includes selection tests, part test, a mid-year test, and an end-of-year test with assessment questions in multiple choice, short answer, matching and essay formats. Also includes writing rubrics for assessing student writing.

Integrated Assessment Book: Includes unit and end-of-year integrated assessments with scoring guides for reading and writing.

Reading Toolkit: Includes standardized test preparation, diagnostic tools to determine students ability, and additional reading activities for students to practice their test taking skills

English Learners/Students Acquiring English Test Preparation: Includes practice exercises in writing and reading with tips for test preparation. Available in English and Spanish for different student populations.

Teacher's Guide to Assessment and Portfolio Use: Includes portfolio assessment, writing rubrics, and other forms of open-ended assessment.

Test Generator CD-ROM: Pre-made tests plus test items for creating customized tests. Questions come from the formal assessment book and can be correlated to state and national standards.

eTest Plus Online: Online testing service for posting tests created with the Test Generator. The service automatically scores students tests and generates reports for individuals or groups, correlated to national and state standards.

Classzone.com: Includes activities for informal assessment.

This variety of assessment materials in print and in electronic format allows the teacher the flexibility to customize assessment to his or her teaching style.

Organization

The Language of Literature is arranged by thematic units with a genre focus. In addition, the American Literature and British Literature text is arranged chronologically. The World Literature text offers a variety of traditional literature selections from around the world. Students practice using Reading and Literary Analysis skills with every selection. Pre-reading pages include helpful background information, Active Reading strategies, and introduce Literary Analysis concepts. Post-reading pages include follow-up questions that reinforce the same strategies and concepts. Questions ranging from basic comprehension to application of ideas from the literature and comparing texts allow students to further analyze literary works. Each unit concludes with a complete Writing Workshop that covers the major models of writing. Grammar lessons, appearing at the end of many selections, always begin with an excerpt from the literature and teach a grammar concept in the context of the writer's style. Student Handbooks for Reading, Writing, Grammar, and Communication are located in the back of each book and referenced throughout the program.

Resource Materials

The Language of Literature program includes these resources: Teacher's Edition, Teacher's Resource Package [Resource Management Guide, Unit Resource Books, Formal Assessment Book, Teacher's Guide to Assessment and Portfolio Use, Test Preparation Copymasters (grades 6-8 only), Integrated Assessment, Literary Analysis Transparencies, Language Transparencies (grades 6-8 only), Reading and Critical Thinking Transparencies, Writing Transparencies, Fine Art Transparencies (grades 6-8)/Communications and Fine Arts Transparencies (grades 9-12)/History from Visuals: World Art and Cultures Transparencies (World Literature only), Grammar Transparencies (grades 9-12 and World Literature), Vocabulary Transparencies (grades 9-12 and World Literature), Vocabulary and Spelling Book with Answer Key (grades 6-8), Speaking and Listening Book (grades 6-8), Grammar Usage and Mechanics Book with Answer Key (within the Teacher's Resource Package grades 6-8, outside the Teacher's Resource Package grades 9-12 and World Literature), Lesson Planning Guide, English Learners/Students Acquiring English: Spanish Study Guide, English Learners/Students Acquiring English: Teacher's Sourcebook for Language Development, English Learners/Students Acquiring English: Test Preparation Copymasters (within the Teacher's Resource Package grades 6-8, outside the Teacher's Resource Package grades 9-12 and World Literature), English Learners/Students Acquiring English: English

Grammar Survival Kit with Audio CD (within the Teacher's Resource Package grades 6-8, outside the Teacher's Resource Package grades 9-12 and World Literature), Writing Research Reports (grades 6-8), Professional Development and Planning Guide (grades 9-12 and World Literature)], English Learners/Students Acquiring English: Selection Summaries Translations in Five Languages, Writing Research papers (grades 9-12 and World Literature, Online Lesson Planner (grades 6-12 only), The InterActive ReaderÖ Plus, The InterActive ReaderÖ Plus for English Learners, The InterActive ReaderÖ Plus with Additional Support, The InterActive Reader Ö Teacher,'s Guide, Reading Toolkit, Electronic Library (grades 9-12 and World Literature), eEdition Plus Online, Test Generator CD-ROM, eTest Plus Online, EasyPlanner CD-ROM, Literature in Performance Video Package (grades 6-12 only), Audio Library Audio CD (grades 6-12 and World Literature) or Cassette (grades 6-12 only), Selections Summaries in English and Spanish, Power Presentations CD-ROM, NetActivities CD-ROM, KCCT Preparation and Practice Pupil's and Teacher's Edition (grades 6-10 only), Kentucky Standards-Based Roadmap for Effective Instruction (grades 6-10 only), Kentucky Lesson Plans (grades 11 and 12 only). The Language of Literature, Literature Connections

Gratis Items to be provided and under what conditions Yes - One free class set per teacher: Language Network 6-12 One free per teacher: Teacher Edition, Teacher's Resource Package, Reading Toolkit, English Learners /SAE: Selections Summaries Translation in Five Languages, Interactive Reader Plus for English Learners, The InterActive Reader Plus Teacher's Guide, InterActive Reader Plus with Additional Support, EasyPlanner CD-ROM, Literature in Performance (Video & Resource Book), Power Presentations CD-ROM, Netactivities CD-ROM, Selection Summaries in English Audio CD Package, Selection Summaries in Spanish Audio CD Package, Test Generator CD-ROM Kit with User's Guide, One free per pupil's edition purchased, life of the adoption: The InterActive Reader Plus . One free per teacher choice of CD or Cassette: Audio Library Package (Audio CD), Audio Library Package (Cassettes) One license free per pupil edition purchased, upon request, life of the adoption: eEdition Plus Online, eTest Plus Online. Choice of 2 of the following 3 items: Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Workbook, InterActive Reader, or Wordskills Pupil Edition

Available Ancillary Materials The Language of Literature program includes these resources: Teacher's Edition, Teacher's Resource Package [Resource Management Guide, Unit Resource Books, Formal Assessment Book, Teacher's Guide to Assessment and Portfolio Use, Test Preparation Copymasters (grades 6-8 only), Integrated Assessment, Literary Analysis Transparencies, Language Transparencies (grades 6-8 only), Reading and Critical Thinking Transparencies, Writing Transparencies, Fine Art Transparencies (grades 6-8)/Communications and Fine Arts Transparencies (grades 9-12)/History from Visuals: World Art and Cultures Transparencies (World Literature only), Grammar Transparencies (grades 9-12 and World Literature), Vocabulary Transparencies (grades 9-12 and World Literature), Vocabulary and Spelling Book with Answer Key (grades 6-8), Speaking and Listening Book (grades 6-8), Grammar Usage and Mechanics Book with Answer Key (within the Teacher's Resource Package grades 6-8, outside the Teacher's Resource Package grades 9-12 and World Literature), Lesson Planning Guide, English Learners/Students Acquiring English: Spanish Study Guide, English Learners/Students Acquiring English: Teacher's Sourcebook for Language Development, English Learners/Students Acquiring English: Test Preparation Copymasters (within the Teacher's Resource Package grades 6-8, outside the Teacher's Resource Package grades 9-12 and World Literature), English Learners/Students Acquiring English: English Grammar Survival Kit with Audio CD (within the Teacher's Resource Package grades 6-8, outside the Teacher's Resource Package grades 9-12 and World Literature), Writing Research Reports (grades 6-8), Professional Development and Planning Guide (grades 9-12 and World Literature)], English Learners/Students Acquiring English: Selection Summaries Translations in Five Languages, Writing Research papers (grades 9-12 and World Literature, Online Lesson Planner (grades 6-12 only), The InterActive ReaderÖ Plus, The InterActive ReaderÖ

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Research Available

Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations: Everything a teacher needs is here...but s/he will need time to get familiar with it. There is a profusion of separately bound teachers' materials, but it will take some time to assimilate the quantity of what is given here. This is an excellent series for both students and teachers.

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READING CONTENT

Sidenotes in teacher book are helpful, particularly for beginning teachers. It provides some writing connection ideas, visual graphing ideas and suggestions for customizing instruction.

The book gives background information and a reading focus for each piece. It also includes an Active Reading segment before most pieces to allow for Reader's Notebook writing. The biographical information for each author follows his/her work.

includes many pieces in Spanish translations and LEP ideas

The senior set involves many supplementary materials and transparencies. There is so much that it will take time to determine what will help your students, but the materials are there if you will look for them.