

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, READ



Common Core English Language Arts Standards Alignment*

Grade 3	
Reading: Literature	Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and
Key Ideas and Details:	myths from diverse cultures; determine the
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.3.2	central message, lesson, or moral and explain
	how it is conveyed through key details in the
	text.
Reading: Literature	Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits,
Key Ideas and Details:	motivations, or feelings) and explain how their
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.3.3	actions contribute to the sequence of events.
Writing	Write narratives to develop real or imagined
Text Types and Purposes:	experiences or events using effective technique,
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.3.3	descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
Writing	Establish a situation and introduce a narrator
Text Types and Purposes:	and/or characters; organize an event sequence
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.3.3A	that unfolds naturally.
Grade 4	
Reading: Literature	Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem
Key Ideas and Details:	from details in the text; summarize the text.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.4.2	
Reading: Literature	Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in
Key Ideas and Details:	a story or drama, drawing on specific details in
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.4.3	the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or
	actions).
Writing	Write narratives to develop real or imagined
Text Types and Purposes:	experiences or events using effective technique,
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.3	descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
Writing	Orient the reader by establishing a situation and
Text Types and Purposes:	introducing a narrator and/or characters;
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.3A	organize an event sequence that unfolds
	naturally.

^{*}National Governors Association Center for Best Practices & Council of Chief State School Officers (2010). Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts. Washington, DC: Authors.

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Grade 5	
Reading: Literature	Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem
Key Ideas and Details:	from details in the text, including how characters
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.2	in a story or drama respond to challenges or how
	the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic;
	summarize the text.
Reading: Literature	Compare and contrast two or more characters,
Key Ideas and Details:	settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.3	on specific details in the text (e.g., how
	characters interact).
Writing	Write narratives to develop real or imagined
Text Types and Purposes:	experiences or events using effective technique,
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.5.3	descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
Writing	Orient the reader by establishing a situation and
Text Types and Purposes:	introducing a narrator and/or characters;
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.5.3A	organize an event sequence that unfolds
	naturally.

Next Generation Science Standards Alignment**

Grade 3	
3-LS4-3 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity	Construct an argument with evidence that in a particular habitat some organisms can survive well, some survive less well, and some cannot survive at all.
3-LS-4-4 Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity	Make a claim about the merit of a solution to a problem caused when the environment changes and the types of plants and animals that live there may change.
Grade 4	
4-ESS3-1 Earth and Human Activity	Obtain and combine information to describe that energy and fuels are derived from natural resources and their uses affect the environment.
Grade 5	
5-ESS3-1 Earth and Human Activity	Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.

^{**}NGSS Lead States. (2013). Next Generation Science Standards: For States, By States. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.

National Science Education Standards Alignment***

Grades 3-4	
Life Science	Organisms and environments
Science in Personal and Social Perspectives	Types of resources
	Changes in environments
	 Science and technology in local challenges
Grade 5	
Life Science	Populations and ecosystems
Science in Personal and Social Perspectives	 Populations, resources, and environments
	Risks and benefits
	 Science and technology in society

^{***}National Science Education Standards: Observe, Interact, Change, Learn. Washington, DC: National Academy Press, 1996.