

# Fourth Grade ELA Essential Standards a

## Reading: Literature

- RL.4.1 Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- RL.4.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.
- RL.4.5 Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (ex: verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (ex: casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text.

## Reading: Informational

- RI.4.1 Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- RI.4.5 Describe the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text.

## Writing

- W.4.2.D Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
- W.4.3.B Use dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.
- W.4.3.C Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events.
- W.4.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3)
- W.4.5 With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 4)

## Language

- L.4.2.A Use correct capitalization.
- L.4.2.B Use commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from a text.
- L.4.3.C Use a comma before coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence.
- L.4.2.D Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.
- L.4.4.B Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., telegraph, photograph, autograph).