6th Grade Language Arts Overview

Quarter 1

Bold= Standard that stays up for the whole unit

Common Core Standard(s)	Unit and Lessons
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.10 Write	Introduce Writing Studio/6-Traits of Writing
routinely over extended time	
frames (time for research,	-Writing Studio- Crafting Session, Independent Writing,
reflection, and revision) and	Sharing/Reflecting (W.6.10)
shorter time frames (a single sitting	-Reasons We Write Activity/Bulletin Board (W.6.4)
or a day or two) for a range.	-Introduce 6-Traits- Just focus on content
	vocabulary/recognize that they are in all writing
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.4 Produce	(Organization, Voice, Conventions, Word Choice,
clear and coherent writing in which	Sentence Fluency, Ideas) (W.6.10)
the development, organization, and	-Organize 3-section Writer's Handbook-Bell Ringers,
style are appropriate to task,	Grammar, Writing, Conference Notes (W.6.4)
purpose, and audience	-Writer's Block (W.6.10)
	-Writing Territories-Stations (W.6.4)
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.5 With some	-Conferring (Students set goals)-Teacher and Peer (W.6.5,
guidance and support from peers	SL.6.1)
and adults, develop and strengthen	-Independence-Revising and editing continually while
writing as needed by planning,	writing (W.6.5, W.6.10)
revising, editing, rewriting, or trying	-RAFT (W.6.4)
a new approach.	-Brainstorming/Graphic Organizers (W.6.4)
	-Taking Pride in Work (W.6.4)
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.6.1 Engage	-Timed Writing Pre-Assessment (W.6.10)
effectively in a range of	DAFT MARKET AND CAO
collaborative discussions with	RAFT Writing (W.6.10)
diverse partners on grade 6 topics,	
texts, and issues, building on	
others' ideas and expressing their	
own clearly. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.6.1	Holning/Linking/Action Vorbs
Demonstrate command of the	-Helping/Linking/Action Verbs -Nouns
conventions of standard English	-Subject/Predicate
grammar and usage when writing	-Types of Sentences- Declarative, Interrogative,
or speaking.	Imperative, Exclamatory
	-Dialogue (Basic quick lesson)
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.6.2 Demonstrate	-Spelling- Individual spelling lists (L.6.2b)
command of the conventions of	, 3 : ::: : ; : 3 :::: (=:::=:::)

^{*}Mention Writing Studio and 6-Traits of Writing throughout every unit.

standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

CCSS-ELA-Literacy.L.6.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, and listening.

CCSS-ELA-Literacy.L.6.2b Spell correctly.

CCSS-ELA-Literacy.W.6.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

CCSS-ELA-Literacy.W.6.3a Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.

CCSS-ELA-Literacy.W.6.3b Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

CCSS-ELA-Literacy.W.6.3c Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.

CCSS-ELA-Literacy.W.6.3d Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.

*Make sure bell ringers focus on grammar skills. Do review stations.

*Assess these grammar skills in the narrative.

Narrative Writing

Topic: Survival Personal Narratives

- -Point of View- 1st, 2nd, 3rd (L.6.1c)
- -Brainstorming/Graphic Organizer (W.6.3a)
- -Organization- Beginning, Middle, End (W.6.3a)
- -Attention-Grabber/Introduction-Set the Scene, Sound, Flashback (W.6.3a)
- -Orient the reader by establishing a context, point of view, and introducing the narrator and/or characters (W.6.3a)
- -Transitions (W.6.3c)
- -Topic Sentences (W.6.3a)
- -Paragraphing (W.6.3a)
- -Details- Emotions/Feelings/Figurative Language/Sensory Language (W.6.3b, W.6.3d)
- -Conclusion- Final Reflection on Experience (W.6.3e)
- -Revision/Editing (W6.1)

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.3e Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. CCSS-ELA.Literacy.L.6.1c Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person. CCSS-ELA.Literacy.W.6.6 Use TypingWeb/TypingTutor- Baseline test, three lessons, technology, including the Internet, test, etc. to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of three pages in a single sitting. Timed Writing using Prompts (Fun topics) CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.10 Write routinely over extended time -Narrative- Different Perspectives (Examples-Animals, frames (time for research, Parent, Object) reflection, and revision) and -Personal Narrative- Family/Hobbies/Activities shorter time frames (a single sitting -Students' Choice- RAFT writing or a day or two) for a range. Assessment will be made based on length of writing and CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.4 Produce grammar and writing skills that students have learned. clear and coherent writing in which Students should show growth throughout the quarter. the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience CCSS-ELA-Literacy.W.6.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and wellstructured event sequences.

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CCSS.ELA-Literacy.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.6.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. CCSS-ELA-Literacy.L.6.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, and listening. CCSS-ELA-Literacy.L.6.1a Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive) CCSS-ELA-Literacy.L.6.1b Use intensive pronouns (e.g. myself, ourselves) CCSS-ELA-Literacy.L.6.1c Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person. CCSS-ELA-Literacy.L.6.1d Recognize and	-Prepositions/Prepositional Phrases (6.1) -Point of View (L.6.1c) -Pronouns- Subjective, Objective, Possessive, Intensive, Shifts in Pronoun Number and Person, Vague Pronouns, Antecedents (L.6.1a, L.6.1b, L.6.1c, L.6.1d) -Spelling- Individual spelling lists (L.6.2b) *Make sure bell ringers focus on 1 st and 2 nd quarter grammar skills. Do review stations. *Assess these grammar skills in the argumentative essay.

or ambiguous antecedents) CCSS-ELA-Literacy.L.6.2b Spell correctly. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.1 Write arguments to **Argumentative Writing** support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence. Topic: Student choice CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.1a Introduce claim(s) -Brainstorm hot topics (W.6.1) and organize the reasons and evidence clearly. -Define argumentative writing (W.6.1) -Two sides to argument- Debate (W.6.1b) CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.1b Support claim(s) -Model/Practice argument, claim, evidence, with clear reasons and relevant evidence, reasoning- Who Dunnit activity (W.6.1b) using credible sources and demonstrating an -Reliable resources- internet activity (W.6.8) understanding of the topic or text. -Researching for relevant evidence that supports claims (W.6.7, W.6.8, W.6.9) -Formal Style (W.6.1d) CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.1c Use words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among -Model/Practice argument, claim, evidence, claim(s) and reasons. reasoning- Using research (W.6.1b) -Model/Practice body paragraphs- claim (topic CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.1d Establish and sentence), evidence, reasoning, evidence, maintain a formal style. reasoning, closing sentence (W.6.1b) -Model/Practice introduction- attention-CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.1e Provide a concluding grabber (Picture This), thesis (Argument) statement or section that follows from the (W.6.1a) -Model/Practice conclusion- restate thesis, argument presented. effective ending (W.6.1e) CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.7 Conduct short research projects to answer a **Argumentative Essay Assessment** question, drawing on several sources and -Research refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. -Compose -Revise/Edit CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.8 Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding

CCSS.ELA.Literacy.SL.6.1 Engage effectively in

plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic

CCSS.ELA.Literacy.W.6.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support

analysis, reflection, and research.

information for sources.

Formal Debate on Argumentative Topic

a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. CCSS.ELA.Literacy.SL.6.4 Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation	(SL.6.1, SL.6.4) -Teacher-given topic -Split class into sides -Prepare/informal research -Debate
CCSS-ELA.Literacy.W.6.6 Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of three pages in a single sitting.	TypingWeb/TypingTutor- Three lessons, test, three lessons, etc.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range.	Timed Writing Assessments using Prompts (Fun Topics) are better thanArgue a side after reading an articleStudents' Choice- RAFT writing
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	Assessment will be made based on length of writing and grammar and writing skills that students have learned. Students should show growth throughout the quarter.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.1 Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.	
CCSS.ELA.Literacy.W.6.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.	

Quarter 3

Common Core Standard(s)	Unit and Lessons
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.10 Write routinely over	-Conferring/Peer Conferences (Students set
extended time frames (time for research,	goals) (W.6.5)
reflection, and revision) and shorter time	-Revising/Editing consistently while writing

frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a (W.6.5)range. -RAFT Writing (W.6.10) CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.5 With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.6.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.6.1 Demonstrate command Types of sentences-Simple, Complex, of the conventions of standard English Compound (6.2) grammar and usage when writing or Commas- Appositives, Listing, Introductory speaking. Words/Phrases/Direct Addresses, Dates, Addresses (6.2a) CCSS.ELA-Literacy.6.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English -Spelling- Individual spelling lists (L.6.2b) capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. *Make sure bell ringers focus on grammar skills from 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarter. Do review CCSS.ELA-Literacy.6.2a Use punctuation stations. (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off *Assess these grammar skills in the nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements. informative essay. CCSS-ELA-Literacy.L.6.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, and listening. CCSS-ELA-Literacy.L.6.2b Spell correctly. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.2 Informative Writing: Biography Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, Topic: Influential Person and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant -Format (Early Life, Education, Career, Achievements, Roadblocks, Family, Later content.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.2.A

Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.2.B

Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.2.C

Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.2.D

Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.2.E

Establish and maintain a formal style.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.2.F

Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.8

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.9

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Life/Death) (W.6.2.A)

- Model/Practice Biography using Jackie Robinson
- -Model/Practice Introduction- Quote (W.6.2.A)
- -Model/Practice Body Paragraphs-

Topic Sentence, Facts (Details, Quotations, Examples), Closing Sentence (W.6.2.B)

- -Model/Practice Conclusion (W.6.2F)
- -Transitions (W.6.2.C)
- -Formal Style (W.6.2.E)
- -Reading Class will read and research students' person of choice, and in LA, we will write the biography. (W.6.2 W.6.8, W.6.9)

PARCC Preparation- Compare/Contrast Different Articles, etc. (W.6.2, W.6.2A)

CCSS.ELA.Literacy.SL.6.1 Engage effectively in Interviews a range of collaborative discussions with -Model/practice good questioning (SL.6.1c) diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and -Model/practice eye contact, speaking clearly, issues, building on others' ideas and voice level (SL.6.4) expressing their own clearly. -Students develop 4 open-ended/in-depth questions for the teacher to ask (SL.6.1c) CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.6.1c Pose and respond to -Students pose as subject of biography specific questions with elaboration and detail (SL.6.1c) by making comments that contribute to the -Students write/synthesize/discuss topic, text, or issue under discussion. information presented in the interview. (SL.6.2) CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.6.2 Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.6.4 Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. CCSS-ELA.Literacy.W.6.6 Use technology, TypingWeb/TypingTutor- Three lessons, test, including the Internet, to produce and publish three lessons, etc. writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of three pages in a single sitting. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.10 Write routinely over Timed Writing Assessments using Prompts extended time frames (time for research, (Fun Topics) reflection, and revision) and shorter time -Read/Research a Person and Write frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a -Students' Choice- RAFT writing range. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.4 Produce clear and Assessment will be made based on length of coherent writing in which the development, writing and grammar and writing skills that organization, and style are appropriate to task, students have learned. Students should show growth throughout the quarter. purpose, and audience.

Quarter 4

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extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development,

organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.5 With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.6.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.6.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.6.2a Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.

CCSS-ELA-Literacy.L.6.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, and listening.

CCSS-ELA-Literacy.L.6.2b Spell correctly.

CCSS-ELA-Literacy.W.6.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event goals) (W.6.5)

-Revising/Editing consistently while writing (W.6.5)

-RAFT Writing (W.6.10)

Adjectives (6.1) Adverbs- Good vs. Well (6.1) Parentheses (6.2a) Dashes (6.2a)

-Spelling- Individual spelling lists (L.6.2b)

*Make sure bell ringers focus on grammar skills from 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarter. Do review

*Assess these grammar skills in the informative essay.

Narrative Writing

Topic: Write a narrative from the perspective of a historical figure. (Biography or Social

sequences.

CCSS-ELA-Literacy.W.6.3a Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.

CCSS-ELA-Literacy.W.6.3b Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

CCSS-ELA-Literacy.W.6.3c Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.

CCSS-ELA-Literacy.W.6.3d Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.3e Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.8

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.9

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.3

Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

Studies)

- -Research time period (W.6.3a, W.6.8, W.6.9)
- -Attention-Grabber (W.6.3a)
- -Orient the Reader (W.6.3a)
- -Dialogue (W.6.3b)
- -Transition Words (W.6.3c)
- -Progression of Ideas (W.6.3b)
- -Sensory Details, Descriptive Words (W.6.3d)
- -Strong Conclusion (W.6.3e)

- -Reader's Theater (L.6.3, L.6.3a, L.6.3b)
- -Plays
- -Dialogues
- -Monologues

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.3.A	
Vary sentence patterns for meaning,	
reader/listener interest, and style.	
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.3.B	
Maintain consistency in style and tone.	
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CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.5	Poetry (L.6.5, L.6.5a)
Demonstrate understanding of figurative	-Concrete Poems
language, word relationships, and nuances in	-Family Metaphor Poems
word meanings.	-Personification Obituaries
	-Color Poems
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.5.A	
Interpret figures of speech (e.g.,	
personification) in context.	
CCSS-ELA.Literacy.W.6.6 Use technology,	TypingWeb/TypingTutor- Three lessons, test,
including the Internet, to produce and publish	three lessons, etc.
writing as well as to interact and collaborate	
with others; demonstrate sufficient command	
of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of	
three pages in a single sitting.	
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.10 Write routinely over	Timed Writing Assessments using Prompts
extended time frames (time for research,	(Fun Topics)
reflection, and revision) and shorter time	-Students' Choice- RAFT writing
frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a	
range.	
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coherent writing in which the development,	students have learned. Students should show
organization, and style are appropriate to task,	growth throughout the quarter.
purpose, and audience.	