

# Unit 2: Reading the Weather, Reading the World (Grade 4)

Content Area: **Reading**  
Course(s): **Reading 4**  
Time Period: **Marking Period 2**  
Length: **6-8 weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## **Established Goals/Standards**

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Please choose the appropriate Goals/Standards from the Standards tab above.

LA.RI.4.1	Refer to details and examples in a text and make relevant connections when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
LA.RI.4.2	Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.
LA.RI.4.3	Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.
LA.RI.4.4	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a grade 4 topic or subject area.
LA.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.
LA.RI.4.6	Compare and contrast a firsthand and secondhand account of the same event or topic; describe the differences in focus and the information provided.
LA.RI.4.7	Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears.
LA.RI.4.8	Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text.
LA.RI.4.9	Integrate and reflect on (e.g., practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.
LA.RI.4.10	By the end of year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at grade level text-complexity or above, with scaffolding as needed.
LA.RF.4.3	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words.
LA.RF.4.3.A	Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.
LA.RF.4.4	Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
LA.RF.4.4.A	Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.
LA.RF.4.4.B	Read grade-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression.
LA.RF.4.4.C	Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.
LA.SL.4.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
LA.SL.4.1.A	Explicitly draw on previously read text or material and other information known about the

	topic to explore ideas under discussion.
LA.SL.4.1.B	Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.
LA.SL.4.1.C	Pose and respond to specific questions to clarify or follow up on information, and make comments that contribute to the discussion and link to the remarks of others.
LA.SL.4.1.D	Review the key ideas expressed and explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.
LA.SL.4.2	Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, and orally).
LA.SL.4.3	Identify the reasons and evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.
LA.SL.4.4	Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.
LA.SL.4.5	Add audio recordings and visual displays to presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.
LA.SL.4.6	Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion); use formal English when appropriate to task and situation.
SEL.PK-12.1.3	Recognize one's personal traits, strengths, and limitations
SEL.PK-12.1.4	Recognize the importance of self-confidence in handling daily tasks and challenges
SEL.PK-12.2.1	Understand and practice strategies for managing one's own emotions, thoughts, and behaviors
SEL.PK-12.2.2	Recognize the skills needed to establish and achieve personal and educational goals
SEL.PK-12.2.3	Identify and apply ways to persevere or overcome barriers through alternative methods to achieve one's goals
SEL.PK-12.3.1	Recognize and identify the thoughts, feelings, and perspectives of others
SEL.PK-12.3.3	Demonstrate an understanding of the need for mutual respect when viewpoints differ
SEL.PK-12.3.4	Demonstrate an awareness of the expectations for social interactions in a variety of settings
SEL.PK-12.4.1	Develop, implement and model effective problem-solving, and critical thinking skills
SEL.PK-12.5.2	Utilize positive communication and social skills to interact effectively with others
SEL.PK-12.5.4	Demonstrate the ability to prevent and resolve interpersonal conflicts in constructive ways
SEL.PK-12.5.5	Identify who, when, where, or how to seek help for oneself or others when needed
CAEP.9.2.4.A.1	Identify reasons why people work, different types of work, and how work can help a person achieve personal and professional goals.
CAEP.9.2.4.A.3	Investigate both traditional and nontraditional careers and relate information to personal likes and dislikes.
CAEP.9.2.4.A.4	Explain why knowledge and skills acquired in the elementary grades lay the foundation for future academic and career success.

## Essential Questions

Please add your Essential Questions by clicking on the Lists tab above.

- How can readers use the words around a new vocabulary word to find meaning?

- How can reading strategies be used in thinking about the text and making connections beyond the text?
- How do the graphic features help to locate information in the text?
- How do the structures in a text help readers to determine which information is most important?
- How does the organization of non-fiction text help to gain information?
- What are characteristics of nonfiction?
- What is a hybrid nonfiction?

## **Enduring Understanding**

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Please add your Enduring Understandings by clicking on the Lists tab above.

- Good readers use multiple comprehension strategies to make text personally relevant and useful. These strategies include: making connections (text to text, text to world, text to self), questioning, visualizing, making inferences, determining importance, and synthesizing.
- Informational texts provide ideas, facts, and principles that are related to the physical, biological, or social world.
- Organization of nonfiction reading (titles, subtitles) help locate information within a text.
- We read for information, learn from narrative and non-narrative nonfiction, and use nonfiction reading strategies as tools for research.

## **Content**

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**Students will be able to:**

- use nonfiction reading strategies
- read narrative nonfiction to gather information and ideas
- read non-narrative text
- determine the difference between recreational nonfiction reading and reading to learn
- use text features to determine the topic
- determine the main idea of a passage
- use subheadings or section headings to search for information
- recognize texts that are a combination of narrative and non-narrative
- use note-taking to organize information
- identify the different structures of non-narrative
- paraphrase what they read
- teach others what they have learned

**Text structure:**

- print features (font, titles, headings, captions, etc)
- graphic aids (maps, charts, tables, timelines, etc.)
- organizational aids (table of contents, index, glossary, etc.)
- illustrations (photos, drawings)

**Reading Strategies:**

- Solve content specific vocabulary

- Utilize background knowledge
- Identify main idea and supporting details
- Compare texts on same topic
- Note-taking (post-its, highlighting, index cards, outlines, computer cut and paste)

## **Resources**

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### Books/Articles:

- Everything Weather by Kathy Furgang and Tim Samaras
- Scholastic Magazine
- Eyewitness Hurricane and Tornado by Jack Challoner
- various nonfiction books on severe weather topics including:
  - Hurricanes
  - Tornadoes
  - Blizzards
  - Earthquakes

### Reading Strategy Posters

### Assessments

- Classroom Activities
- Severe Weather Presentations

### ActivBoard Flipcharts