

# Fundamentals - Launching Reading

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## Unit Overview

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The beginning of the school year is an exciting time! Students enter their classrooms with a heightened sense of curiosity and wonder. First impressions go a long way for young learners, and it is important for them to experience a comfortable and engaging invitation into their literacy-rich environment. Brightly decorated bulletin boards, shiny desks and tables, and beautifully organized books await your students. The start of each new school year provides opportunities for you and your students to create a community of learners who respect, listen to, share, and respond to the thoughts and ideas of others. This is especially important when considering your community of readers.

The Reading Fundamentals Launching Unit of Study provides models for many reading behaviors, rituals, and routines. Active listening, thinking, engagement, and participation are fundamental expectations for reading workshop. Establishing a community that fosters these behaviors is vital and will help your readers develop and grow. Through the targeted lessons in this unit, your students' focused thinking and accountable talk will begin to evolve and develop. As students gain more experience, they begin to participate in meaningful conversations connected to the books they are sharing.

## Transfer

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Students will be able to independently use their learning to...

-What kinds of long term, independent accomplishments are desired?

- Develop an understanding of themselves as readers
- Learn to self-select appropriate texts
- Set goals for themselves as readers
- Learn the expectations and routines for actively participating in a reading community
- Learn how to engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions
- Learn how to follow agreed-upon rules for discussions
- Learn to present their ideas about a topic or text using relevant facts and details to support their points
- Learn how to ask and answer questions to clarify understanding of a topic under discussion
- Recognize the differences among books that entertain, inform, and persuade, drawing on a wide reading of range of text types, including fiction, poetry, and nonfiction
- Develop habits of mind for engaging with a variety of complex texts
- Learn how to apply self-monitoring skills
- Learn how to determine the meaning of challenging vocabulary words and phrases in a text
- Learn how to ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text
- Learn how to refer to details and examples in a text to determine a theme and/or draw inferences from a text

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For more information, read the following article by Grant Wiggins.

[http://www.authenticeducation.org/ae\\_bigideas/article.lasso?artid=60](http://www.authenticeducation.org/ae_bigideas/article.lasso?artid=60)

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## **Meaning**

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### **Understandings**

Students will understand that...

- What specifically do you want students to understand?
- What inferences should they make/grasp/realize?

Students will understand acceptable reading behaviors and routines will help them become stronger readers.

Students will understand active listening and engagement will enhance their reading experience.

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### **Essential Questions**

Students will keep considering...

- What thought provoking questions will foster inquiry, meaning making and transfer?
- What do I learn about being a reader from these texts?
- How do I approach each text differently based on genre?
- What are the central ideas or messages of the texts? How do I connect to them?

## Application of Knowledge and Skill

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### Students will know...

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What facts and basic concepts should students know and be able to recall?

- appropriate reading behaviors and routines
- active thinking improves reading comprehension

### Students will be skilled at...

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What discrete skills and processes should students be able to use?

- Reading routines to understand and comprehend various texts
- Engaging in discuss to better understand various texts

## Academic Vocabulary

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**Instructional Vocabulary:** The Instructional Vocabulary are words derived from the discussions and instructions outlined in each lesson.

collaborate		
community	genre	
connection	goal	
context clues	habit	
conversation	habits of mind	poetry
craft techniques	identify	purpose
element	inference	question
engage	key idea	schema
evidence	monitor	strategy
fiction	nonfiction	support
generate	notate	synthesize
	partnership	text

### Tier 2 and 3 Vocabulary - Mentor Texts

Mentor Text	Albert	The Lonely Book	Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11	Painting the Trees of Kenya:	Tomás and the Library Lady	A Whiff of Pine, a Hint of Skunk:
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The Story of Wangari Maathai				A forest of poems			
Tier 2	aching brim chattered chirp chuckled clattered crouched curiously flicked fluttered fussed gratefully insistently jerked pecked peeped quizzical rotated rumbled screeched twig twisting whistled wrapped	brand-new breathlessly enchanted fragile lonelier mysterious peered ruined shabby tucked volunteer	awkward beneath fasten flapping glowing lope magnificent massive mightily pressed released starless steady trained whir	admired afford beyond clothed dirtying eagerly expensive exposed fallen fewer glistening graze healthier sacred seriously sickly tend urged	chattered cot eager flapping glaring gulp pour sewn thorny which	absolutely admire adore argument baffled barely brand-new breathtaking bumble distinguished faithfully flimsy furious glance gleaming gloomy gobble grumbling handsome heaping lounging pace patiently pinstriped ponder ramble ripples rugged rumpled separate shallow shriek	
Tier 3	askance breast brood cardinal comic strip fledgling garbage truck grillwork midday passenger postcard snack vendor trousers	show-and-tell toadstool ushered	altitude astronaut Columbia countdown crater first stage gauges ignition mission control orbit second stage Velcro	Benedictine nun cassava crotons fig tree flame tree homestead inmate manure nursery olive tree pigeon plantation seedling silt sorghum	adios gracias pan dulce Papa Grande snakebird	amphibian avalanche badger bandicoots chickadees cleaver coyote dogwood tree feud green tiger beetle kingdom oriole raw sienna snarl soggy sycamore trunk uncommonly waddle wallabies waterproof worship wren	

Tier 2 and 3 Vocabulary - Shared Texts							
Shared Text	"Anchor Leg"	"Bee Smart!"	"Going Green in School"	"How Humpbacks Go Fishing"	"The Library of My Dreams"	"Roller Coaster Rob"	"What a Pro Knows: Bubble Science"
Tier 2	anchor awesome curve	blob clever compliment	amazingly conscious initiating	chase flashed harmlessly	discover dream elegant	fear loop lurch	cruncher silver sinking achieve admire creativity

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## **Formative Assessment Opportunities**

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Students can write a response to the book *Tomas and the Library Lady* including:

- How they, as readers, are similar to Tomas?
- How are they special relationships with family members such as the relationship Tomas has with Papa Grande?
- How are they passionate about a certain activity like Tomas is passionate about reading and storytelling?

## **IRA 2 Target: Learning About Ourselves As Readers and Making Connections**

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Readers develop an understanding of their unique identities and histories as readers and learn about other readers in their reading community.

- Students will learn how they can make connections to texts through their personal and reading community experiences and how this will deepen their understanding and ability to talk about the texts they read.

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### **IRA 3 Target: Creating a Reading Life**

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Readers use their own identities, as well as recommendations from their reading community, to self-select well-matched texts, read for different purposes, and set reading goals.

- Students will learn how to select appropriate texts for independent reading
- Monitor reading for understanding and enjoyment.

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### **IRA 4 Target: Making Meaning and Digging Deeper!**

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Readers bring what they know or have experienced to all types of reading (activating their schema) and ask questions as they continually interact with a text.

- Students will learn how to “stop and jot” to activate their schema and generate questions.

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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.4.7	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.4.10	By the end of year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at grade level text-complexity or above, with scaffolding as needed.
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## **IRA 5 Target: Knowing When I Get It!**

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Readers know how it feels to understand their reading and pay attention when meaning breaks down.

- Students will learn how to monitor for meaning at text, paragraph, and word level
- Use “fix-up” strategies when meaning breaks down.

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LA.RL.4.3	Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character’s thoughts, words, or actions).
LA.RL.4.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in literature.
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## **IRA 6 Target: Sharing Our Thinking**

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Readers talk with others about texts to extend their thinking and grow new ideas.

- Students will learn how to engage in collaborative and purposeful conversations about texts to deepen their understanding and appreciation.

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## **IRA 7 Target: Tracking Our Thinking**

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Readers use tools to keep track of their thinking and prepare for discussions about texts.

- Students will learn how to establish a Reading Notebook and to notate and reference their thinking about texts.

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### **IRA 8 Target: Keeping the Conversation Going**

Readers initiate and build conversations around the big ideas or themes in texts.

- Students will learn how to infer themes in fiction texts
- Provide specific evidence from the text to support their points when engaged in conversations.

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## **Learning Goal 2**

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Students will independently apply reading strategies and skills and demonstrate understanding of various genres and their key features.

### **Mini-Lesson 1 Target: Our Reading Habits**

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Readers develop habits of mind to deepen their understanding of texts.

- Students will learn how to make connections to texts and notate their thinking in their Reading Notebooks.

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### **Mini-Lesson 2 Target: Growing As Readers**

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Readers set goals to enhance their reading lives.

- Students will learn how to reflect upon their reading habits and make plans for growth as readers.

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### **Mini-Lesson 3 Target: What's My Role in a Reading Community?**

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Readers share ideas with other readers to deepen understanding and become stronger readers.

- Students will learn how to infer key ideas in texts
- Communicate and exchange these ideas with members of their reading community.

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### **Mini-Lesson 4 Target: Getting Ready to Discuss**

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Readers think about their reading and prepare for conversations with other readers.

- Students will learn how to stop and jot important information to notate their thinking in preparation for discussions about texts.

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### **Mini-Lesson 5 Target: Think–Pair–Share!**

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Readers ask questions before, during, and after reading and talk about their reading to deepen understanding.

- Students will learn strategies for purposeful talk in partnerships, including questioning strategies

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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.4.8	Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text.
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.W.4.10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, metacognition/self-correction and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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.4.3	Identify the reasons and evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.
LA.L.4.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
LA.L.4.3	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
LA.L.4.4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
LA.L.4.6	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., quizzed, whined, stammered) and that are basic to a particular topic (e.g., wildlife, conservation, and endangered when discussing animal preservation).

### **Mini-Lesson 6 Target: Being a Careful Reader**

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Readers understand that reading is a process of making meaning and pay attention when meaning breaks down.

- Students will learn how to monitor their reading for understanding
- Reread using context clues to make sense of a text.

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### **Mini-Lesson 7 Target: Making Pictures in Our Minds**

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Readers of fiction visualize the story unfolding like a movie in their minds.

- Students will learn how to create mental images based upon the descriptions in the text in order to enhance their understanding and recall of important moments.

LA.RL.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.RL.4.3	Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions).
LA.RL.4.10	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems at grade level text-complexity or above, with scaffolding as needed.
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.L.4.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
LA.L.4.3	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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### **Mini-Lesson 8 Target: The Magic of Fiction**

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Readers use the essential elements of the fiction genre to make meaning.

- Students will learn how to utilize story elements and writer's craft techniques to deepen understanding of fiction texts.

LA.RL.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.RL.4.2	Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.
LA.RL.4.3	Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions).
LA.RL.4.10	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems at grade level text-complexity or above, with scaffolding as needed.
LA.W.4.10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, metacognition/self-correction and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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.4.2	Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, and orally).
LA.L.4.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.



LA.L.4.3	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
LA.L.4.6	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., quizzed, whined, stammered) and that are basic to a particular topic (e.g., wildlife, conservation, and endangered when discussing animal preservation).

### **Mini-Lesson 9 Target: Reading Poetry: What’s It REALLY All About?**

Readers of poetry create personal meaning from texts by blending what is read with relevant background knowledge or schema.

- Students will learn how to infer or draw conclusions about big ideas or themes in poems

LA.RL.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.
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LA.L.4.3	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
LA.L.4.5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
LA.L.4.6	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., quizzed, whined, stammered) and that are basic to a particular topic (e.g., wildlife, conservation, and endangered when discussing animal preservation).

### **Mini-Lesson 10 Target: The Amazing World of Nonfiction**

Readers of nonfiction use the elements of the genre to make meaning.

- Students will learn how to use nonfiction text features to determine what is important and identify key ideas.

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.4.7	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.4.10	By the end of year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at grade level text-complexity or above, with scaffolding as needed.
LA.W.4.10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, metacognition/self-correction and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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## Summative Assessment

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Select all applicable standards from the applicable standards

## Formative Assessment and Performance Opportunities

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*Please see lesson-specific Formal Assessments listed within each target about.*

## Accommodations/Modifications

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## **Unit Resources**

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[Scope/Sequence Remote and Hybrid Docs](#)

[Digital Graphic Organizers](#)

[Launching and HWW Digital Texts Links](#)

[Schoolwide Running List of Independent Titles - Skill/Strategy Based](#)

Brain Pop: <https://www.brainpop.com/english/studyandreadingskills/readingskills/>

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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