

# Unit 1-4a Language Arts Portfolio

Content Area: **Language Arts**  
Course(s): **E/LA 7**  
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## Essential Questions

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- How am I growing as a reader and writer?
- How can my performance be improved?

## Big Ideas

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### Anchor Standards

- AS.R.10 Readers should continually challenge themselves to explore new literature and information text at increasingly complex levels.
- AS.W.10 Writers should continue to improve their craft through short reflections and long-term projects.
- AS.L.1-2 Demonstrating a command of Standard English is an essential life skill.
- AS.L.3 The function of the use of language varies based on context.
- AS.L.4-6 Various aspects language can be associated with academic, creative, and professional platforms.

**Core Reading:** Self-selected readings spanning an array of genres

**Core Writing:** Writers and readers notebook responses, and collection of best works

**Technology:** Google Platform, peer collaboration, revision

## CSDT Technology Connection

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8.1.8DA.1: Organize and transform data collected using computational tools to make it usable for a specific purpose

## **Enduring Understandings**

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### **Literature**

RL.CT.7.8. Compare[,] and contrast [and reflect on (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge)] a fictional portrayal of an event, time, place, or character and a historical or scientific account of the same period or event as a means of understanding how authors of fiction use or alter history and/or events.

### **Informational Text**

RI.CT.7.9 [M] Analyze and reflect on (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, background knowledge) how two or more authors writing informational text about the same topic shape their presentations of key information by emphasizing different evidence or advancing different interpretations of facts.

### **Writing**

W.AW.7.1 [M] Write arguments on discipline-specific content (e.g. social studies, science, technical subjects, English/Language Arts) to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

W.AW.7.1a [M] Introduce claim(s), about a topic or issue, acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.

W.AW.7.1b [M] Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant, accurate data and evidence that demonstrate an understanding of the topic or text, demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.

W.AW.7.1c [M] Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), reasons, and evidence.

W.AW.7.1d [M] Establish and maintain a formal style/academic style, approach, and form.

W.AW.7.1e [M] Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

W.WP.7.4. With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning[.]; flexibly making editing and revisi[ng]on[, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach,] revision choices and sustaining effort to complete complex writing tasks; and focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

W.RW.7.7 [M] 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.

## Speaking and Listening

SL.PE.7.1 [M] Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one and in groups) on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

SL.AS.7.6 [M] Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

## Language

L.KL.7.2. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

L.KL.7.2a [M] Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

L.VL.7.3a [M] Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

L.VL.7.3d [M] Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.

L.VL.7.3d [M] Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).