

6th Grade English Language Arts Georgia Standards of Excellence (ELA GSE)

READING LITERARY (RL)	READING INFORMATIONAL (RI)
➤ Key Ideas and Details	➤ Key Ideas and Details
ELAGSE6RL1: Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	ELAGSE6RI1: Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
ELAGSE6RL2: Determine a theme and/or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.	ELAGSE6RI2: Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
ELAGSE6RL3: Describe how a particular story’s or drama’s plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves towards a resolution.	ELAGSE6RI3: Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
➤ Craft and Structure	➤ Craft and Structure
ELAGSE6RL4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.	ELAGSE6RI4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.
ELAGSE6RL5: Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.	ELAGSE6RI5: Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas.
ELAGSE6RL6: Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.	ELAGSE6RI6: Determine an author’s point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text.
➤ Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	➤ Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
ELAGSE6RL7: Compare and contrast the experience of reading a story, drama, or poem to listening to or viewing an audio, video, or live version of the text, including contrasting what they “see” and “hear” when reading the text to what they perceive when they listen or watch.	ELAGSE6RI7: Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
ELAGSE6RL8: (Not applicable to literature)	ELAGSE6RI8: Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.
ELAGSE6RL9: Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories) in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics.	ELAGSE6RI9: Compare and contrast one author’s presentation of events with that of another (e.g., a memoir written by and a biography on the same person).
➤ Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	➤ Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
ELAGSE6RL10: By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.	ELAGSE6RI10: By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

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WRITING (W)	
➤ Text Types and Purposes	
ELAGSE6W1: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.	
a. Introduce claim(s) and organize the reasons and evidence clearly.	
b. Support claim(s) with clear reasons and relevant evidence, using credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.	
c. Use words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among claim(s) and reasons.	
d. Establish and maintain a formal style.	
e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the argument presented.	
ELAGSE6W2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.	
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.	
b. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.	
c. Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.	
d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.	
e. Establish and maintain a formal style.	
f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.	
ELAGSE6W3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.	
a. 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.	
b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.	
c. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.	
d. Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.	
e. Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.	
➤ Production and Distribution of Writing	
ELAGSE6W4: Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)	
ELAGSE6W5: 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. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.)	
ELAGSE6W6: Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others.	
➤ Research to Build and Present Knowledge	
ELAGSE6W7: Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.	
ELAGSE6W8: 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.	
ELAGSE6W9: Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.	
a. Apply <i>grade 6 Reading standards</i> to literature (e.g., “Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres [e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories] in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics”).	
b. Apply <i>grade 6 Reading standards</i> to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not”).	
➤ Range of Writing	
ELAGSE6W10: 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 of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.	

SPEAKING AND LISTENING (SL)

➤ **Comprehension and Collaboration**

ELAGSE6SL1: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on *grade 6 topics, texts, and issues*, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

b. Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

c. Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

d. Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

ELAGSE6SL2: Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.

ELAGSE6SL3: Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.

➤ **Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas**

ELAGSE6SL4: 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.

ELAGSE6SL5: Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, images, music, sound) and visual displays in presentations to clarify information.

ELAGSE6SL6: Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 6 Language standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.)

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LANGUAGE (L)	
➤ Conventions of Standard English	
ELAGSE6L1: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	
a. Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive).	
b. Use intensive pronouns (e.g., <i>myself, ourselves</i>).	
c. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person.*	
d. Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).*	
e. Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.*	
ELAGSE6L2: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.	
a. Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.*	
b. Spell correctly.	
➤ Knowledge of Language	
ELAGSE6L3: Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.	
a. Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.*	
b. Maintain consistency in style and tone.*	
➤ Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	
ELAGSE6L4: Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>grade 6 reading and content</i> , choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.	
a. 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.	
b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., <i>audience, auditory, audible</i>).	
c. 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.	
d. 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).	
ELAGSE6L5: Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.	
a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., personification) in context.	
b. Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category) to better understand each of the words.	
c. Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., <i>stingy, scrimping, economical, un wasteful, thrifty</i>).	
ELAGSE6L6: Acquire and accurately use grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.	

Skills marked with an asterisk () are included on the Language Progressive Skills chart for GSE and are likely to require continued attention in higher grades as they are applied to increasingly sophisticated writing and speaking.

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LANGUAGE PROGRESSIVE SKILLS CHART GRADES K-12

The following skills were marked with an asterisk (*) and are included on the Language Progressive Skills chart for ELAGSE because they will require continued attention in higher grades as they are applied to increasingly sophisticated writing and speaking. Instructors in ALL grades should refer to the Language Progressive Skills Chart for progressive standards that **should be added** to the Language Strand for their grade.

STANDARD	GRADES											
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9-10	11-12	
ELAGSEK15b. Relate frequently occurring words to their antonyms (also synonyms/homographs in progression).												Subsumed by ELAGSE5L5c
ELAGSE1L2c. Use commas in dates and to separate single words in a series.												Subsumed by ELAGSE5L2a
ELAGSE1L1i. Use frequently occurring prepositions.												Subsumed by ELAGSE4L1e
ELAGSE1L1g. Use frequently occurring conjunctions. ELAGSE3L1h. Use coordinating and subordinating conjunctions. ELAGSE5L1e. Use correlative conjunctions (e.g., <i>either/or, neither/nor</i>).												
ELAGSE3L1a. Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences. ELAGSE5L1a. Explain the function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections in general and their function in particular sentences.												
ELAGSE3L1f. Ensure subject-verb and pronoun-antecedent agreement.												
ELAGSE3L3a. Choose words and phrases for effect.												
EKACC4L1e. Form and use prepositional phrases.												
ELAGSE4L1f. Produce complete sentences, recognizing and correcting inappropriate fragments and run-ons.												
ELAGSE4L1g. Correctly use frequently confused words (e.g., <i>to/too/two; there/their</i>).												
ELAGSE4L3a. Choose words and phrases to convey ideas precisely.												Subsumed by ELAGSE7L3a
ELAGSE4L3b. Choose punctuation for effect.												
ELAGSE5L1d. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense.												
ELAGSE5L2a. Use punctuation to separate items in a series (use of commas continues with added complexity throughout the standards).												
ELAGSE5L5c. Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonyms, antonyms, homographs) to better understand each of the words.												
ELAGSE6L1c. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person.												
ELAGSE6L1d. Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).												
ELAGSE6L1e. Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.												
ELAGSE6L3a. Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style (varying sentence patterns continues with added rigor throughout the standards).												
ELAGSE6L3b. Maintain consistency in style and tone.												
ELAGSE7L1c. Place phrases and clauses within a sentence, recognizing and correcting misplaced and dangling modifiers.												
ELAGSE7L3a. Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.												
ELAGSE8L1d. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.												
ELAGSE9–10L1a. Use parallel structure.												
L11-12L3a. Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.												

* Darkened boxes indicate grades in which the standard should be taught.