

# Living Literature Grammar: Learning Record

A Literature-Based Language Arts Curriculum

Grade Range: 3rd–6th

Subject Focus: Language Arts (Grammar, Writing, Reading Comprehension, Spelling)

## Content Description

Living Literature Grammar is a flexible, literature-based curriculum designed to teach grammar and language mechanics through engaging, real-book passages. Across 15 weekly lessons, students analyze excerpts from high-quality children's literature to explore parts of speech, sentence structure, punctuation, usage, and stylistic devices.

The curriculum fosters language skills in context, allowing students to practice editing, diagramming, and rewriting activities based on the weekly literary selections. Each lesson offers brief instruction, targeted practice, and creative response opportunities. It emphasizes reading comprehension, grammar fluency, spelling accuracy, and an appreciation for well-crafted writing.

## Learning Objectives

Students will:

- Identify and classify all eight parts of speech.
- Distinguish between simple and complete subjects and predicates.
- Recognize sentence types (declarative, interrogative, exclamatory, imperative).
- Identify and correctly use coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.
- Apply rules of punctuation including commas, periods, semicolons, and quotation marks.
- Use capitalization rules correctly in context.
- Edit for grammar, punctuation, spelling, and clarity in a passage.
- Diagram sentences to show the function of each word.
- Identify and analyze phrases and dependent/independent clauses.
- Explore word choice and its impact on tone and meaning.

- Apply grammar and spelling rules through modeled and independent writing tasks.
- Improve sentence fluency and complexity.
- Identify and revise sentence fragments and run-ons.
- Expand vocabulary and apply correct spelling using contextual clues.
- Compare author styles and literary devices through close reading.
- Strengthen writing through revision, peer/self-editing, and proofreading.

## **Standards Alignment**

### **Common Core English Language Arts (ELA) Standards**

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3–8.1: Demonstrate command of grammar and usage.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3–8.2: Demonstrate command of capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3–8.3: Use knowledge of language and conventions for clarity and style.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3–8.4: Determine the meaning of unknown words and phrases using context.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3–8.5: Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3–8.6: Acquire and use academic and domain-specific vocabulary.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.3–8.1: Cite textual evidence to support analysis.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.3–8.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as used in a text.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.3–8.2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.3–8.5: Develop and strengthen writing through planning, revising, editing, and rewriting.

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.3–8.10: Write routinely over extended time frames and shorter time frames.

## Scope and Sequence

This 15-week curriculum offers a comprehensive study of grammar and language mechanics grounded in literary analysis. Lessons are sequentially arranged to build mastery from foundational grammar to more advanced concepts including sentence diagramming, stylistic elements, and syntax variation.

Each week features a new literary excerpt paired with grammar instruction, editing and revision tasks, sentence diagramming, and application through creative writing. This format builds practical writing skills and deepens students' appreciation for author craft and sentence fluency.

The curriculum integrates seamlessly with language arts instruction or can stand alone as a focused grammar program. It supports strong connections between reading comprehension, spelling accuracy, grammar fluency, and writing precision.

## Educational Benefits

- **Contextual Grammar Instruction:** Students learn grammar naturally through literature.
- **Writing and Spelling Improvement:** Encourages sentence variety, editing, and proofreading.
- **Reading Comprehension:** Reinforces understanding of structure and literary meaning.
- **Flexible Use:** Adaptable for homeschool or classroom settings.
- **Cross-Disciplinary Learning:** Connects grammar, literature, spelling, and writing for deeper engagement.
- **Portfolio-Ready:** Weekly written exercises and annotated literary samples serve as documentation of academic growth.

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