

Free (Open Source) Standards-Aligned ELA/Literacy Instructional Materials

Program	Grades	Access Links	Notes for Grades K-2
Best for All: Sounds First Phonemic Awareness Program	PK-2	Materials are found at Achieve the Core .	These grade-specific, daily phonemic awareness lessons are designed to supplement existing foundational skills instruction, providing engaging, multi-sensory experiences for K-2 students. For use with both whole-class instruction or small groups, these 15-minute lessons can also be adapted to address unfinished learning for older students.
Bookworms	K-5	Materials are found via Open Up Resources . Older, slimmer version of these resources are found here .	These materials include several different types of lesson plans. “Shared Reading” lessons are text-based (using trade books that must be purchased separately). While texts are not linked by topic, students spend time engaging in text-dependent questions and tasks for each text over multiple reads. Depending on the version used, lesson plans are also provided for other ELA tasks (“ELA lessons” in the Open Up version) and differentiated lessons are provided for word study and other foundational skills.
Core Knowledge Language Arts	K-5	Materials are found in several places: Core Knowledge Foundation (free downloads) Engage NY (PK-2 materials only, earlier versions) UnboundEd (K-2)	K-3 materials include two instructional blocks. The “Skills” block focuses on foundational skills and includes explicit and scripted teacher lesson plans, decodable texts, and student practice materials. The “Listening & Learning” lesson plans include read-aloud texts (teacher facing, with student facing image cards/files) that are written for the program, text-specific questions, and extension tasks. These texts focus on traditional world history and science content. No additional text purchase is needed for these resources.

EL Education	K-5, 6-8	<p>Materials are found via EL Education and Open Up Resources.</p> <p>Older versions are available for grades 3-8 on Engage NY or at UnboundEd.</p>	<p>The K-2 Language Arts Curriculum consists of three hours per day of instruction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Module Lessons and K-2 Labs (two hours) • the separate Reading Foundations Skills Block (one hour) <p>Materials are robust and very detailed; teachers may need support with analysis and implementation.* The Reading Foundations Skills block includes teacher lesson plans, materials, and printable decodable texts. The Module lessons focus on knowledge-building content, and select trade books are required for use.</p> <p>*ModELDetroit resources include daily student- and teacher-facing PowerPoint decks to support all K-8 EL Education Lessons including K-2 Foundational Skills. These resources are designed to synthesize and support implementation.</p>
Match Fishtank	K-12	Materials are found at Match Fishtank .	Materials are available for grades K-12. ELA materials require use of trade books. Materials are quite slim and lightweight, leaving room for teacher adjustments and innovations. In grades K-5, combine Science and Social Studies units with Literature units to offer a full approach to literacy and content. No foundational skills materials are provided; a supplemental set of materials is needed for K-2 instruction.

Note: With any instructional materials, consider whose lives, languages, perspectives and histories are being centred in selected texts. Analyze texts for cultural responsiveness and potential bias using the Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of Schools' [Culturally Responsive Scorecard](#), The Great Lakes Equity Center's [Assessing Bias In Standards and Curricular Materials](#), or [Lee & Low's Classroom Library Questionnaire](#). From there, take steps to address gaps or bias in your texts and/or materials and think about how you will [leverage the culturally responsive texts you have selected](#).