# **Colorado Academic Standards Reading, Writing, and Communicating (2020)**









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Arts & Letters was intentionally designed to be implemented alongside a high-quality, research-based foundational skills program. With strategic placement of supplemental materials, students can successfully achieve the proficiencies of Colorado standards while benefiting from the rich texts and knowledge-building of Arts & Letters. A detailed alignment analysis between Colorado standards and Arts & Letters follows.

Oral Expression and Listening
Employ appropriate presentation and collaboration strategies to meet the needs of a given task and purpose.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.6.1.1.a  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	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37
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	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, 39
RW.6.1.1.a.i  Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material;	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36
explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 36
	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 36
	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 39
RW.6.1.1.a.ii	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37
Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36
	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36
	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, 39
RW.6.1.1.a.iii	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 7, 21, 32, 36
Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 10, 19, 26, 30, 36
making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 18, 31, 36
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RW.6.1.1.a.iv  Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 7, 21, 32, 36 Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 10, 19, 26, 30, 36 Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 18, 31, 36 Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 7, 23, 27, 39
RW.6.1.1.b  Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (for example: visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 3, 7, 8, 26, 36 Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 7, 21, 27
RW.6.1.1.c  Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.	Level 6, Module 1, Lesson 8 Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 5, 21 Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 7, 12, 22, 30 Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 4, 28

Oral Expression and Listening
Develop, organize, and present ideas and opinions effectively.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.6.1.2.a  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.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 7, 21, 32, 36 Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 10, 19, 26, 30, 36, 37, 39 Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 18, 31, 36, 39 Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 7, 23, 27, 37, 38, 39
RW.6.1.2.b  Include multimedia components (for example: graphics, images, music, sound) and visual displays in presentations to clarify information.	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 33, 36, 37, 38
RW.6.1.2.c  Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 7, 21, 32, 36 Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 10, 19, 26, 30, 31, 36 Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 18, 31, 36 Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 7, 23, 27, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39

Reading for All Purposes
Analyze literary elements within different types of literature to make meaning.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.6.2.1.a	
Use Key Ideas and Details to:	
RW.6.2.1.a.i	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37
Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 3, 32, 36
	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 36
	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 39
RW.6.2.1.a.ii	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 14, 21, 24, 28, 32, 36
Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 32, 36
through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 15, 18, 28, 31, 36
personal opinions of judgments.	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 3, 7, 23, 27, 39
RW.6.2.1.a.iii	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30
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 toward a resolution.	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30
	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 12, 15, 21, 23
RW.6.2.1.b	
Use Craft and Structure to:	
RW.6.2.1.b.i	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 15, 27, 31
Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text,	Level 6, Module 2, Lesson 32
including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 2, 7, 10, 12, 14, 27
	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 6, 13, 14, 26
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RW.6.2.1.b.ii	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 20, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30
Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 13, 17, 25, 26, 28, 30
the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 5, 6, 10, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21
RW.6.2.1.b.iii	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 6, 8
Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.	Level 6, Module 4, Lesson 16
RW.6.2.1.c	
Use Integration of Knowledge and Ideas to:	
RW.6.2.1.c.i	Level 6, Module 3, Lesson 16
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.	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 25, 26
RW.6.2.1.c.ii	Level 6, Module 1, Lesson 16
Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (for example:	Level 6, Module 2, Lesson 32
stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories) in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics.	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 6, 9, 13, 14, 15, 24, 27
approaches to similar themes and topics.	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 6, 22, 23, 25
RW.6.2.1.d	
Use Range of Reading and Complexity of Text to:	
RW.6.2.1.d.i	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 20, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27
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.	23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37
	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 32, 36
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	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 39

Reading for All Purposes

Analyze organization and structure of informational text to make meaning.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.6.2.2.a Use Key Ideas and Details to:	
RW.6.2.2.a.i  Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 18, 22, 23, 30, 36, 37  Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36  Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 19, 26, 32, 36  Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 5, 24, 39
RW.6.2.2.a.ii  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.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 3, 4, 5, 7, 36 Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 10, 19, 20, 23, 25, 26, 30, 36 Level 6, Module 3, Lesson 36 Level 6, Module 4, Lesson 39
RW.6.2.2.a.iii  Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated on in a text (for example: through examples or anecdotes).	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 29
RW.6.2.2.b Use Craft and Structure to:	
RW.6.2.2.b.i  Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 3, 7 Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 6, 16, 22 Level 6, Module 3, Lesson 32 Level 6, Module 4, Lesson 5

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RW.6.2.2.b.ii	Level 6, Module 1, Lesson 5
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.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 6, 9, 25, 30
RW.6.2.2.b.iii	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 8, 10, 18, 21, 24, 28, 29, 30
Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text.	
RW.6.2.2.c	
Use Integration of Knowledge and Ideas to:	
RW.6.2.2.c.i	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 3, 5, 6, 7, 8
Integrate information presented in different media or formats (for example: visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 8, 14, 15, 21, 23
RW.6.2.2.c.ii	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 21, 28, 31
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.	
RW.6.2.2.c.iii	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 5, 7, 29, 30
Compare and contrast one author's presentation of events with that of another (for example: a memoir written by and a biography on the same person).	Level 6, Module 3, Lesson 9
RW.6.2.2.d	
Use Range of Reading and Complexity of Text to:	
RW.6.2.2.d.i	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 18, 22, 23, 30, 36, 37
By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36
at the high end of the range.	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 19, 26, 32, 36
	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 5, 24, 39

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### **Reading for All Purposes**

Apply knowledge of word relationships, word structures, and sentence structures to determine the meaning of new words in context.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.6.2.3.a	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 3, 7, 11, 18, 22, 35
Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 2, 8, 13, 14, 17, 24, 35
words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 9, 12, 21, 35
nothing from a range of strategies.	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 2, 5, 8, 14, 19, 20, 32
RW.6.2.3.a.i	Level 6, Module 1, Lesson 18
Use context (for example: the overall meaning of a sentence or	Level 6, Module 2, Lesson 2
paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Level 6, Module 3, Lesson 2
meaning of a word of prinase.	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 2, 5, 14, 20
RW.6.2.3.a.ii	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 3, 11, 22, 35
Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 2, 8, 13, 14, 17, 24, 35
clues to the meaning of a word (for example: audience, auditory, audible).	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 3, 9, 12, 21, 35
	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 2, 14, 19, 32
RW.6.2.3.a.iii	Level 6, Module 2, Lesson 2
Consult reference materials (for example: 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.	Level 6, Module 3, Lesson 3
	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 2, 8, 14, 20
RW.6.2.3.a.iv	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 2, 14, 20
Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (for example: by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).	

RW.6.2.3.b	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 6, 15, 27, 31
Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 3, 6, 14, 16, 22, 32, 36
	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 10, 17, 24, 32
	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 3, 6, 13, 20, 21, 25
RW.6.2.3.b.i	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 15, 27, 31
Interpret figures of speech (for example: personification) in context.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 6, 14, 16, 22, 32
	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 10, 32
	Level 6, Module 4, Lesson 25
RW.6.2.3.b.ii	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 6, 15
Use the relationship between particular words (for example:	Level 6, Module 2, Lesson 14
cause/effect, part/whole, item/category) to better understand each of the words.	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 6, 20
RW.6.2.3.b.iii	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 3, 36
Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar	Level 6, Module 3, Lesson 17
denotations (definitions) (for example: stingy, scrimping, economical, unwasteful, and thrifty).	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 3, 6, 13, 21
RW.6.2.3.c	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 7, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39
Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39
	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39
	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30, 39

### **Writing and Composition**

Write arguments that support claim(s) using clear reasons, relevant evidence, credible sources, and a formal style.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.6.3.1.a  Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39
RW.6.3.1.a.i Introduce claim(s) and organize the reasons and evidence clearly.	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 36, 37, 38, 39
RW.6.3.1.a.ii  Support claim(s) with clear reasons and relevant evidence, using credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39
RW.6.3.1.a.iii  Use words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among claim(s) and reasons.	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 16, 18, 19, 26, 37, 38, 39
RW.6.3.1.a.iv Establish and maintain a formal style.	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 18, 19, 30, 31, 37, 38, 39
RW.6.3.1.a.v  Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the argument presented.	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 17, 18, 19, 29, 30, 31, 37, 38, 39

# **Writing and Composition**

Write informative/explanatory texts characterized by appropriate organization, ample development, precise language and formal style.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.6.3.2.a  Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39
RW.6.3.2.a.i Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (for example: headings), graphics (for example: charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 36, 37, 38, 39
RW.6.3.2.a.ii  Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 11, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39
RW.6.3.2.a.iii  Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 16, 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39
RW.6.3.2.a.iv  Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 19, 20, 25, 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39
RW.6.3.2.a.v Establish and maintain a formal style.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39
RW.6.3.2.a.vi  Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 18, 19, 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, 36, 37, 38, 39

### **Writing and Composition**

Write engaging real or imagined narratives using techniques such as sensory language, dialogue, description and sequencing to convey experiences and events.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.6.3.3.a  Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39
RW.6.3.3.a.i  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.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 9, 21, 22, 29, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39
RW.6.3.3.a.ii  Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 7, 14, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 32, 33, 38, 39
RW.6.3.3.a.iii  Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 24, 32, 33, 38, 39
RW.6.3.3.a.iv  Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 12, 15, 22, 23, 38, 39
RW.6.3.3.a.v  Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 32, 37, 38, 39

RW.6.3.3.a.vi	Level 6, Module 3, Lesson 26
Use stylistic techniques (for example: alliteration, onomatopoeia, rhyme scheme); figurative language (for example: simile, metaphor, personification); and graphic elements (for example: capital letters, line length, word position) to express personal or narrative voice.	

### **Writing and Composition**

Plan, draft, edit, and revise as needed to craft clear and coherent writing that demonstrates a grasp of standard conventions for grammar, usage, and mechanics as well as a style appropriate for purpose and audience.

Colorado Standards	Aligned Components of Arts & Letters
RW.6.3.4.a  Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 4, 6, 18, 22, 38, 39 Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 21, 30 Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 14, 22, 32 Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 8, 24
RW.6.3.4.a.i  Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, and possessive).	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 4, 6, 22, 38, 39
RW.6.3.4.a.ii Use intensive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves).	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 18, 22, 38, 39
RW.6.3.4.a.iii  Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person.	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 14, 22
RW.6.3.4.a.iv  Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 21, 30 Level 6, Module 4, Lesson 8

Level 6, Module 4, Lesson 24
Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 9, 14, 22, 23, 32, 33, 38, 39
Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 3, 16, 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 33, 37, 38, 39
Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 18, 19, 30, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39
Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 28, 34
Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 9, 14
Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 3, 16, 33
Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 30, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39
Level 6, Module 4, Lesson 28
Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 22, 23, 32, 33, 38, 39
Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39
Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 18, 19, 30, 31, 37, 38, 39
Level 6, Module 4, Lesson 34
Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 17, 18, 19, 22, 26, 33
Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 11, 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 33, 37, 38, 39
Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 19, 32
Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 15, 24, 28, 30
Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 17, 18, 19, 22, 26, 33
Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 11, 20, 28, 29, 30, 33, 37, 38, 39
Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 19, 32
Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 15, 24, 28, 30
Level 6, Module 1, Lesson 33
Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 11, 19, 20, 37, 38, 39

RW.6.3.4.a.v	Level 6, Module 3, Lesson 32
Recognize variations from Standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.	Level 6, Module 4, Lesson 24
RW.6.3.4.b  Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 9, 14, 22, 23, 32, 33, 38, 39  Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 3, 16, 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 33, 37, 38, 39  Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 18, 19, 30, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39  Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 28, 34
RW.6.3.4.b.i  Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 9, 14 Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 3, 16, 33 Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 30, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39 Level 6, Module 4, Lesson 28
RW.6.3.4.b.ii  Correctly spell frequently used words and consult reference materials (for example: dictionaries, both print and digital, spell check, and/or trusted peers and/or adults) to determine the spelling of less frequent vocabulary.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 22, 23, 32, 33, 38, 39 Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39 Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 18, 19, 30, 31, 37, 38, 39 Level 6, Module 4, Lesson 34
RW.6.3.4.c  Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 17, 18, 19, 22, 26, 33 Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 11, 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 33, 37, 38, 39 Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 19, 32 Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 15, 24, 28, 30
RW.6.3.4.d  Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39  Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39  Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39  Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 17, 20, 33, 34, 35

RW.6.3.4.a.v	Level 6, Module 3, Lesson 32
Recognize variations from Standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.	Level 6, Module 4, Lesson 24
RW.6.3.4.b  Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 9, 14, 22, 23, 32, 33, 38, 39 Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 3, 16, 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 33, 37, 38, 39
capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 18, 19, 30, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39 Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 28, 34
RW.6.3.4.b.i	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 9, 14
Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 3, 16, 33 Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 30, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39 Level 6, Module 4, Lesson 28
RW.6.3.4.b.ii	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 22, 23, 32, 33, 38, 39
Correctly spell frequently used words and consult reference materials (for example: dictionaries, both print and digital, spell check, and/or trusted peers and/or adults) to determine the spelling of less frequent vocabulary.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39 Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 18, 19, 30, 31, 37, 38, 39 Level 6, Module 4, Lesson 34
RW.6.3.4.c	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 17, 18, 19, 22, 26, 33
Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 11, 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 33, 37, 38, 39 Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 19, 32 Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 15, 24, 28, 30
RW.6.3.4.e	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 21, 23, 29, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37, 39
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.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 32, 33, 36, 38, 39  Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 36, 38, 39
	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 33, 35

RW.6.3.4.a.v  Recognize variations from Standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.	Level 6, Module 3, Lesson 32 Level 6, Module 4, Lesson 24
RW.6.3.4.b  Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 9, 14, 22, 23, 32, 33, 38, 39  Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 3, 16, 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 33, 37, 38, 39  Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 18, 19, 30, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39  Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 28, 34
RW.6.3.4.b.i Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 9, 14 Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 3, 16, 33 Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 30, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39 Level 6, Module 4, Lesson 28
RW.6.3.4.b.ii  Correctly spell frequently used words and consult reference materials (for example: dictionaries, both print and digital, spell check, and/or trusted peers and/or adults) to determine the spelling of less frequent vocabulary.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 22, 23, 32, 33, 38, 39 Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39 Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 18, 19, 30, 31, 37, 38, 39 Level 6, Module 4, Lesson 34
RW.6.3.4.c  Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 17, 18, 19, 22, 26, 33 Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 11, 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 33, 37, 38, 39 Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 19, 32 Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 15, 24, 28, 30
RW.6.3.4.f Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others.	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 33, 35

RW.6.3.4.g  Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two)	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39
for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39
	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39
	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37

Research Inquiry and Design
Pose research question(s), gather, synthesize, and credit relevant and credible resources, and present findings.

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RW.6.4.1.a	Level 6, Module 1, Lesson 30
Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39
	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39
	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38
RW.6.4.1.b	Level 6, Module 1, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 36, 37
assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36
bibliographic information for sources.	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36
	Level 6, Module 4, Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 36

RW.6.4.1.c  Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 11, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 37, 38, 39  Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39
RW.6.4.1.c.i  Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literature (for example: "Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres [for example: stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories] in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics").	Level 6, Module 3, Lessons 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39
RW.6.4.1.c.ii  Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (for example: "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").	Level 6, Module 2, Lessons 11, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 37, 38, 39