Louisiana Academic Standards

Language Arts

Grade: **7** - Adopted: **2016**

STRAND	LA.RL.7.	Reading Standards for Literature
TITLE		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of relevant textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. **BookTaco** **Book Notes** Opportunity for students to submit their thoughts, feelings, insight and observations on a book. Once submitted, Book Notes is marked completed and game coins earned with the notes appearing in the teacher's Reports page ready for review and assessment. **Book Quiz** Multiple choice based comprehension questions allowing teachers to customize test settings including passing score, number of attempts, and day of the week. Quiz questions are shuffled and randomized to maintain testing integrity. **Book Review** Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal. **Book Talk** Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice. **Nonfiction 3-2-1 Fun** Nonfiction graphic organizer helps students organize their understanding of a book or text. **Nonfiction Book Report** Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. **Paragraph Writing Prompts** Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	RL.7.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text. **BookTaco** **Book Talk** Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice. **Chapter Notes** One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read. **Compare & Contrast Characters** Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and differences. **Draw It!** Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description. **Paragraph Writing Prompts** Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading. **Plot Diagram** Students organize the elements of a narrative text by identifying the exposition, rising action, the climax, the main events of the falling action and the resolution. **Point Of View!** Assess the level of a student's thinking about the reading and their ability to support conclusions with text-based evidence. **Retell The Story** Practice summarizing and retelling the story (writing or pictures) by challenging students to identify main ideas, themes, and key details.

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PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	**RL.7.3.**	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot). **BookTaco** **Book Review** Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal. **Chapter Notes** One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read. **Compare & Contrast Characters** Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and differences. **Paragraph Writing Prompts** Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading. **Plot Diagram** Students organize the elements of a narrative text by identifying the exposition, rising action, the climax, the main events of the falling action and the resolution. **Point Of View!** Assess the level of a student's thinking about the reading and their ability to support conclusions with text-based evidence. **Story Mapping** The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.
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TITLE		**Craft and Structure**
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	**RL.7.4.**	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of rhymes and other repetitions of sounds (e.g., alliteration) on a specific verse or stanza of a poem or section of a story or drama. **BookTaco** **Definition Matching** Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement.
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	**RL.7.5.**	Analyze how the overall form or structure of a text (e.g., drama, poetry, narrative, short story) contributes to its meaning. **BookTaco** **Retell The Story** Practice summarizing and retelling the story (writing or pictures) by challenging students to identify main ideas, themes, and key details. **Story Mapping** The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	**RL.7.6.**	Analyze how an author develops and contrasts the points of view of different characters or narrators in a text. **BookTaco** **Point Of View!** Assess the level of a student's thinking about the reading and their ability to support conclusions with text-based evidence.
STRAND	**LA.RL.7.**	**Reading Standards for Literature**
TITLE		**Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	**RL.7.10.**	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. **BookTaco** **Book Notes** Opportunity for students to submit their thoughts, feelings, insight and observations on a book. Once submitted, Book Notes is marked completed and game coins earned with the notes appearing in the teacher's Reports page ready for review and assessment. **Book Quiz** Multiple choice based comprehension questions allowing teachers to customize test settings including passing score, number of attempts, and day of the week. Quiz questions are shuffled and randomized to maintain testing integrity. **Book Review** Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and

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PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	**RI.7.3.**	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events). **BookTaco** **Book Notes** Opportunity for students to submit their thoughts, feelings, insight and observations on a book. Once submitted, Book Notes is marked completed and game coins earned with the notes appearing in the teacher's Reports page ready for review and assessment. **Book Quiz** Multiple choice based comprehension questions allowing teachers to customize test settings including passing score, number of attempts, and day of the week. Quiz questions are shuffled and randomized to maintain testing integrity. **Book Review** Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal. **Book Talk** Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice. **Nonfiction 3-2-1 Fun** Nonfiction graphic organizer helps students organize their understanding of a book or text. **Nonfiction Book Report** Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. **Nonfiction Text Features** Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each. **Paragraph Writing Prompts** Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading. **Reading Log** Students can manually enter and track their daily reading statistics (name of book, time spent reading and number of pages) or record their reading in real time with our online reading stopwatch.
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TITLE		**Craft and Structure**
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	**RI.7.4.**	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. **BookTaco** **Nonfiction Book Report** Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. **Sample Unscramble Sentence** These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar.
STRAND	**LA.W.7.**	**Writing Standards**
TITLE		**Research to Build and Present Knowledge**
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	**W.7.8.**	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. **BookTaco** **Book Notes** Opportunity for students to submit their thoughts, feelings, insight and observations on a book. Once submitted, Book Notes is marked completed and game coins earned with the notes appearing in the teacher's Reports page ready for review and assessment. **Nonfiction Book Report** Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. **Paragraph Writing Prompts** Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.
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PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	W.7.9.	Draw relevant evidence from grade-appropriate literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
INDICATOR	W.7.9.b.	Apply grade 7 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims"). **BookTaco** **Nonfiction Book Report** Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. **Paragraph Writing Prompts** Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.
STRAND	LA.W.7.	Writing Standards
TITLE		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	W.7.10.	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. **BookTaco** **Paragraph Writing Prompts** Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.
STRAND	LA.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
TITLE		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
INDICATOR	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion. **BookTaco** **Book Talk** Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice. **Nonfiction Text Features** Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.
INDICATOR	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed. **BookTaco** **Book Talk** Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice. **Nonfiction Text Features** Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.
INDICATOR	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed. **BookTaco** **Book Talk** Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice. **Nonfiction Text Features** Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.
STRAND	LA.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
TITLE		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. **BookTaco** **Book Talk**

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		Definition Matching Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement. **Hear It Say It Write It** Word pronunciation with student modeling along with word writing in print or cursive. **Sample Unscramble Sentence** These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar. **Word Introduction** Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage. **Word Jumble** Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience. **Word Ladder** Interactive exercise deepening knowledge of new words, boosting working memory and increasing student exposure.
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	SL.7.5.	Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings and emphasize salient points. **BookTaco** **Book Talk** Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice.
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	SL.7.6.	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts, audiences, and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. **BookTaco** **Book Talk** Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice.
STRAND	**LA.L.7.**	**Language Standards**
TITLE		**Conventions of Standard English**
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	**L.7.2.**	**Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.**
INDICATOR	L.7.2.b.	Spell correctly. **BookTaco** **Hear It Say It Write It** Word pronunciation with student modeling along with word writing in print or cursive. **Word Introduction** Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage. **Word Jumble** Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience. **Word Ladder** Interactive exercise deepening knowledge of new words, boosting working memory and increasing student exposure.
STRAND	**LA.L.7.**	**Language Standards**
TITLE		**Knowledge of Language**
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	**L.7.3.**	**Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.**
INDICATOR	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy. **BookTaco** **Book Talk** Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice. **Definition Matching** Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement. **Hear It Say It Write It** Word pronunciation with student modeling along with word writing in print or cursive. **Sample Unscramble Sentence**

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TITLE		**Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	L.7.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.7.4.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. BookTaco Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar. Sentence Completion Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words. Word Introduction Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage. Word Jumble Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience.
INDICATOR	L.7.4.c.	Consult general and specialized 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. BookTaco Nonfiction Text Features Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.
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TITLE		**Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**
PERFORMANCE EXPECTATION	L.7.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
INDICATOR	L.7.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonym/antonym, analogy) to better understand each of the words. BookTaco Word Introduction Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.
INDICATOR	L.7.5.c.	Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., refined, respectful, polite, diplomatic, condescending). BookTaco

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