Nebraska Core Academic Content Standards

Language Arts

Grade: **7** - Adopted: **2014**

CONTENT STANDARD	NE.LA 7.1.	Reading: Students will learn and apply reading skills and strategies to comprehend text.
STRAND	LA 7.1.3.	Word Analysis: Students will use knowledge of phonetic and structural analysis to read and write grade-level text across all disciplines.
INDICATOR	LA 7.1.3.a.	Know and apply phonetic and structural analysis (e.g., Greek and Latin roots and affixes, multi-syllable words) when reading, writing, and spelling grade-level text. **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.
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STRAND	LA 7.1.4.	Fluency: Students will read a variety of grade-level print/digital texts fluently with accuracy, appropriate pace, phrasing, and expression to support comprehension.
INDICATOR	LA 7.1.4.a.	Use reading strategies to persevere through text of increasing length and/or complexity. **BookTaco** **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. **Nonfiction Book Report** Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.
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STRAND	LA 7.1.5.	Vocabulary: Students will build and use conversational, academic, and content-specific grade-level vocabulary.
INDICATOR	LA 7.1.5.b.	Select and apply knowledge of context clues (e.g., word, phrase, sentence, and paragraph clues) and text features to determine meaning of unknown words. **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	LA 7.1.5.c.	Acquire new academic and content-specific grade-level vocabulary, relate to prior knowledge, and apply in new situations.

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INDICATOR	LA 7.1.5.d.	Analyze and use semantic relationships (e.g., multiple meanings, synonyms, antonyms, figurative language, connotations, subtle distinctions) to determine the meaning of words, aid in comprehension, and improve writing. **BookTaco** **Definition Matching** Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement. **Word Introduction** Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.
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STRAND	LA 7.1.6.	Comprehension: Students will construct meaning by applying prior knowledge, using text information, and monitoring comprehension while reading increasingly complex grade-level literary and informational text.
INDICATOR	LA 7.1.6.b.	Analyze and explain the relationships between elements of literary text (e.g., character development, setting, plot, conflict, point of view, theme). **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. **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.
INDICATOR	LA 7.1.6.d.	Summarize, analyze, and synthesize a literary text and/or media, using key details to support interpretation of the theme. **BookTaco**

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INDICATOR	LA 7.1.6.e.	Summarize, analyze, and synthesize an informational text and/or media, using supporting details to formulate the main idea. **BookTaco** **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.
INDICATOR	LA 7.1.6.f.	Apply knowledge of text features to locate information and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of print and digital text. **BookTaco** **Nonfiction Text Features** Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.
INDICATOR	LA 7.1.6.g.	Cite specific textual evidence to analyze and make inferences based on the characteristics of a variety of literary and informational texts. **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. **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. **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. **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. **Story Mapping** The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.
INDICATOR	LA 7.1.6.h.	Explain the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas, or concepts in literary and informational texts, citing textual

		evidence to develop a regional, national, and international multicultural perspective.
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INDICATOR	LA 7.1.6.l.	Build background knowledge and activate prior knowledge to clarify text, deepen understanding, and make text-to-self, text-to-text, and text-to-world connections while reading complex 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 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. **Draw It!** Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description.
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STRAND	LA 7.2.1.	Writing Process: Students will apply the writing process to plan, draft, revise, edit, and publish writing using correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, and other conventions of standard English appropriate for grade-level.
INDICATOR	LA 7.2.1.c.	Gather and use relevant information and evidence from multiple authoritative print and/or digital sources including primary and secondary sources to support claims or theses. **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.
INDICATOR	LA 7.2.1.d.	Compose paragraphs with grammatically correct simple, compound, and complex sentences of varying length and complexity. **BookTaco** **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.
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STRAND	LA 7.2.2.	Writing Modes: Student will write in multiple modes for a variety of purposes and audiences across disciplines.
INDICATOR	LA 7.2.2.b.	Provide evidence from literary or informational text to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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CONTENT STANDARD	**NE.LA 7.3.**	**Speaking and Listening: Students will develop and apply speaking and listening skills and strategies to communicate for a variety of purposes.**
STRAND	**LA 7.3.1.**	**Speaking: Students will develop, apply, and refine speaking skills and strategies to communicate key ideas in a variety of situations.**
INDICATOR	**LA 7.3.1.a.**	Communicate ideas and information in a clear and concise manner suited to the purpose, setting, and audience (formal voice or informal voice), using appropriate word choice, grammar, and sentence structure. **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	**LA 7.3.1.b.**	Demonstrate and adjust speaking techniques (e.g., appropriate eye contact, pacing, nonverbal cues, word choice) for a variety of purposes and situations, including interpreting 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. **Nonfiction Text Features** Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.
INDICATOR	**LA 7.3.1.c.**	Utilize appropriate visual and/or digital tools to enhance verbal communication and add interest. **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.
INDICATOR	**LA 7.3.1.d.**	Convey a perspective with clear reasoning and valid evidence. **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	**LA 7.3.1.e.**	Ask pertinent questions to acquire or confirm information. **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	**LA 7.3.1.f.**	Address alternative or opposing perspectives when appropriate to the mode of speaking. **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.

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STRAND	LA 7.3.2.	Listening: Students will develop and demonstrate active listening skills across a variety of situations.
INDICATOR	LA 7.3.2.a.	Utilize active and attentive listening skills (e.g., eye contact, nonverbal cues, taking notes, summarizing, questioning) for multiple situations and modalities. **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.
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STRAND	LA 7.3.3.	Reciprocal Communication: Students will develop, apply, and adapt reciprocal communication skills.
INDICATOR	LA 7.3.3.c.	Apply conversation strategies to recognize, consider, and explain new information presented by others in relationship to one's own ideas. **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	LA 7.3.3.d.	Listen, ask probing questions, and interpret information being communicated and consider its contribution to a topic, text, or issue under study. **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	LA 7.3.3.e.	Collaboratively converse with peers and adults on grade-appropriate topics and texts, building on others' ideas to clearly and persuasively express one's own views while respecting diverse perspectives. **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.
CONTENT STANDARD	NE.LA 7.4.	Multiple Literacies: Students will apply information fluency and practice digital citizenship.
STRAND	LA 7.4.1.	Information Fluency: Students will evaluate, create, and communicate information in a variety of media and formats (textual, visual, and digital).
INDICATOR	LA 7.4.1.a.	Locate, organize, analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information from print and digital resources to generate and answer questions and create new understandings. **BookTaco** **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.
INDICATOR	LA	Use or decipher multiple formats of print and digital text (e.g., cursive,

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