

BIG IDEAS

The exploration of text and story deepens our understanding of diverse, complex ideas about identity, others, and the world.	People understand text differently depending on their worldviews and perspectives.	Texts are socially, culturally, geographically, and historically constructed.	Language shapes ideas and influences others.	Questioning what we hear, read, and view contributes to our ability to be educated and engaged citizens.	The examination of First Peoples cultures and lived experiences through text builds understanding of Canadians' responsibilities in relation to Reconciliation .
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Learning Standards

Curricular Competencies	Content
<i>Using oral, written, visual, and digital texts, students are expected individually and collaboratively to be able to:</i> Comprehend and connect (reading, listening, viewing) • Read for enjoyment and to achieve personal goals • Recognize and appreciate the role of story, narrative, and oral tradition in expressing First Peoples perspectives, values, beliefs, and points of view • Recognize the diversity within and across First Peoples societies as represented in texts • Recognize the influence of land/place in First Peoples and other Canadian texts • Use information for diverse purposes and from a variety of sources • Evaluate the relevance, accuracy, and reliability of texts • Select and apply appropriate strategies in a variety of contexts to comprehend written, oral, visual, and multimodal texts, to guide inquiry, and to extend thinking • Understand and appreciate how different forms, formats, structures, and features of texts reflect a variety of purposes, audiences, and messages • Think critically, creatively, and reflectively to analyze ideas within, between, and beyond texts • Recognize and identify personal, social, and cultural contexts, values, and perspectives in texts, including gender, sexual orientation, and socio-economic factors • Appreciate and understand how language constructs personal, social, and cultural identities	<i>Students are expected to know the following:</i> Text forms and genres Reconciliation in Canada Text features and structures • form, function, and genre of texts • elements of visual/graphic texts • narrative structures found in First Peoples texts • protocols related to the ownership of First Peoples oral texts • the legal status of First Peoples oral tradition in Canada Strategies and processes • reading strategies • oral language strategies • metacognitive strategies • writing processes • presentation techniques • multimodal reading strategies

Learning Standards (continued)

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• Construct meaningful personal connections between self, text, and world • Evaluate how literary elements, techniques, and devices enhance and shape meaning and impact • Recognize an increasing range of text structures and how they contribute to meaning • Identify bias, contradictions, distortions, and omissions Create and communicate (writing, speaking, representing) • Respectfully exchange ideas and viewpoints from diverse perspectives to build shared understanding and extend thinking • Respond to text in personal, creative, and critical ways • Demonstrate appropriate speaking and listening skills in a variety of formal and informal contexts for a range of purposes • Use writing and design processes to plan, develop, and create engaging and meaningful texts for a variety of purposes and audiences • Express and support an opinion with evidence • Assess and refine texts to improve their clarity, effectiveness, and impact • Use the conventions of Canadian spelling, grammar, and punctuation proficiently and as appropriate to the context • Use acknowledgements and citations to recognize intellectual property rights • Transform ideas and information to create original texts, using various genres, forms, structures, and styles	Language features, structures, and conventions • elements of style • usage and conventions • citation techniques • literary elements and devices