

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS
REVIEW 2021-2022**
(Grades 4 – 12)

Tier I, Exemplifies Quality	90% - 100%	Approved by AL State Board of Education
Tier II, Approaching Quality	80% - 89%	Approved by AL State Board of Education
Tier III, Not Representing Quality	79% and Below	Rejected by AL State Board of Education

Grade Level/Subject Area	Textbook Title/Series	Publisher	Average Reviewer Score	Supplemental or Comprehensive	Textbook Committee Comments
Fourth Grade					
	CKLA	Amplify	97%	Comprehensive	No Comments
***	Progress ELA (D) with Vocabulary & Grammar Workshop	Sadlier	86%	Supplemental	No Comment
	Vocabulary Workshop	Sadlier	80%	Supplemental	No Comments
	Grammar Workshop	Sadlier	86%	Supplemental	No Comments
	Universal Handwriting	Universal	93%	Supplemental	No Comments

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Fourth Grade					
	Fast Forward with Reading Assistant Plus	Carnegie	64%	Supplemental	No Comments
	Handwriting Without Tears	Learning Without Tears	92%	Supplemental	No Comments
	Zaner-Bloser Handwriting	Zaner-Bloser	80%	Supplemental	No Comments
	My View Literacy	Savvas Learning Company	92%	Comprehensive	No Comments
	Benson Handwriting	Perfection Learning	83%	Supplemental	No Comments
	RAZ-PLUS	Learning A-Z	96%	Supplemental	No Comments
	Lexia Core 5	Lexia Learning	96%	Supplemental	No Comments
	Wonders	McGraw Hill	97%	Comprehensive	No Comments
**	Spelling Connection: A Word Study Approach	Zaner-Bloser	93%	Supplemental	No Comments

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**	Jump into Writing	Zaner-Bloser	89%	Supplemental	To teach to finality, a teacher must have the mentor text which comes in the entire package bundle for a teacher.
Fifth Grade					
	CKLA	Amplify	96%	Comprehensive	No Comments
	Grammar Workshop	Sadlier	84%	Supplemental	No Comments
	Vocabulary Workshop	Sadlier	90%	Supplemental	No Comments
	Progress ELA (E)	Sadlier	91%	Supplemental	No Comments
	Progress ELA (E) with Vocabulary & Grammar Workshop	Sadlier	80%	Supplemental	Material was not a bundle, see above scores
	Universal Handwriting	Universal	92%	Supplemental	No Comments
	Fast Forward with Reading Assistant Plus	Carnegie	27%	Supplemental	No Comments
	Handwriting Without Tears	Learning Without Tears	85%	Supplemental	No Comments

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	Zaner-Bloser Handwriting	Zaner-Bloser	80%	Supplemental	No Comments
	My View Literacy	Savvas Learning Company	93%	Comprehensive	No Comments
	Benson Handwriting	Perfection Learning	83%	Supplemental	No Comments
	RAZ-PLUS	Learning A-Z	96%	Supplemental	No Comments
	Lexia Core 5	Lexia Learning	96%	Supplemental	No Comments
	Wonders	McGraw Hill	95%	Comprehensive	No Comments
**	Spelling Connection: A Word Study Approach	Zaner-Bloser	92%	Supplemental	No Comments
**	Jump into Writing	Zaner-Bloser	92%	Supplemental	No Comments
Sixth Grade					
	Amplify ELA	Amplify	81%	Comprehensive	Weak correlation with 2021 ELA standards.
	Mirrors and Windows	Carnegie	68%	Comprehensive	Digital literacy focus is missing.
	Fast Forward with Reading Assistant Plus	Carnegie	81%	Supplemental	Does not work on mobile device. Graphics vivid but need updating. Target audience obviously not secondary. Materials include scaffolding and differentiated supports.

Grade Level/Subject Area	Textbook Title/Series	Publisher	Average Reviewer Score	Supplemental or Comprehensive	Textbook Committee Comments
	Into Literature	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	94%	Comprehensive	Writing is integrated well. Diverse texts.
	Lexia PowerUp Literacy	Lexia Learning PowerUp	96%	Supplemental	Great supplement for struggling readers. Abundance of resources and differentiation tools. Excellent support for struggling readers in the secondary setting. Engaging graphics. Placement test. Promotes student self-monitoring.
**	Spelling Connection: A Word Study Approach	Zaner-Bloser	93%	Supplemental	No Comments
	Wonders	McGraw Hill	84%	Comprehensive	Weak correlation with 2021 ELA standards. Needs additional resources for grammar and digital literacy. Plenty of assessments. Integrated writing consistently. Some additional resources for grammar.
	StudySync	McGraw Hill	95%	Comprehensive	Integrated writing throughout using different modes. Additional resources for grammar, vocabulary, spelling, and Project- Based Learning, Peer-modeling videos embedded in most lessons.
*	Literature and Thought Grade 6 ELA Bundle: Connections English Language Arts	Perfection Learning	75%	Comprehensive	Not enough differentiation guidance. Visuals could be greater. Lack of inclusivity. No guidelines/resources offered opportunities for EL support.

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	Vocabulary Workshop	Sadlier	90%	Supplemental	Provides orderly, teachable structure. Consistent pattern of organization. Scaffolding and differential support for students.
	Progress ELA	Sadlier	81%	Supplemental	Content is developmentally appropriate. Balanced representation of cultures. Requires additional cost to access full program. Weak in scaffolding and differential supports. Variety of activities that can be used to reinforce the skill on the online component. Provide students with immediate feedback. Did provide opportunity for students to annotate text. Guided questions throughout the text.
	My Perspectives	Savvas Learning Company	85%	Comprehensive	Writing and language were integrated well. Would like more opportunities for differentiation. Some standards are only addressed in the “Alabama Student Companion”.
	Zaner-Bloser Handwriting	Zaner-Bloser	95%	Supplemental	Ample opportunities for practice of concept. Structured organization of material. Student feedback and teacher can make clear outcomes from assessments. Excellent supplemental resource for structured vocabulary building and spelling support. Students who struggle with handwriting entering the sixth grade would benefit from the systematic instruction.
Grade Seven					
	Amplify ELA	Amplify	85%	Comprehensive	Diversity is very strong. Writing is well integrated. Grammar instructions would have to be supplemented. Poetry only covered in one section. Group assignments are covered well. Writing is a strong component of this program. It includes ample opportunities to work with vocabulary.
	Mirrors & Windows	Carnegie	68%	Comprehensive	Alabama ELA Standards 8-10 were altered on the Correlation Guide provided by Carnegie. This alteration resulted in a deviation of the rigor and anticipated student outcomes for each standard.

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	Fast Forward with Reading Assistant Plus	Carnegie	81%	Supplemental	Teachers can make instructional decisions based on assessment outcomes. Does not work on mobile device. Graphics vivid but need updating. Target audience obviously not secondary.
	Into Literature	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	93%	Comprehensive	Writing integrated well. Many differentiated learning opportunities.
Grade Seven					
	Lexia PowerUp Literacy	Lexia Learning PowerUp	96%	Supplemental	Great supplement for struggling readers. Abundance of resources and differentiation tools. Excellent support for struggling readers in the secondary setting. Engaging graphics. Placement test included. Promotes student self-monitoring.
	StudySync	McGraw Hill	92%	Comprehensive	Integrated writing throughout using different modes. Additional resources for grammar, vocabulary, spelling, and Project-Based Learning, Peer-modeling videos embedded in most lessons.
*	Literature and Thought Grade 7 ELA Bundle: Connections English Language Arts	Perfection Learning	73%	Comprehensive	Suggested EL resources. Multiple texts required to implement. Tech-connect throughout. Useful EL strategies for differentiation. Materials easy to maneuver.
	Vocabulary Workshop	Sadlier	90%	Supplemental	Predictable layout. Great tools/supports inside online software for accommodating struggling learners. Needs more diversity and guided instruction for teachers, (most stories were classics and historical fiction). Models for writing would be a great addition for teachers to use when teaching writing.

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	Progress ELA	Sadlier	84%	Supplemental	Very structured. Easy to implement. Would support small group instruction.
Grade Seven					
	My Perspectives	Savvas Learning Company	83%	Comprehensive	Writing and language was integrated well. Some standards are only addressed in the “Alabama Student Companion”.
Grade Eight					
	Amplify ELA	Amplify	86%	Comprehensive	Writing is a strong component of this program. It includes ample opportunities to work with vocabulary.
	Mirrors & Windows	Carnegie	64%	Comprehensive	Digital literacy focus is missing. Weak on speaking, listening, and digital skills
	Fast Forward with Reading Assistant Plus	Carnegie	81%	Supplemental	Material lacks ability to make content meaningful to students. Does not work on mobile device. Graphics vivid but need updating. Target audience not secondary.
	Into Literature	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	90%	Comprehensive	More resources needed for grammar. Rich texts. Writing integrated well. More language resources would be useful.
	Lexia PowerUp Literacy	Lexia Learning PowerUp	96%	Supplemental	Great supplement for struggling readers. Abundance of resources and differentiation tools. Excellent support for struggling readers in the secondary setting. Engaging graphics. Placement test. Promotes student self-monitoring.
	StudySync	McGraw Hill	94%	Comprehensive	Integrated writing throughout using different modes. Additional resources for grammar, vocabulary, spelling, and Project-Based Learning. Peer-modeling videos embedded in most lessons. Provides differentiating instruction. Balanced representations of cultures. Provides order, clarity and explicit instructions.

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Grade Eight					
*	Literature and Thought Grade 8 ELA Bundle: Connections English Language Arts	Perfection Learning	69%	Comprehensive	Correlation to ELA standards is strained. Digital components and supports could be strengthened.
	Vocabulary Workshop	Sadlier	90%	Supplemental	Students will have ample opportunities for practice of concepts. Predictable layout. Lots of opportunity to practice. Great tools/supports inside online software for accommodating struggling learners. Needs more diversity and guided instruction for teachers (most stories were classics and historical fiction). Models for writing would be a great addition for teachers to use when teaching writing.
	Progress ELA	Sadlier	84%	Supplemental	No Comments
	My Perspectives	Savvas Learning Company	80%	Comprehensive	Some standards are only addressed in the “Alabama Student Companion”. Writing and language were integrated well.
Grade Nine/ELA					
	Vocabulary Workshop	Sadlier	93%	Supplemental	Excellent supplemental source for isolated vocabulary instruction and practice. Would be good for ACT/SAT prep as well.
*	Pathways Grade 9 ELA Bundle: Connections English Language Arts	Perfection Learning	76%	Comprehensive	ELA Connections was well laid-out with solid activities; however, the anthology would be required to meet the rigorous reading requirements of the AL ELA standards.

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Grade Nine/ELA					
	Study Sync	McGraw Hill	91%	Comprehensive	Excellent rigorous and accessible textbook.
	Mirrors & Windows	Carnegie	73%	Comprehensive	Differentiated workbook was excellent; too many components that did not integrate well with each other (teachers would have to go outside the textbook regularly for supplemental material to teach.)
	Into Literature	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	90%	Comprehensive	Good, easy-to-use material.
	My Perspectives	Savvas Learning Company	98%	Comprehensive	Layout was clean and easy to follow; online videos and other Hook and Inspire sections were engaging and student-centered; assessments were easy to find and edited for accommodation. The disposable textbook option was fantastic.
Grade Ten/ELA					
	Vocabulary Workshop Level E	Sadlier	89%	Supplemental	Material is well-organized and grade level appropriate. The series repeats each lesson so that routine and consistency will build over time, but the repetitive routine of exercises lacks variety so teachers may need to supplement. The pieces that students read are not diverse or from different perspectives.
	Study Sync	McGraw Hill	98%	Comprehensive	Effective balance of diverse voices and time periods. Effective use of diverse types of texts. The organization of the book includes writing lessons and collaborative discussion guides with rubrics for each unit to pair with textual extensions. Textbook provides two different tracks for the teacher- thematic or novel with pairings and a pacing guide.

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Grade Ten/ELA					
	Into Literature	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	93%	Comprehensive	Easy to read layout for teachers. Includes a long read or novel option that goes with the theme of the unit. The pacing is appropriate for the demands of a busy school year. The diversity of texts included in the textbook provide quality engagement and exposure for students.
	My Perspectives	Savvas Learning Company	96%	Comprehensive	Appropriate instruction for text-based writing and discussion. Appropriate text complexity and diversity. Uses an I, we, you organization in each unit and the text has many activities to meet the new digital standards and communication skill strands. Includes a workbook that correlates with every AL ELA standard providing teachers with ready-made graphic organizers to use as application for the standard.
	Mirrors & Windows	Carnegie	78%	Comprehensive	Lacking clear strategies and options for the teacher. The layout of the student textbook does not elicit interest or engagement. The chosen texts are grade appropriate and correlate with the standards.
*	Connections Grade 10 ELA Bundle: Connections English Language Arts	Perfection Learning	83%	Comprehensive	Lacks research instruction and diverse types of texts. All black and white photos in textbook. The two different textbook curricula offer no plan for integration of both text series for teachers. The encoding of the instructional structure was lacking in clarity and cohesion and aesthetics.
Grade Eleven/American Literature & ELA					
	Vocabulary Workshop Level F	Sadlier	89%	Supplemental	This supplemental resource was extremely useful, and only slightly falls in Tier II due to the coverage of the rubric for more standalone texts.
	Study Sync	McGraw Hill	93%	Comprehensive	Everything worked well interdependently and independently. Teacher resources support full implementation of standards. Variety of texts- contemporary and classic.

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Grade Eleven/American Literature & ELA					
	Into Literature	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	83%	Comprehensive	Clear organizational strategies. Great visuals. Digital resources were confusing.
	My Perspectives	Savvas Learning Company	87%	Comprehensive	Districts could choose thematic or chronological approach. Clear differentiation strategies. Digital resources provide flexibility.
	Mirrors & Windows	Carnegie	70%	Comprehensive	Digital resources were not user-friendly. Academic vocabulary was not student friendly. Lacked contemporary texts.
*	Connections Grade 11 ELA Bundle: Connections English Language Arts	Perfection Learning	67%	Comprehensive	There are no color images, which will not be appealing to students. Nothing was innovative and/or contemporary. Texts functioned independently causing supplemental materials to be needed.
Grade Twelve/British Literature & ELA					
	Vocabulary Workshop Level G	Sadlier	86%	Supplemental	Material is well-organized and grade level appropriate. The series repeats each lesson so that routine and consistency will build over time, but the repetitive routine of exercises lacks variety so teachers may need to supplement.
	Study Sync	McGraw Hill	96%	Comprehensive	Effective balance of diverse voices and time periods. Effective use of diverse types of texts. The organization of the book includes writing lessons and collaborative discussion guides with rubrics for each unit to pair with textual extensions. This text provides both less challenging texts & more difficult texts allowing for teachers to differentiate the learning.

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Grade Twelve/British Literature & ELA					
	Into Literature	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	93%	Comprehensive	Appropriate instruction for text-based writing. The pacing is appropriate for the demands of a busy school year. Uses an I, we, you organization in each unit and the text has many activities to meet the new digital standards and communication skill strands.
	My Perspectives	Savvas Learning	97%	Comprehensive	Appropriate instruction for text-based writing and discussion. Appropriate text complexity and diversity. Uses an I, we, you organization in each unit and the text has many activities to meet the new digital standards and communication skill strands. The anchor text for each unit is from the British Canon survey but the remaining paired texts provide students a variety of works from the world and from different times.
	Mirrors & Windows	Carnegie	86%	Comprehensive	Lacking explicit writing instruction. The survey offerings follow closely to the British Canon; each unit is organized with level appropriate selections from the era. The book integrates vocabulary, grammar, and writing lessons into the literary units.
*	Connections Grade 12 ELA Bundle: Connections English Language Arts	Perfection Learning	82%	Comprehensive	Lacking research instruction & diverse types of texts. All black/white photos in textbook. The two different textbook curricula offer no plan for integration of both text series for teachers.
Grades Nine – Twelve ELA					
	PowerUp	Lexia Learning	93%	Supplemental	This is a course designed for remediation, it is not designed to replace a core class.

Disclaimer: Scores may vary based on supplemental material when compared to COS, etc. Any commentary represents collaborative work by the textbook review committee and should not be attributed to any single person, the ALSDE, SBOE, etc.

Please note the following:

- *The overall score reflects the average of all reviewers.*
- *Alignment to High-Quality Instructional Materials characteristics were embedded in the scoring rubric.*
- *A **comprehensive textbook/program** is defined as one that meets the standards outlined in the 2021 Alabama Courses of Study English Language Arts.*
- *A **supplemental textbook/program** is used to support and extend the critical elements of a comprehensive textbook/program. A supplementary textbook/program is not sufficient to be used as the primary resource for a particular grade or course.*

** Indicates correction to textbook title for Perfection Learning Grades 6-12 ELA Bundle Connections English Language Arts. (March 3, 2022)*

*** Indicates addended materials for Zaner-Bloser. (April 14, 2022)*

**** Indicates correction to textbook title for Sadlier. (April 14, 2022)*