


Core Knowledge® 
National Conference 2009
Top-Priority Unit Topics ~ Grade 2

Units on the following topics will receive the highest priority as we select from among submissions for the “Share the Knowledge” sessions to be given during the 2009 Core Knowledge National Conference.

To read this list, look at topic headings below, then refer to the *Core Knowledge Sequence* for more specific content within that topic. Note: The items listed are identical to the lettering and numbering of the *Sequence*. Gaps in lettering and numbering are intentional.

In addition to the topics listed below, preference will be given to instructional units that incorporate ideas such as:

- *sayings and phrases
- *math (all topics)
- *insects

Finally, note that submitting a unit on these topics does not guarantee acceptance as we have a limited number of presentation spaces available. *However, high-quality, **completed units** will receive the highest priority among proposals.*

Language Arts

- I. Reading and Writing
 - A. Decoding, Word Recognition, and Oral Reading
 - B. Reading Comprehension and Response
 - D. Spelling, Grammar, and Usage
- IV. Sayings and Phrases

History and Geography: World

- I. Geography
 - B. Geographical Terms and Features
- III. Modern Civilization and Culture: Japan

American

- I. American Government: The Constitution
- II. The War of 1812
- III. Westward Expansion
- VII. Geography of the Americas
 - A. North America
 - B. South America
- VIII. Symbols and Figures

Visual Arts

- I. Elements of Art
- II. Sculpture
- IV. Abstract Art

V. Architecture

Music

- I. Elements of Music
- II. Listening and Understanding
 - A. The Orchestra
 - B. Keyboard Instruments
 - C. Composers and Their Music
- III. Songs

Mathematics

- I. Numbers and Number Sense
- II. Fractions
- IV. Computation
 - A. Addition
 - B. Subtraction
 - D. Solving Problems and Equations
- V. Measurement
 - B. Weight (Mass)
 - C. Capacity (Volume)
 - D. Temperature
 - E. Time
 - F. Geometry