

# Core Knowledge® Foundation

## CKLA Grade 4 – Scope and Sequence



This CKLA planning tool offers an at-a-glance overview of the curriculum for this grade level. It highlights the key concepts, skills, and content to help teachers plan lessons confidently and support effective teaching and learning in the classroom.

Unit	Unit Title	Genre	Key Themes	Reading Skills	Writing Focus	Language Focus	Morphology / Spelling Focus
1	<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	Memoir	Individual identity, connections to family and community, and personal values	Genres, compare / contrast, context clues, characterization, setting, similes, summarizing, and domain-specific/ academic vocabulary	Personal Memoir, sensory language, parts of a paragraph, and revision process	Action verbs, homophones, synonyms, and using a glossary	Prefixes: <i>in-</i> , <i>dis-</i> ; Suffix: <i>-ness</i>
2	<i>The Middle Ages</i>	Informational Text	History of Western Europe in a historical and geographical context	Inferencing, close reading strategies, text features, compare/contrast, text evidence, literary devices, and domain-specific/academic vocabulary	Opinion writing, elements of an informative paragraph, and taking notes with graphic organizers	Action, linking, and auxiliary verbs, adjectives, adverbs, nouns, antonyms, subjects, and predicates	Greek / Latin roots: <i>arch</i> ; Prefixes: <i>un-</i> , <i>non-</i> , <i>en-</i> ; Content-related spelling
3	<i>King Arthur and the Round Table</i>	Medieval Fiction	Chivalry, loyalty, adventure, heroism, and magic	Context clues, inferencing, evaluating, theme, summarizing, and domain-specific / academic vocabulary	Narrative paragraphs, characterization, and short story elements	Elements of complete sentences, punctuation in dialogue, sentence fragments, and run-on sentences	Greek / Latin roots: <i>graph</i> ; Content-related spelling

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4	<i>Listen, My Children</i>	Poetry	Literary appreciation, forms, voices, and identity	Rhyme scheme, poetry structure, poetry forms, literary devices, figurative language, theme, fluency, context clues, and domain-specific/academic vocabulary	Free verse poetry, metaphors, and similes	Using concrete words and phrases and sensory details	Content-related spelling
5	<i>Geology</i>	Informational Text	Composition of the Earth and the forces that change Earth's surface	Examining similes, text evidence, inferencing, evaluating, text features, understanding maps and graphs, close reading, and domain-specific / academic vocabulary	Informational pamphlet, Wiki entry, and descriptive paragraphs	Commas, quotation marks, and sequencing multiple adjectives	Greek / Latin roots: <i>rapt</i> ; Suffixes: <i>-ly</i> , <i>-y</i> Content-related spelling
6	<i>American Revolution</i>	Informational Text	Causes, significant figures, and consequences of the American Revolution	Cause and effect, understanding maps and graphs, text evidence, inferencing, evaluating, close reading, and domain-specific/academic vocabulary	Introductory, body, and concluding paragraphs, and editing	Review commas and quotation marks, subject-verb agreement, and modal auxiliary verbs	Greek / Latin roots: <i>port</i> ; Prefixes: <i>im-</i> , <i>in-</i> Suffixes: <i>-able</i> , <i>-ible</i> Content-related spelling
7	<i>The United States Constitution</i>	Informational Text	How the U.S. Constitution was created and why it has lasted for more than 200 years	Main idea and key details, summarization, close reading, and domain-specific / academic vocabulary	Opinion essays	Review subject-verb agreement, action verbs, and modal auxiliary verbs	Review prefixes / suffixes: <i>im-</i> , <i>-in</i> , <i>-able</i> , <i>-ible</i> ; Content-related spelling
8	<i>Treasure Island</i>  End of the Year Assessment	Adventure / Romance	Bravery, heroism, explorers, geography, pirates, and sailing	Character development, setting, plot, literary devices, and domain-specific/academic vocabulary	Adventure Story, descriptive details, dialogue	Relative pronouns, coordinating conjunctions	Greek / Latin roots: <i>bio</i> ; Suffixes: <i>-ful</i> , <i>-les</i> ; Content-related and affixed spelling words