

Grade 7 Context and Unit Grid

The titles in this section are examples of learning resources to support particular English language arts units for Grade 7. Please note that the following abbreviations are used for the Major Integrated Resources: *Crossroads 7* (CR), *Identities 7* (ID), *Nelson Literacy* (NL), *Pearson Literacy in Action* (LA), and *Sightlines 7* (SL). In addition, there are resources that may be out of print, but still available in your school. These resources include: *Mystery and Wonder: Multisource Series* (MW), titles from the *Issues Collection: Biography* (BI), *Wellness* (WI), *Values* (VI), and titles from the *Nelson Mini-Anthologies Series: Larger than Life* (LL), *Personal Best* (PB), *Skits to Scenes* (SS), *Touch the Earth* (TTE).

Model Units: Please refer to the model units on the Ministry website for additional suggested learning resources.

Possible Unit Topics and Themes	Participating and Giving Our Personal Best (Model Unit)	Lighten Up! – On the Funny Side	Mysteries, Uncanny Incidents, and Unusual Happenings (Model Unit)
	Finding the Courage (CR) Exploring Thoughts, Feelings, and Ideas (Personal and Philosophical Context)	Thinking for Oneself It's Showtime! (ID) (Communicative Context)	Imagined Worlds (ID) Actions and Reactions (Imaginative and Literary Context)

Literary Texts

Major Integrated Resources	Crossroads 7 (CR) Identities 7 (ID) Nelson Literacy 7 (NL) Pearson Literacy in Action 7 (LA) Sightlines 7 (SL)		
Digital Media (includes ROVER ...)	Chiefs and Champions Series 1 and 2 (ROVER) Clancy and the Puck (ROVER) The Sweater (ROVER)		Come Again in Spring (ROVER)
Essays	Baseball Laughs (PB) Breaking Sports Records (PB) Cree Spiritual Traditions (WI) The Edmonton Grads (PB) Feeling Good, Looking Great (WI) From Wilma (BI) Growing Up a Star (PB) How It Feels to Fight for Your Life (WI) How Marilyn Swam the Lake (PB) How Students Feel about Themselves (WI) Luis Yakinneah: Dene Tha (BI) A Major in Television & a Minor in Knowledge (SL) Muhammad Ali and the Fly (PB) My Cycling Life (PB) The Science Behind the Sport (PB) Selfless Acts (WI) Slapshots: Hockey Moments to Remember (PB)	How to Freestyle (LA)	King on Fear (NL) The New Food (SL) What a Visionary Once Said (SL)

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Literary Texts (e.g., full length, ...)	Abela: The Girl Who Saw Lions Bobbie Rosenfeld: The Olympian Who Could Do Everything Cool to Be Kind: Random Acts and How to Commit Them Dive Series Dovey Coe Little Voice The Same Stuff as Stars Saving Grace Speechless Tag Team	Conversations with Great Apes (NL) Speechless	The Adventurous Life of John Goddard (SL) The Buried Marbles Mystery (NL) Dead and Gone Fire and Death (NL) For Pete's Snake (CR) Ghost Hotel The Killer's Tall Tale (NL) The Mob Revenge of the Whale: The True Story of the Whaleship Essex The Thief Lord Truth and Lies Unexplained: An Encyclopedia of Curious Phenomena, Strange Superstitions, and Ancient Mysteries The Water of Possibility Worlds Afire You Are in Bear Country (NL)
Oral Texts/Narratives	A League of Her Own (NL) The Moose (NL) The Tiger Who Would be King (NL)	The Friends of Kwan Ming (CR) Frog (CR)	Clever Manka (SL) Demeter and Persephone (SL) The Granddaughter (ID) Gwaii Haanas (Beautiful Place)(SL) The Hermit's Secret (NL) The Passenger Pigeon (SL) The Revenge of the Blood Thirsty Giant (SL) The White Owl (SL)
Plays (includes scripts, ...)	The Blame (NL) Caught in the Blizzard (LA) Envy (SS) Good Grief (NL) The Winner (SL)	Finn McCool (SS) The Hodja Speaks (SS) Jock Talk: A Radio Interview (SS) Just for a Laugh (CR) Medieval Helpdesk (LA) The Mystery of the Stone Statues (ID) Red's Mail Call (CR) TV or Not TV? (SS) Who's on First? (SS)	Call Back (CR) Five Minutes to Change the World (SL) I Know I Flunked the History Test (NL) Mona Parsons (NL) The Mystery of the Stone Statues (ID) Ride the Fear (NL) Trifles (MW)
Poetry (includes lyrics, songs, ...)	Adventure Is a Parachute (LA) Analysis of Baseball (PB) Any Excuse Will Do (LA) Boy at the Window (SL) Casey at the Bat (PB) Change (SL)	A Lone Flute (LA) Quips and Quotes (CR)	Amelia Earhart (NL) And Even Now (SL) Banu (SL) cat (ID) Concrete Cat (ID) A Dragon's Lament (NL)

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Short Stories	<p>All Is Calm (CR) From "Gwen" from the Novel Annie John (SL) Goalie (PB) Going Downhill (LA) The Hope Bakery (CR) The Magic Baseball Card (PB) Manhood (WI) The Medicine Bag (SL) My Name Is Angie (SL)</p>	<p>The Friends of Kwan Ming (CR) The Hockey Sweater (CR) Introducing Norbert (CR) Just for a Laugh (CR) Rebellion (LA) Red's Mail Call (CR) Thank You, Uncle Ben (CR)</p>	<p>The Defender (ID) The Dinner Party (SL) The Efficient Baby-sitter (SL) Explore the Unknown Fear (NL) Goalie (SL) Haunted Canada: True Ghost Stories</p>

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Visual Texts	The Birdman (NL) Casey at the Bat Clancy and The Puck Developing Zappit (NL) The Girl Who Called for Peace (NL) The Lost Thing (LA) The Trojan War Or a Really Bad Series of Unfortunate Events (LA) Zappit (NL)	Family Communication (NL) For Better or for Worse (CR) Great Cows of History (CR) The Way I Talk (NL)	Messages Are Everywhere (SL) Metamorphosis III (SL) One Who Lives Under the Bridge (SL) Scaredy Squirrel (NL) Tar Beach (SL)
Informational Texts			
Includes full-length informational texts; posters, brochures; magazine and newspaper articles; podcasts, websites; public service announcements, social commentary; documentaries, television and radio news broadcasts; digital media; oral texts.			
Articles (e.g., magazine articles ...)	How to Fly Under the Radar (NL) How to Make Your Own Website (SL) Igniting Global Change One Candle at a Time (NL) Immersed in Verse (LA) In the Blink of an Eye (NL) Looking for a High? Try Adrenalin! (SL) Made You Look (NL) Metaphors Be with You (LA) Peace It Together (NL) Resisting Hitler (NL) Talk to Me: Text Messaging Takes Off (NL) Txt Impressions (NL) Welcome to the Global Village (NL)	Advergaming: Grabbing the Gamer Market (LA) The Art of the Zine (NL) Astroturfing: Buyer Beware! (LA) The Back Flip (ID) Beware of Bad Science (NL) Brain Games (LA) Canadian Idol: The Making of a Hit Show (LA) Communication, Spy-style (NL) Cyberteen: Is Gaming Good for You? (LA) Does It Really Hurt? (ID) Emergency Communication (NL) Gaming Night in Canada (LA) Hoax Busters (LA) The Language of Film (ID) Messages in the Face of Disaster (NL) On-line Scams: No Contest (LA) The Power of the Net (LA)	Acid Snails (NL) Bullies and Bytes (NL) The Mystery of the Franklin Expedition (NL) The Mystery of Oak Island (NL) The Mysterious Bermuda Triangle (NL) Phobia Factor (NL) Welcome to Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump (NL)

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Articles (e.g., magazine articles ...)		The Power of the Press(NL) The Sales Formula (ID) Taming the Tube (ID) Turning Kids into Consumers (LA) Typosquatting: The Land of Ads (LA) What's a Zine? (LA) What's Manga? (NL) Writing on the Funny Side (CR)	
Oral Texts (e.g., interviews ...)	A League of Her Own (NL) The Value of Speech (NL)	The Blogger from Iraq (NL) There's a Bathroom on the Right (NL) The Way I Talk (NL)	Investigating the Aurora Borealis (NL) Veronica Mars. Life's Tough. She's Tougher (NL)
Personal Accounts (e.g., profiles, memoirs ...)	The Diary Project (LA) Learning a New Voice: Sung Ja Hong, Joseph Park, Michael Morad (SL) The Moose (NL) Principals and Principles (NL) Reach for the Stars (NL) Richard Peter: Bringing Home the Gold (LA)	Black Loyalists (NL) The Thank-you Letter1 (NL)	Eldinah's Journey (SL) My Maturity in Flames (NL) Rosa Parks: Model of Courage, Symbol of Freedom (SL) Snow White (SL)
Visual Texts (includes ads, ...)	An Artist Comes to Canada (NL) Analyze Media Brands (LA) Life's a Rollercoaster! (LA) Make the Smart Choice (LA) Messages Are Everywhere (SL) My Life (LA) Release the Crickets! (NL) Signs of the Times (NL) To My Friend, the Total Loser (LA) To Prince Edward Island (SL) Towards the Hill (SL)	Be Yourself (LA) Cyber Comics (LA) Do What You Love (LA) Family Communication (NL) Feel the Heat (LA) Free Time (LA) The House on the Hill (ID) It Takes Many People (ID) On The Edge Adventure! (LA) Rising Star (LA) Selling the Band (LA) Tunes to Go (LA) Zits (LA)	Birth of a New Technology (SL) Detecting Women Onscreen (NL) King Tut's Mysterious Death (NL) Your Head vs Concrete (NL)

Possible Unit Topics and Themes	Doing Our Part for Planet Earth Think Outside the Box (CR) Taking Action (Environmental and Technological Context)	Finding the Courage Multigenre Thematic (Personal and Philosophical) Context	Voices through the Ages – Reconstructing the Past Building a Better World (CR) Young People in History (ID) Heroes Gallery (ID) (Social, Cultural, and Historical Context)
Literary Texts			
Major Integrated Resources	Crossroads 7 (CR) Identities 7 (ID) Nelson Literacy 7 (NL) Pearson Literacy in Action 7 (LA) Sightlines 7 (SL)		
Digital Media (includes ROVER ...)	Our Mother Earth (ROVER) Westray		Famous People Series (ROVER)
Essays	Baia: Medical Report (TTE) Diaries of the Wilderness Leadership School (TTE) Exxon Valdez: The Disaster (TTE) The Greenhouse Effect (TTE) How Green Are You? (TTE) How I Became a Non-Hunter (TTE) Hug a Tree: The Chipko Movement (TTE) The Man Who Sent Garbage to Sea (TTE) Marsh Maker (TTE) Moving On (TTE) A Plea for Our Planet (VI) A Plea for the Sea (TTE) Red Wrigglers (TTE) Success Stories: Preserving Endangered Species (TTE) Tarzan's Best Girl (TTE) Ten Commandments for the Earth (TTE) Their Future Is at Stake (TTE) They Went, They Saw, They Picked Up (TTE) Two Minutes a Day (TTE) What Should We Eat? (TTE)	Courage in Orbit (CR)	Bodies and Bones: The Tales They Tell (ID) How to Make a Mummy Talk (ID)
Literary Texts (e.g., full length, ...)	Avalanche (LA) Dead Reckoning Ellen Fremedon An Island of My Own (LA) Tiger in Trouble Tracking Triple Seven: Grizzly on the Tundra Waiting for Pelly The Waterstone	Acts of Courage: 17 Heroes Who Won the Cross of Valour The Black Sunshine of Goody Pryne Camp X My Childhood Under Fire: A Sarajevo Diary Clara's War The Gravesavers	Adventures in the Tunnels of Moose Jaw Series Andrei and Snow Walker Bodies & Bones: The Tales They Tell (ID) The Breadwinner (LA) Breaking Free: The Story of William Kurelek Caged Eagles

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Literary Texts (e.g., full length, ...)	The Westray Tragedy: A Miner's Story www.walkwithapolarbear.com	Libertad The Outcasts of Schuyler Place Peril at Pier Nine The Perilous Year The River Rum The Tinderbox	Camp X A Child in Prison Camp (ID) Clara's War A Company of Fools The Day the War Came to Halifax (SL) The Flags of War Frozen Man (ID) The Hydrofoil Mystery Initiation The Letter "A" from "My Left Foot" (ID) The Man (ID) Manon Rheaume (ID) My Childhood Under Fire: A Sarajevo Diary On Board the Titanic (ID) The Perilous Year Picasso: Soul on Fire Rapid Ray: The Story of Ray Lewis Rebel Women: Achievements Beyond the Ordinary Samuel de Champlain: Father of New France The Silent Boy Susanna's Quill The Tinderbox Tuk (ID) Under a Shooting Star The Underground Reporters The Winter People
Oral Texts/Narratives	Daedalus and Icarus (CR)		Sedna, Mother of the Sea Lions (SL)
Plays (includes scripts ...)	Confessions of a Gamer (NL) Every Day Is Earth Day (CR) Five Minutes to Change the World (SL) Food Fun (ID) Springhill Miner (CR)	Harriet Tubman (SS)	
Poetry (includes lyrics ...)	And My Heart Soars (TTE) Ballad of Springhill (CR) Birdfoot's Grampa (TTE) The Forst Fire (CR) Gwaii Haanas (CR) Hanging Upside down (CR) I Want to Stay (LA) Natural Disasters (LA) The Passenger Pigeon (TTE) Sarah Cynthia Silvia Stout (TTE) Shape Poems for the Planet (TTE) Sustainability (LA) To You (CR) Untitled (two poems) (LA) A Vision of the Coming Revolution of the Earth (ID)	As Soon As I Find Out Who I Am You'll Be the First to Know (CR) Cooks Brook (CR)	Anywhere (CR) Explorers as Seen by the Natives (SL) For the Children Frederick Douglass: 1817-1895 (SL) House Fear (SL) I Am the Mummy Heb-Nefert (ID) Immigrants (SL) Local Hero (ID) Louis Riel (SL) One Thousand Cranes (SL) Plenty (CR and LA) Spellbound (SL) The Universal Soldier (SL) What Do I Remember of the Evacuation? (SL)

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Short Stories	Blessing Song (LA) Cyberspace Sam (CR) A Fable for Tomorrow (TTE) The Final Program (NL) An Island of My Own (LA) The Lakes of Ontario (TTE) Lose Now, Pay Later (NL) The Orphan Boy (TTE) Touch the Earth (TTE) Who Owns the Land? (TTE)	Avalanche (LA) Dogs (LA) A Mountain Legend (CR) The Necklace (SL) Some Days You're the Puppy (CR)	Dead Man's Gold and Other Stories Geraldine Moore the Poet (CR) Mary Shelley's Frankenstein (SL) N'pikti the Old Man Carver (CR) Remember, Chrysanthemum (CR) Scarlatina (SL) When Television Ate My Best Friend (SL)
Visual Texts	The Elders Are Watching	South African Adventure (CR)	The Real Winnie: A One-of-a-Kind Bear Willy and Max: A Holocaust Story
Informational Texts			
Includes full-length informational texts; posters, brochures; magazine and newspaper articles; podcasts, websites; public service announcements, social commentary; documentaries, television and radio news broadcasts; digital media; oral texts.			
Articles (e.g., magazine articles ...)	Avalanche (CR) Avalanche Alert! (LA) Avoiding Bias in Data Collection (NL) A Brief Introduction to Virtual Reality (NL) Canned Catastrophes (CR) Destination Vanuatu (LA) Dynamic Planet (LA) Earthquakes Rock the World (CR) Eureka! We've Done It (CR) From the Ground Up (LA) Guujaaw: An Advocate for the Planet (LA) How Canucks Feel Quakes (CR) Inventively Female (CR) Is Txt Mightier Than the Word? (NL) Izmet 1999: Learning from Tragedy (LA) Measuring Earthquakes (CR) Mudslides (LA) Nature's Warning System: How Animals Survived the 2004 Tsunami (LA) New Dinosaurs (NL) The New Workplace (NL) No-tech Zone (NL) Remarkable Rainforests (LA) Serious Playing (NL) A Spider for the Bones (CR) Tornadoes (LA) Tsunamis (LA) Under the Virtual Weather (NL) Virtual School Has Everything but Building (NL) Volcanoes (LA)		Bullied Student Tickled Pink by Schoolmates' T-shirt Campaign (LA) Celebrities as Social Activists: Do They Really Make a Difference? (LA) Convicted by a Cat (ID) Discovering the Iceman (ID) Elizabeth Eckford: Only a Media Hero? (LA) Heroes Among Us (LA) The Kielburgers: Modern-day Heroes? (LA) Kindest Cut (ID) Knut: Hero or Victim? (LA) Nelly: Celebrity or Hero? (LA) Privacy? What Privacy? (LA) Reaching Out to a Stranger (CR) Skeletal Sculptures (ID) A Teenager's Legacy (SL) Warrior's remains found (ID) Why I Left the Britney Beat Behind (LA) Unknown Soldier: Symbol or Hero? (LA)

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Oral Texts (e.g., interviews ...)	Gamer Jobs (NL) Tuning in to the News from CTV News (CR)		Laughter and Tears (CR)
Personal Accounts (e.g., memoirs ...)	Arctic Adventure (LA) A Different Drummer (CR) How Do People Affect the Environment (NL) Judging by the Cover (NL) Looking for Seabirds (LA) Mother Goose and Grimm (TTE) Net World: Explore the Virtual World (LA) Photographer at Play (CR)	Future for Life (LA) An Olympic Moment (CR)	Free the Children (CR) Unsung Hero (ID) Who Are Your Heroes? (LA) Zlata's Diary (ID)
Visual Texts (includes ads, ...)	A Collaboration with Nature (CR) Disasters Go to the Movies (LA) Earth Alert! (LA) Photojournalist in the Middle of a Disaster (CR) Worm Composting (ID)	Where I'm Coming From (CR)	Calvin and Hobbes (CR) A Last Look Back (SL) Messages Are Everywhere (SL) Read All About ... Who?: How Tabloids Crate a "Celebrity" (LA) Miners' Houses, Glace Bay (SL)