

Grade 6 Context and Unit Grid

The titles in this section are examples of learning resources to support particular English language arts units for Grade 6. Please note that the following abbreviations are used for the Major Integrated Resources: Collections 6 (COL), Gage Cornerstones 6 (CS), Nelson Education Language Arts Grade 6 (NLA), and Nelson Literacy 6 (NL).

For instructional, assessment, and evaluation purposes, teachers should choose resources and selections from the respective English language arts core and additional resources or alternative resources that have not been suggested at other grade levels and that pose comparable challenge to the students.

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

Possible Unit Topics and Themes	Growing Up	Messages	Tales, Heroes, Deeds, and Wonders
	Into the Spotlight (CSb) Your Choices (Personal and Philosophical Context)	Scripts to Act Out (CSa) Off the Page (COL) Biographies Science Fiction (Communicative Context)	Suspense Marvels Then and Now (CS-b) Fantastic Fiction (CSb) (Imaginative and Literary Context)

Literary Texts

Major Integrated Resources	Collections 6 (COL) Gage Cornerstones 6 (CS) Nelson Language Arts Grade 6 (NLA) Nelson Literacy 6 (NL)		
Digital Media (includes ROVER ...)		March On!: The Day My Brother Martin Changed the World (ROVER)	
Essays	The Babysitter's Start-up Guide (NL) My Hero, Susan Aglukark (CS) Operation Brainwash (NL) Self-portrait (CS) Too Young for This; Too Old for That (CS)	Get Set for the Net! (COL) Meet Emily of New Moon (COL) Painting (COL) Too Young For This; Too Old For That (CS)	Bill Reid (COL) Graham Greene (COL) Hearts of Gold: Stories of Courage, Dedication, and Triumph from Canadian Olympians Heroic Stories The Legend of Vinland (COL) Little Green Men (NL) The Lore of the Unicorn (COL) Message in Myths (COL) My Hero, Susan Aglukark (COL) Mythical Creatures (COL) Why I'm Proud to be Aboriginal (COL)
Literary Texts (e.g., full length, ...)	Aram's Choice Bridge to Terabithia The Crazy Man Finding Sophie Flood Full Steam to Canada: A Barr Colony Adventure A Gift from Childhood: Memories of an African Boyhood Hairday (NL) Holly's Secret Ice Drift Island Trilogy	The Boggart Cougar Cove The Fun They Had (NL) Hawk on the Woodpile (NLA) Little Green Men (NLA and NL) A Place for Aberbog (NLA) Sponsored (NL) Stories Moshum and Kokum Told Me A World of Difference (NL) A Young Painter: The Life and Pictures of Wang Yani (COL)	After Hamelin Akla Gives Chase (NL) A Boy and a Mountain (NL) Broken Circle Dragon Rider East The End of the Beginning: Being the Adventures of a Small Snail (and an Even Smaller Ant) The Goose Girl Heroic Stories Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher

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Literary Texts (e.g., full length, ...)	Jeannie & the Gentle Giants The Listening Tree Lucy Maud Montgomery: A Writer's Life Milagros: Girl from Away Ryan's Well (NL) The Outside Chance of Maximilian Glick Shadows of Disaster	Stories Moshum and Kokum Told Me	The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe Nellie McClung and the Fight for Women's Rights (NL) Pioneer Geologist (CS) Popol Vuh: A Sacred Book of the Maya Shadows of Disaster Sidney Crosby: "The Next One?" (NL) Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread A Visit from the Slave Catcher (NL)
Oral Texts/Narratives	The Jade Stone (CS)	The Boy Who Drew Unicorns (NLA) The Doughnuts (NLA) The Girl Who Only Dreamed Geese (NLA) How Music was Fetched Out of Heaven (COL)	The Fun They Had (NL) Gawain and the Lady Ragnel (COL) How Lightening and Thunder Got Up in the Sky (COL) The Legend of Vinland (COL) Nothing at All (COL) The People Could Fly (COL) The Pied Piper of Hamelin The River that Went to the Sky (COL) Savitri and Satyavan (COL)
Plays (includes scripts, ...)	The Ugly Duckling	Nitro (CS) A Pizza the Size of the Sun: Poems to Act Out They're Made out of Meat (NL) The Tiger's Whisker (CS) Two Poems (CS)	
Poetry (includes lyrics, songs, ...)	Big Words, Strong Words: Martin Luther King, Jr. (CS) The Drum (CS) For the Children I am the Creativity (CS) Music to my Ears: The Conductor's Hands; Taking Violin at School; Music Class; No Static (CS) When I Grow Up (CS) Yesterday (CS)	Creators (COL) Fax Facts (COL) Gone Commercial (NLA) I Love the Look of Words (NLA) Joyful Noises and I Am Phoenix: Poems for Two Voices Poetry Can (NLA) The Last-Place Sports Poems of Jeremy Bloom (NLA) The Smile (COL) Speak Your Dreams (COL) The Super Bowl (NLA) To You (NLA) Victory (NLA) The Water Traders' Dream Ways to Communicate (COL)	The Beasts of Never (CS) The Creation: An Iroquois Myth (CS) Dragon Fire (COL) Downtown (COL) Fossils (CS) If You Want to See (CS) In Nola's World (COL) The Water Traders' Dream (NL) What Friendship Is ... (COL) Wings to the Sun (CS) Yonge and Dundas (COL)

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Short Stories	Boys' Own: An Anthology of Canadian Fiction for Young Readers Girl's Own: An Anthology of Canadian Fiction for Young Readers The New Moon and the Rain Horn (CS) Water Spirit (CS) Why Do Things Have to Change? (CS)	Anti-Snore Machine (COL) Dancing the Cotton-Eyed Joe (COL) Fax Facts (COL) Log On (COL) Roses Sing on New Snow: A Delicious Tale (NLA) Stories Moshum and Kokum Told Me	At the Avenue Eatery (COL) How Thunder and Lightning Got Up in the Sky (COL) It's All Over (COL) The Letter (COL) Lightening Strikes at the Van Gogh Café (CS) My Grandma (COL) Not Ever Again (COL) Nothing at All (COL) The People Could Fly (COL) The River That Went to the Sky (COL) Sponsored (NL) Weeping Woods (COL) Why the Grasshoppers Sing (COL) A Wish Named Arnold (CS)
Visual Texts	Choosing Health (NL) One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference Pavlova's Gift (CS)	All the Places to Love (COL) The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq Seeing but Not Believing (NLA) Wildland Visions (COL)	Fantastic Books! (CS) Gilgamesh the King (COL) Helpers of Humanity (CS) I am the Mummy Heb-Nefert (CS) Who (CS) You Be the Judge (NL)
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 ...)	Art Speaks (NL) British Columbians: Who Are We? (NL) Canada's Many Cultures (NL) Emily of New Moon (CS) English & French: Our Two Official Languages (NL) Food Allergies (NL) Kids Speak Out! (CS) Making a Difference (NL) Messages on Wheels (NL) No Time for Girls (NL) Reading the Signals (NL) Safe and Smiling in the Great Outdoors (NL) Solving the Puzzle of Global Warming (NL) The "What" and "Why" of Self-esteem (NL)	Be a Smart Viewer (NLA) Carving a Totem Pole (COL) Conflict Resolution (COL) Elections and Advertising (NLA) Everybody's Favourites (NLA) Let's Talk Advertising (NLA) Listen with Your Eyes (COL) Selling Your Sole: How Advertising Works (NLA) Sign Language (COL) World Shrinkers (COL) You Be the Judge (NL)	Discovering the Iceman (CS) Free the Children! (COL) Hockey Collectibles (NL) How to Solve a Conflict (COL) How Mummies Were Made (CS) Legendary Animals (COL) The Lore of the Unicorn (COL) Messages in Myths (COL) The Quecreek Mine Disaster (NL) Thrills and Chills (NL) Wonders of the World (CS)
Oral Texts (e.g., interviews ...)	Meet Author Maxine Trottier (CS) Susan Aglukark: Singing Her Dreams (CS)		
Personal Accounts (e.g., profiles, memoirs ...)	Rachel and Nathan (CS) Young Problem Solvers Taking Action (NL)	Music in My Life (COL) A Musical Note (COL) My Hobby (COL)	How I Became a Writer (NL) My Diary (NL) My Perfect World (COL) The Story of Iqbal Masih (NL) Trial by Ice (NL)

Possible Unit Topics and Themes	Taking Flight (Model Unit)	Going the Distance	Peace and Conflict (Model Unit)
	Space, Stars, and Quasars (COL) Systems for Living (NLA) Biodiversity Electricity (Environmental and Technological Context)	Multigenre Thematic (Personal and Philosophical Context; Social, Cultural, and Historical Context)	Going the Distance (NLA) Looking for Answers (COL) Canada's Links to the World (COL) (Social, Cultural, and Historical Context)
Visual Texts (includes ads, ...)	Choosing Health (NL) Cultural Expressions (NL) Getting Involved (NL)	Fast Forward Art (COL) In Your Face (COL) Seeing but Not Believing (NLA) There's No Place Like Home (NL) Woodland Visions (COL)	Biography Snapshots (NL) What Is Suspense? (NL)
Literary Texts			
Major Integrated Resources	Collections 6 (COL) Cornerstones 6 (CS) Nelson Language Arts Grade 6 (NLA) Nelson Literacy 6 (NL)		
Digital Media (includes ROVER ...)	Our Mother Earth (ROVER)		Famous People Series (ROVER) John McCrae's War: In Flanders Fields (ROVER)
Essays	A Helping Hand (NL) Exploring Mars (NL) At Home on the International Space Station (NL) How to Build a Bird (NL) The Solar System (COL) Suit Up for Space (NL) Taking Flight! (NL) Wright Flight (NL)	Dream Chasers (NLA) First Nations and First Contacts (NL) The First Peoples of Canada (NL) Fur Trading in Canada (NL) Mike Lazaridis and the BlackBerry (NL) Rick Hansen Ryan's Well (NL) Solving the Puzzle of Global Warming (NL) Searching for the Northwest Passage (NL) Strangers on the Coast (NL) Taking Action (Hughes) (NL) Top of the World (NL) Wilderness Survival (NL)	Bringing the Prairie Home (COL) Keeping the Peace: The United Nations at Work (COL) Peace Begins with You (NLA) Sports (COL)
Literary Texts (e.g., full length, ...)	Amelia Earhart: Free in the Skies Canada in Space: The People and Stories Behind Canada's Role in the Exploration of Space Into the Air: The Story of the Wright Brothers' First Flight Island Trilogy The Last Flight of the Birdman	The Black Canadians: Their History and Contributions Discovering the Arctic: The Story of John Rae Keeley: The Girl from Turtle Mountain The Kids Book of Black Canadian History The Kids Book of Canadian History	Aram's Choice Broken Memory: A Novel of Rwanda Brundibar Finding Sophie Full Steam to Canada: A Barr Colony Adventure The Good Path: Ojibwe Learning and Activity Book for Kids

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Oral Texts/Narratives	How the Earth Came to Be (COL) How Fisher ent to the Skyland (COL)	Cinder Edna (NLA) The Great Eagle (NLA)	Ginger for the Heart (COL) Tales for Peace (CS)
Plays	Is There Life on Other Planets? (COL)	Two Young for This; Too Old for That (CS)	
Poetry (includes lyrics ...)	Earth and Moon (COL) First Human on Pluto (COL) Getting It Together (NLA) Jupiter (COL) Mercury (COL) Prayer for Earth (CS) Satellites (NLA) Secrets (NLA) Spaceship (COL) Summer Vacation (CS) Those Eyes (CS) Trapped In a Mechanical House (NLA) Unique? (CS)	Diving Board (NLA) For the Children It's Easy to Dream (NLA) Lonnie Boo (NLA) The Spearthrower (NLA) When I Grow Up (NLA)	Blues Journey Changes (COL) The Elders Are Watching (COL) The Eloquent Young Elephant (NLA) Fantasia (CS) For the Children I Want to Be (COL) I'd Like to Be (COL) If I Could Wish for One Thing (COL) In Flanders Fields (NLA and CS) In the Next War (CS) O Siem (NLA) The Paint Box (CS) Peace Is... (NLA) The Phase I'm Going Through (COL) Road of Peace (NLA) War Is Here (CS)
Short Stories	The Case of the On-line Spaceman (NLA) Chris and Sandy (CS) The Dream Job (COL) Exploring Outer Space (COL) Night of the Pomegranate (COL) Spacewalk (COL) Status Extinct (COL)	The Killick (NLA) The Night of the Pomegranate (NLA) The People Who Hugged the Trees (NLA) Trial by Ice (NL)	The Fight (CS) The Flute Player (COL) The Marble Champ (COL) The Never-ending Greenness (NLA) Once Bitten (COL) One Day a Stranger Came (NLA) Peacocks and Band-aids (NLA) The War (COL) Winter Camp Out (COL)
Visual Texts	Blast off for Fun (NL) The Bulrush Helps the Pond = Otāwask Wicīhtāw Tawānipēyānik	Animation: Made in Canada, Exported to the World (NL) Half Spoon of Rice: A Survival Story of the Cambodian Genocide It's Easy to Dream (NLA)	Half Spoon of Rice: A Survival Story of the Cambodian Genocide The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq Rights of the Child (NLA)

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Visual Texts	How Airplanes and Helicopters Fly (NL) On Canadian Wings: A Century of Flight Road to the Future (CS) Tiktala (CS) Weird & Wonderful Aircraft The Wright Brothers for Kids: How They Invented the Airplane: 21 Activities Exploring the Science and History of Flights. 1st ed. Up, Up, and Away! (NL)		
Informational Texts			
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Articles (e.g., magazine articles ...)	Animals: Invertebrates and Vertebrates (NL) Black Holes and time Tunnels (COL) Blond, Furry, and Deep in the Ocean (NL) Coyotes: The Super Adapters (NL) Cycles in Space (NL) Eleanor's Diary: The Journals of a Canadian Pioneer Girl (NLA) Exploring Space: Is It Worth It? (NL) An Eye in Space (NL) The Future of Energy (NL) Goodbye, Planet Pluto (NL) Going to Extremes (NL) The Great Blackout of 2003 (NL) Into the Unknown (NL) It Came from Outer Space (COL) Kids Who Care (CS) Learn about the Environment (NLA) Life in 2060 (CS) Look at Me! (NL) Mars Pathfinder (NLA) Marvellous Mouths (NL) Neil Armstrong (COL) Oil and Water Don't Mix (CS) Our Solar System (COL and NL) Out of this World (NL) The Polar Bear (NL) Reaching the Top (NL)	Sportsmanship and Other Etiquette Tips (NLA)	Aboriginal Heritage Links (COL) Animation: Made in Canada, Exported to the World (NL) Canada and the United States (NL) The Charter: Rights and Freedoms for All (NL) Crane, Dragon, Tiger: Economic Growth in Asia (COL) The Doukhobors (COL) The Environment (COL) Five Hundred Years Later: Newfoundland Celebrates Cabot's Voyage (COL) Government in Canada (NL) Mapping Canada's Links (NL) Médecins Sans Frontières (NL) Meet the Neighbours (NL) Now That's Olympic History! (COL) Order in the Court!: Canada's Judicial System (NL) Playing Government (NL) Problem Solvers (COL) The Top of the World (NL) A Trading Nation (NL)

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Articles (e.g., magazine articles ...)	Robot Killers (CS) Saturn: Lord of the Rings (COL) Science to the Rescue (NL) Scientific Classification (NL) Space Travellers (NL) Spaced-out Food (CS) Static Electricity (L) Staying in Touch with Nature (NL) Time Detectives: Clues from Our Past (NLA) Totally Techno! (NLA) What is Electricity? (NL) Where Does Electricity Come From? (NL) Zapped! (NL)		
Oral Texts (e.g., interviews ...)	Comet Hale-Bopp (COL) Meet Illustrator László Gál (CS) Tell the World (CS)		
Personal Accounts (e.g., memoirs ...)	The Astronaut Files (COL) Exploring Icy Waters (NL) Far-out Jobs (COL) How Monkeys Make Chocolate (CS) Life on Another Planet (COL) Mother Goose Makes Good (NL) You Asked about Space (COL)	Dream Chasers (NLA) Rick Hansen: No Walls Too Big to Climb (NLA) Three Wishes: Palestinian and Israeli children Speak	Changes (COL) Children's Dreams (COL) Dear Diary (COL) I Have a Dream (COL) Journey to Freedom (COL) Letters from Baghdad (CS) Life in the Military (COL) Links to China (COL) Mike Lazaridis and the Blackberry (NL) One Peace: True Stories of Young Activists Our School's Trip to Boucherville (COL) The Search for Recognition (COL) The Story of In Flanders Fields (CS) Tub Under the Stars (COL) When I'm 12 (COL) Where My Family Comes From (COL)
Visual Texts (includes ads, ...)	Animal Groups Quiz (NL) Be Water Wise (NLA) The Healthy House (NLA) Looking Inside the Body (NLA) Robots: Past, Present, and Future (NLA) Shocking Situations (NL) Simply Ridiculous! (NLA) Surviving Extreme Environments (NL) Treasure from the Trash (NLA) Where Do We Go from Here? (COL)		Contributions of Canadians (NL) I Dream of Peace (COL) Match Up: Rights and Freedoms (NL) Market! (COL)