

SIXTH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS

Wicomico Day School



WRITING, GRAMMAR, AND USAGE

- **Writing and Research**
 - **Learn strategies and conventions for writing a persuasive essay, with attention to**
 - **defining a thesis (that is, a central proposition, a main idea)**
 - **supporting the thesis with evidence, examples, and reasoning distinguishing evidence from opinion**
 - **anticipating and answering counterarguments**
 - **maintaining a reasonable tone**
 - **Write a research essay, with attention to**
 - **asking open-ended questions gathering relevant data through library and field research**
 - **summarizing, paraphrasing, and quoting accurately when taking notes**
 - **defining a thesis**
 - **organizing with an outline**
 - **integrating quotations from sources**
 - **acknowledging sources and avoiding plagiarism**
 - **preparing a bibliography**
 - **Write a standard business letter.**



SPEAKING AND LISTENING

- Participate civilly and productively in group discussions.
- Give a formal presentation to the class that is well-organized and well-supported.
- Demonstrate an ability to use standard pronunciation when speaking to large groups and in formal circumstances



GRAMMAR AND USAGE

- Understand what a complete sentence is, and
 - identify subject and predicate
 - identify independent and dependent clauses
 - correct fragments and run-ons
- Identify different sentence types, and write for variety by using
 - simple sentences
 - compound sentences
 - complex sentences
 - compound-complex sentences
- Correctly use punctuation introduced in earlier grades and learn how to use a semicolon or comma with and, but, or or to separate the sentences that form a compound sentence.



GRAMMAR AND USAGE

- Recognize verbs in active voice and passive voice and avoid unnecessary use of passive voice.
- Recognize the following troublesome verbs and how to use them correctly:

- sit, set
- rise, raise
- lie, lay

- Correctly use the following:

- good / well
- between / among
- bring / take
- accept / except
- fewer / less
- like / as
- affect / effect
- who / whom
- imply / infer
- principle / principal
- their / there / they're



DICTATION

- Use weekly dictation passages to continue work with spelling and punctuation.

VOCABULARY

- Review the meaning of the following Latin and Greek words that form common word roots and be able to give examples of English words that are based on them.



VOCABULARY

Latin/Greek Word

annus [L]
ante[L]
aqua [L]
astron [G]
bi [L]
bios[G]
centum [L]
decem [L]
dico, dictum [L]
duo [G, L]
ge [G]
hydor [G]
[L]
mega [G]
mikros [G]
minus [L]
monos [G]
omnis [L]
phileo [G]
[G]
photo [from G phos]
poly [G]
post [L]

Meaning

year
before
water
star
two
life
hundred
ten
say, thing said
two
earth
water
large, great
large, great
small
smaller
single
all
to love
sound, voice
light
many
after

Examples

annual, anniversary
antebellum, antecedent
aquarium
astronaut, astronomy
bisect, bipartisan
biology, biography
cent, percent
decade, decimal
dictation, dictionary
duplicate
geology, geography
hydrant, hydroelectric
magnus
magnificent, magnify
megaphone, megalomania
microscope, microfilm
diminish, minor
monologue, monarch, monopoly
omnipotent, omniscient
philosophy, philanthropist
phone
phonograph, telephone
photograph, photocopy
polygon
posthumous, posterity

pre [L]
primus [L]
protos [G]
quartus [L]
tele [G]
thermos [G]
tri [G, L]
unus [L]
video, visum [L]
vita [L]

before
first
first
fourth
at a distance
heat
three
one
see, seen
life

predict, prepare
primary, primitive
prototype, protozoa
psyche[G]
quadrant, quarter
telephone, television, telepathy
thermometer, thermostat
trilogy, triangle
unanimous, unilateral
evident, visual
vitality, vitamin



POETRY

Poems

- - All the world's a stage [from As You Like It] (William Shakespeare)
 - Apostrophe to the Ocean [from Childe Harold's Pilgrimage, Canto 4, Nos. 178- 184] (George Gordon Byron)
 - I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud (William Wordsworth)
 - If (Rudyard Kipling) Mother to Son (Langston Hughes)
 - Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing (James Weldon Johnson)
 - A narrow fellow in the grass (Emily Dickinson)
 - A Psalm of Life (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)
 - The Raven (Edgar Allan Poe)
 - A Song of Greatness (a Chippewa song, trans. Mary Austin)
 - Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening (Robert Frost)
 - Sympathy (Paul Laurence Dunbar)
 - There is no frigate like a book (Emily Dickinson)
 - The Walloping Window-blind (Charles E. Carryl)
 - Woman Work (Maya Angelou)



TERMS

- Meter
- iamb
- couplet
- rhyme scheme
- free verse



FICTION AND DRAMA

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Stories

- The Iliad and The Odyssey (Homer)
- The Prince and the Pauper (Mark Twain)

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Drama

- Julius Caesar (William Shakespeare)

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Classical Mythology

- Apollo and Daphne
- Orpheus and Eurydice
- Narcissus and Echoiv. Pygmalion and Galatea

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Literary Terms

Epic

- Literal and figurative language

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Imagery

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metaphor and simile

-

symbol

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personification

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SAYINGS AND PHRASES

- All for one and one for all.
- All's well that ends well.
- Bee in your bonnet
- The best-laid plans of mice and men oft go awry.
- A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
- Bite the dust
- Catch-as-catch-can
- Don't cut off your nose to spite your face.
- Don't lock the stable door after the horse is stolen.
- Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.
- Eat humble pie
- A fool and his money are soon parted.
- A friend in need is a friend indeed.
- Give the devil his due.
- Good fences make good neighbors.
- He who hesitates is lost.
- He who laughs last laughs best.
- Hitch your wagon to a star.
- If wishes were horses, beggars would ride.
- The leopard doesn't change his spots.
- Little strokes fell great oaks.
- Money is the root of all evil.
- Necessity is the mother of invention.
- It's never over till it's over.
- Nose out of joint
- Nothing will come of nothing.
- Once bitten, twice shy.
- On tenterhooks
- Pot calling the kettle black
- Procrastination is the thief of time.
- The proof of the pudding is in the eating.
- RIP
- Rome wasn't built in a day.
- Rule of thumb
- A stitch in time saves nine.
- Strike while the iron is hot.
- Tempest in a teapot
- Tenderfoot
- There's more than one way to skin a cat.
- Touché!
- Truth is stranger than fiction.

