Grade 8 LANGUAGE ARTS

STUDENT EDITION / UNIT 1

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STUDENT READING & WRITING WORKBOOK - Unit 1

Language Arts only: Reading, phonics, vocabulary, comprehension and composition. Mathematics, Science, History and Scripture appear in their own books.

Lesson 1: Evidence-driven analytical writing

Read, Listen and Learn

Original reading: Original passages: A: ‘The archive catalog includes 43 dated images from the period. It also warns that the collection excludes private photographs.’ B: ‘The available archive is a complete account of the community’s experience.’

Learn: Historical or analytical claims must be proportionate to evidence. A limited collection cannot establish complete coverage; source selection and absent perspectives matter. Advanced essays need a thesis, precise evidence and qualifications.

Reading and Writing Practice: 10 Questions

1. State the verifiable claim in A.

2. Identify the overclaim in B.

3. Explain the limitation identified in A.

4. Write one defensible conclusion using A.

5. Write a three-sentence summary without exaggeration.

6. Identify an alternative source that could broaden representation.

7. Analyze the author’s use of the word complete.

8. Draft a thesis about archival limitations.

9. Write a 250-word evidence-based analysis.

10. Advanced: include counterargument and respond without a straw man.

Writing and Revision

Write or dictate a complete response. Reread the passage, correct one unclear sentence, and identify which detail supports your answer. Reading comprehension, spelling and handwriting should be assessed separately.

Advanced Reader Extension

If you demonstrate the prerequisite skill independently, compare another unfamiliar text, explain an inference with evidence and write a longer organized response. Advanced is based on readiness, never birthday.

Print and Parent Resources