

Publisher Response

Reading Language Arts

GRADE 6



Lowman Education would like to thank the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the time and dedication invested in the rigorous review of our 6th Grade Reading Language Arts program. We value the thoughtful feedback provided through the process, as it strengthens our commitment to ensuring that Texas educators and students have access to the highest quality instructional materials. We are proud that our program achieved 100% alignment to both the TEKS and ELPS, received high marks across all quality rubric categories, received no red flags for suitability, and earned multiple green flags for suitability excellence. The insights provided by this review will directly inform future refinements of our materials, ensuring that they remain rigorous, engaging, and supportive of all learners.

- **Intentional Instructional Design:** Our materials received perfect marks in this category, reflecting our commitment to a comprehensive course, unit, and lesson-level design. Our program features a detailed course overview, unit overviews, and daily lesson plans that support teachers in effective implementation.
- **Progress Monitoring:** Our products include a variety of instructional assessments with progress monitoring tools at both the lesson and unit levels. These tools encompass daily warm-ups, exit passes, formative checks within each lesson, as well as end-of-unit close reading lessons and extended written responses. We plan to continue developing products that support teachers in this area. These will include daily assignments for the independent practice section of each lesson, assessments at the end of each unit, and diagnostic assessments.
- **Support for All Learners:** Our lessons follow the guided release of responsibility model, providing direct instruction along with guided, collaborative, and independent practice in every lesson. Every lesson plan includes embedded supports for students who need additional help or extension, as well as for Emergent Bilingual students, with daily language objectives and linguistic accommodations aligned to the new ELPS.
- **Foundational Skills:** Our materials address all foundational skills in the 6th-grade TEKS: oral language development, morphological awareness, vocabulary development, and reading fluency. We plan to add a word work section to our newly developed assignments to further strengthen instruction in these skills.
- **Knowledge Coherence:** Each unit centers on an essential question with connected texts that support students in building knowledge throughout the unit. Our products are intentionally designed to build knowledge in areas related to the science and social studies TEKS for the current and previous grade levels. This design allows students to build knowledge in a way that we believe is important to Texas educators who seek to provide students with cross-curricular connections. Every lesson provides opportunities to activate prior knowledge of skills and concepts learned in previous units and grades through intentional prompts at the beginning of each lesson plan.
- **Text Quality and Complexity:** High-quality, grade-level appropriate, diverse, engaging, and complex texts are at the heart of our program. Lessons are structured to support all students in accessing these texts while preserving rigor and depth of analysis.
- **Evidence-Based Tasks and Responses:** Each lesson provides students with opportunities to deeply engage with texts to perform text-dependent tasks supported by teacher modeling. Additionally, our products are intentionally designed to use high-quality, complex texts from the reading lessons as mentor texts for writing lessons, which explicitly teach grade-level conventions and sentence-level writing. These, along with teacher-modeled writing lessons, provide extensive support for student writers throughout the writing process.

We are grateful for the thoroughness of this review process and the opportunity it provided us to showcase and refine our program. Lowman Education remains committed to providing Texas educators with high-quality instructional materials that support student success. For more information, please contact us at support@lowmaneducation.com.