

# Grade 4

## Core Knowledge Language Arts

### Unit-Specific Prep Checklist

#### UNIT 1: BROWN GIRL DREAMING MEMOIR

☐ **Read the Unit Introduction:** Teacher's Guide pg. 9-30

☐ **Review the Unit-Specific Notes:**

- This unit does not use a student reader file. Instead you will need to obtain the memoir [\*Brown Girl Dreaming\*](#), by Jacqueline Woodson, Penguin Young Readers Group, ISBN 9780147515827 and you will need to have this book on hand for the entire 4-5 weeks of this unit. Your local library likely owns a copy of this very popular book.
- Reminder: Print the Activity Book for each unit before starting the unit.
- If working with your own copy of the book for this unit, it is strongly recommended that you number the lines of the poems used in the lessons prior to starting a lesson. This will make it much easier to follow the instructions in the Teacher's Guide.
- The optional Fluency Supplement mentioned in a number of lessons is located in the Fourth Grade Ancillary Materials folder you downloaded from the CK website. Information on this resource can be found on TG pg. 12 and 25.
- "Take Home Material" listed in the Teacher's Guide refers to activity pages that can be assigned as homework by a classroom teacher. If time is available in your school day, it's a good idea to complete these activity pages whenever possible.
- The "Who Am I?" journals students create in this unit will be used again in later units so please keep them in a safe place.
- Advanced preparation is required for all lessons in this unit as well as the assessment and pausing point days.

- Pausing Points: There are two sets of pausing point days, one on each side of the beginning-of-the-year assessment. The potential pausing point activities can be found on pg. 177-188. Differentiated instruction activities for the pausing point can be found on pg. 179-180. These activities should be used for remediation and enrichment if skill weaknesses were found during the beginning-of-the-year assessment.

**☐ Gather the Unit-Specific Supplies:**

- Chalk (Warm Up Lessons)
- Masking tape (Warm Up Lessons)
- Shape cards and small basket or lunch bag to hold them (Warm Up Lessons)
- Writing journal or notebook (Multiple Lessons)
- Images of dandelions seeds blowing via internet search (Lesson 15)

## UNIT 2: THE MIDDLE AGES

☐ **Read the Unit Introduction:** Teacher's Guide pg. 1-7

☐ **Review the Unit-Specific Notes:**

- The Student Reader file is located in the folder of unit files you downloaded from the CK website.
- The Digital Components file used throughout this unit is located in the folder of unit files you downloaded from the CK website. The posters referred to in the Teacher's Guide (ex. "Elements of an Informative Paragraph Poster") are part of this Digital Components file.
- Many important resources such as the timeline cards, rubrics, editing checklist, resources for enrichment and answer keys are located in the Teacher's Resources section starting on TG pg. 284.
- See TG pg. 9 for information on setting up a timeline prior to starting this unit.
- All lessons (except Lesson 1) require advance preparation.
- Mid-Unit Content Assessment: A day is scheduled between Lessons 6 and 7 for a mid-unit content assessment. Information on this assessment can be found on TG pg. 120. See also Activity Page PP.1.
- Pausing Point Days: Information about the pausing point days is located on TG pg. 279-283. The activity pages for the pausing point days are located at the end of the activity book and are marked as PP.
- Enrichment Readings & Activity Pages: This unit includes options for enrichment readings (located at the back of the student reader) and activity pages (located at the back of the activity book). If time is available on pausing point days and/or catch-up days, you are encouraged to use these resources.

## UNIT 3: KING ARTHUR AND THE ROUND TABLE

☐ **Read the Unit Introduction:** Teacher's Guide pg. 11-23

☐ **Review the Unit-Specific Notes:**

- This unit does not use a student reader file. Instead you will need to obtain the book [\*Core Knowledge Core Classic, King Arthur and the Round Table\*](#), ISBN 1-890517-35-6. Please note, it is important to acquire this specific version of this famous story or the chapters, sections, etc. will not match up with the lesson instructions. It is possible to use a library copy of this book (although most libraries won't own this version), but note the book is needed for a total of 4 weeks to complete the unit.
- Please note, the lessons in this unit call for reading some (but not all) of the chapters in book. If your student enjoys these stories, consider reading the non-scheduled chapters as time allows, in the evening as a family, etc.
- Advanced preparation is required for all lessons in this unit.
- Pausing Points: Specific activities are scheduled for each pausing point day and are noted on the daily schedule (<https://bit.ly/3zPmWJ2>). Details about each of these activities is located on TG pg. 146-147. Please review these details in advance. Day 3 includes watching a King Arthur-themed movie and you'll need to find one on a streaming service or obtain a copy from your local library.

☐ **Gather the Unit-Specific Supplies:**

- King Arthur-themed movie, see TG pg. 146 for suggested titles (Pausing Point)

## UNIT 4: LISTEN, MY CHILDREN: POEMS FOR FOURTH GRADERS

☐ **Read the Unit Introduction:** Teacher's Guide pg. 9-21

☐ **Review the Unit-Specific Notes:**

- This unit does not use a student reader file. Instead you will need to obtain the book Core Knowledge Publication, [\*Listen My Children, Poems for Fourth Graders\*](#), ISBN 978-1-890517-32-8. The Teacher's Guide will specify the poem(s) to use for each lesson. As an alternative to purchasing this book, you can simply do an internet search for the specific poem(s) you need and access those when it is time for the lesson.
- Advanced preparation is required for all lessons in this unit.
- Pausing Points: See TG pg. 86 for a list of suggested culminating activities to use on the pausing point days.

☐ **Gather the Unit-Specific Supplies:**

- Books of nursery rhymes (Pausing Point)

## UNIT 5: GEOLOGY

☐ **Read the Unit Introduction:** Teacher's Guide pg. 1-7

☐ **Review the Unit-Specific Notes:**

- Many important resources such as area of study cards, image cards, pronunciation guides, rubrics, editing checklists, enrichment selections, and answer keys are located in the Teacher's Resources section starting on TG pg. 301.
- Advanced preparation is required for all lessons in this unit.
- Mid-Unit Content Assessment: A day is scheduled between Lessons 7 and 8 for a mid-unit content assessment. Information on this assessment can be found on TG pg. 160. See also Activity Page PP.1.
- Pausing Points: The first pausing point day should be used for a content assessment. Information on this assessment can be found on TG pg. 296-297. Remediation and enrichment information for the remaining pausing point days can be found on TG pg. 297-300. The back of the student reader also contains enrichment readings and the back of the activity book contains a number of pausing point activity sheets, and some enrichment activity sheets.

## UNIT 6: AMERICAN REVOLUTION

☐ **Read the Unit Introduction:** Teacher's Guide pg. 1-9

☐ **Review the Unit-Specific Notes:**

- At this time, the cover pages for the Teacher's Guide, Student Reader, Activity Book, and other materials for this unit list it as Unit 7. This is an error. The American Revolution is Unit 6 for CKLA Grade 4 per the CK website.
- Many important resources such as rubrics, editing checklists, enrichment selections, and answer keys are located in the Teacher's Resources section starting on TG pg. 291.
- Mid-Unit Content Assessment: A day is scheduled between Lessons 7 and 8 for a mid-unit content assessment. Information on this assessment can be found on TG pg. 128. See also Activity Page PP.1.
- Pausing Points: The first pausing point day should be used for a content assessment. Information on this assessment can be found on TG pg. 286. Remediation and enrichment information for the remaining pausing point days can be found on TG pg. 287-290. The back of the student reader also contains enrichment readings and the back of the activity book contains a number of pausing point activity sheets, and some enrichment activity sheets.

## UNIT 7: THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

☐ **Read the Unit Introduction:** Teacher's Guide pg. 1-8

☐ **Review the Unit-Specific Notes:**

- Timeline Cards for this unit must be accessed from a specific page on the Core Knowledge website. See pg. 8 for more information.
- Advanced preparation is required for all lessons in this unit.
- Pausing Points: See TG pg. 91-92 for a list of suggested culminating activities to use on the pausing point days.

## UNIT 8: TREASURE ISLAND

☐ **Read the Unit Introduction:** Teacher's Guide pg. 1-8

☐ **Review the Unit-Specific Notes:**

- The Digital Components file used throughout this unit is located in the folder of unit files you downloaded from the CK website. The posters referred to in the Teacher's Guide (ex. "Character Chart") are part of this Digital Components file.
- Many important resources such as diagrams, rubrics, editing checklists, enrichment selections, assessment materials, and answer keys are located in the Teacher's Resources section starting on TG pg. 291.
- Advanced preparation is required for all lessons in this unit.
- Pausing Points: See TG pg. 277-280 for information on differentiated instruction including options for remediation and enrichment during the scheduled pausing point days.
- End-of-Year Assessment: The assessment materials are located in the Teacher's Resources section starting on TG pg. 311. The assessment pages are located in the back of the Activity Book starting on pg. 170.



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