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## Area of Learning: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Grade 4

### Learning Standards (continued)

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<p><b>Create and communicate (writing, speaking, representing)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Exchange ideas and perspectives</b> to build shared understanding</li><li>• Use writing and design processes to plan, develop, and create <b>texts</b> for a variety of purposes and audiences</li><li>• Use language in <b>creative and playful ways</b> to develop style</li><li>• Communicate in sentences and paragraphs, applying conventions of Canadian spelling, grammar, and punctuation</li><li>• Develop and apply expanding <b>word knowledge</b></li><li>• Use <b>oral storytelling processes</b></li><li>• Transform ideas and information to create original texts</li></ul>	



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Grade 5

### Learning Standards (continued)

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<p><b>Create and communicate (writing, speaking, representing)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exchange ideas and perspectives to build shared understanding</li><li>• Use writing and design processes to plan, develop, and create texts for a variety of purposes and audiences</li><li>• Use language in creative and playful ways to develop style</li><li>• Communicate in writing using paragraphs and applying conventions of Canadian spelling, grammar, and punctuation</li><li>• Develop and apply expanding word knowledge</li><li>• Use oral storytelling processes</li><li>• Transform ideas and information to create original texts</li></ul>	



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Ministry of Education

## Area of Learning: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Grade 8

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## BIG IDEAS

Language and **story** can be a source of creativity and joy.

Exploring **stories** and other **texts** helps us understand ourselves and make connections to others and to the world.

People understand **text** differently depending on their worldviews and perspectives.

**Texts** are socially, culturally, and historically constructed.

Questioning what we hear, read, and view contributes to our ability to be educated and engaged citizens.

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