

Are districts required to implement the updated ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) units?

School systems are not required to implement the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) units. If school systems decide to continue to implement ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2018) their text inventory should be reviewed due to some of the unit texts being out of print which means they may be unavailable for purchase. ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2018) will continue to be accessible on the Louisiana Curriculum Hub; however, it will no longer be updated on the Imagine Learning (formerly known as LearnZillion) platform by the Department.

I am ready to implement the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) units. Where do I begin?

After deciding to transition to the most up-to-date version of the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) units, school systems should review the [Louisiana ELA Guidebooks 3-5 \(2022\) Overview](#) to get familiar with the updates. The Louisiana ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) Overview includes an unit progression (see the Unit Text and Topic Overview chart on page four) that shows the order that the units should be taught. Each grade, or course, includes five development units and one application unit. School systems choose a unit from each level to implement sequentially. Choosing one Level 1 unit, one Level 2 unit, and one Level 3 unit will ensure that students progress all the way through the writing progression for each grade level. At this time, there is only one Level 3 unit available. The Department's future development of ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) will include an additional Level 3 unit. Lastly, all courses end the course with the application unit.

Once systems have selected the development units for grades 3-5, they should review the unit evaluation plans, the [Master Text List Revisions \(2022\)](#), and the materials on the [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#). Systems should also secure texts and materials for all students which can be purchased through the [American Reading Company](#) for trade books and [XanEdu](#) for printed materials.

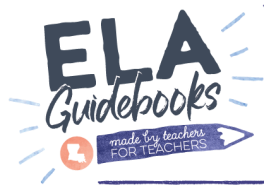
To assist with implementation, the LDOE ELA Content Team has a series of [webinar sessions](#) available and systems should plan to provide professional development for implementation of the 2022 units. [The Writing Revolution](#)[®] (TWR) is also offering a workshop that is tailored to the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) units. For more information about TWR professional development, please contact Kathleen Maloney, Director of Strategic Planning at TWR: guidebooks@thewritingrevolution.org.

For more specific information about implementation, review the [ELA Guidebooks 3-5 \(2022\) Curriculum Guide](#).

What do the levels of ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) units mean?

There are currently five units included in third, fourth, and fifth grade. These units are distributed across three levels because of the complexity of the unit topic and the [TWR writing progression](#) that has been developed in partnership with The Writing Revolution[®]. You can also access the [Louisiana ELA Guidebooks 3-5 \(2022\) Overview](#) document for more information.

As you are selecting the units to implement, please consider the following:



- Selection of one unit from each level to implement.
- The mode of writing represented in each of the Culminating Tasks.
- There is currently only one option for a level three unit.
- The fourth unit implemented will be the Application Unit which is a new addition to ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) and provides three options for modes of writing.

Where can I find the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) unit materials?

All ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) units are now exclusively available on the [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#). Imagine Learning (formerly known as LearnZillion) will continue to provide access to ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2018), and a timeline for the implementation of the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) materials has not yet been released by Imagine Learning. For additional information, including updates regarding Imagine Learning's timeline, as well as updates to their existing ELA Guidebooks units on their site, please reach out to them directly.

Where can I find the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2018) units?

The ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2018) units are still available on the [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#) for bulk downloads. Imagine Learning (formerly known as LearnZillion) will continue to provide access to the 2018 units.

Can I use the TWR activities with the 2018 version of ELA Guidebooks for grades 3-5?

It is not recommended to separate the TWR activities from the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) units because the activities were designed specifically for the updated lessons. The TWR activities are strategically sequenced to pace students appropriately through [the writing progression](#) at each grade level, and due to shifts in the units, the TWR activities do not align with the 2018 version.

What is a Development Unit? What is the Application Unit? When/how is this implemented?

Development Guidebook Units: Students build their learning community through a series of three development units. Students explore additional compelling questions to develop their ability to read, understand, and express their understanding of complex, grade-level texts. Development units are either organized around an anchor text, or topic grounded in a collection of shorter texts. Each grade-level course offers a selection of thematic and topical development units. Each development guidebook takes approximately 30—40 days of instruction for 60-90 minute daily lessons.

Application Guidebook Units: The application unit concludes the course. Students independently explore another question focusing on one of the development units implemented that school year. Each grade level's application unit provides three writing prompts representing three different modes of writing; expository, opinion, and narrative. School systems, teachers, or students choose the mode of writing to respond to. Once a prompt is chosen, teachers and/or students choose which development unit studied during the school year the students will use in order to respond to the application task. The application unit will take approximately 20 days of instruction for 45-60 minute daily lessons.



How have the modes of writing changed for the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) Culminating Tasks?

As you review the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) units, you will notice some of the culminating task prompts were revised. These revisions were necessary to ensure that all students would complete the entire TWR writing progression for each grade level. For more information about these tasks, please refer to pages 4-6 in the [Louisiana ELA Guidebooks 3-5 \(2022\) Overview](#) document.

Where are the Google Slides presentations for the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) units?

The ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) units do not have downloadable Google Slides. Teachers can access student facing directions to project to the class on the [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#). For more information about the Louisiana Curriculum Hub navigation, please refer to pages 33-37 of the [ELA Guidebooks 3-5 \(2022\) Curriculum Guide](#).

Where are the anticipated responses for the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) units?

The term “Student Look-fors” has been repurposed with the updated assessment approach of the 2022 units. Previously in ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2018), this term indicated anticipated responses. In the 2022 version, this term provides two questions for teachers to monitor student progression throughout the lesson. These look-fors include one content based question and one skills based question.

Revisions to clarify language and update resources will be made during the 2022-2023 school year. These revisions will include the addition of anticipated responses to the activities that require students to produce a response.

How has the assessment approach for the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) been updated?

Each ELA Guidebooks unit ends with a culminating task. This backwards design model which requires students to use the knowledge, skills, and habits they have gained throughout a guidebook unit to read, understand and express their understanding of complex, grade-level texts. To ensure students are successful on the culminating task, **monitor** and **diagnose** students over the course of the guidebook unit before they are **evaluated** on the culminating task.

Each guidebook unit has an evaluation plan based on the assessment approach of the program. The evaluation plan describes how you can monitor, diagnose, and evaluate students over the course of a unit and includes the culminating task, rubric, and an exemplar. This document can be accessed through the “Assessments” button on the [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#).

As you review the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) units, you will also notice that there is no longer a Cold Read Task (CRT) or Extension Task (ET) included. For some units, these tasks have been incorporated into the activities.

For more information regarding the assessment approach, please refer to the [ELA Guidebooks 3-5 \(2022\) Curriculum Guide](#).



Will the 2.0 guides still be relevant to the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) units?

All of the 2.0 guides are being revised and will be released upon completion. We will continue to update the [Louisiana Believes - ELA Curriculum Resources](#) webpage and provide updates through future communications with the field.

How can I support my students with Part A and Part B questions since these types of questions are not included in the units?

In order for students to be successful in responding to a Part A/Part B question, the students must first be able to knowledgeably respond about a topic and support their response with textual evidence. Throughout the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) units, you will observe students having focused discussions and writing about substantive topics. The related texts build content knowledge and provide sources to integrate information across texts.

Louisiana’s ELA Guidebooks build students’ understanding and knowledge through carefully curated text sets, compelling questions, and integrated reading and writing activities.

In the ELA Guidebooks, students:

- explore central questions that connect units in a year-long pathway;
- examine texts by diverse authors about substantive topics;
- engage in varied opportunities to read, discuss, write, and present; and
- experience integrated instruction and assessment leading to a comprehensive ELA experience.

Everything that a student needs to master grade level standards is provided in the guidebooks and is openly licensed. This includes a **coherent system of curriculum-embedded assessments**.

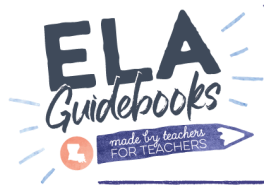
Can I use the 2018 versions of the CRT, Section Quizzes, and Let’s Set the Context Videos with ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) units?

Some of the 2018 resources have been embedded into ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022). Before using the previous version’s resources, read through the entire unit to assess the effectiveness of the resources to determine whether they are appropriate for the unit.

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How do I know when to use the optional activities and the just in time supports?

In order to make effective instructional choices, teachers need to be aware of how knowledge is built and skills are developed in each ELA Guidebook unit. The evaluation plan that accompanies every unit provides an overview of each section diagnostic including a description of how that section diagnostic connects to the knowledge and skill demands of the culminating task.



Each updated ELA Guidebooks unit also contains core and optional activities that build the necessary knowledge, skills, and habits that students need to be successful on the culminating task. Core activities are indicated by blue, solid circles, while optional activities reflect open, white circles. Teachers make instructional decisions about core and optional activities based on their students' needs in order to include just-in-time supports to accelerate learning.

Additionally, Teachers use data collected from the section diagnostics to determine optional activities and just-in-time supports to accelerate learning as students work toward the culminating task. Teachers are able to consistently monitor student progress through diagnostic checklists with exemplars, and they can access the sectional diagnostic checklists on the [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#) in the teacher materials. Data collection tools can be accessed on the [Louisiana Believes - ELA Curriculum Resources](#) webpage.

When will the updated text lists for the 3-5 units be available? What changes have been made to the text lists?

You can access text lists on the [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#) by clicking on the "Texts" button for each unit. If transitioning from the 2018 version, reference the [Master Text List Revisions \(2022\)](#) document to see how the text lists were revised for the 2022 units.

It does not seem like The Louisiana Curriculum Hub is updating. How do I fix this?

The [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#) is updated often. To ensure that you are accessing the most up-to-date files, clear your cache from your browser. To save space, your browser accesses your last downloaded files instead of the most recent updates.

Is Imagine Learning (previously LearnZillion) updating the 2018 version of ELA Guidebooks to the 2022 version?

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Who can I reach out to for professional development regarding the 2022 version of the 3-5 units?

Please refer to the [Louisiana Academic Content PD Vendor Guide](#) (see Guidebooks (grades 3-12): Includes ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) on page four).

How can I provide feedback about my experiences with the ELA Guidebooks 3-5 (2022) versions?

You can provide feedback by filling out the [ELA Guidebooks 3-5 \(2022\) Suggested Edits](#) form.



Quick Web Links:

- [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#)
- [Louisiana Believes - ELA Curriculum Resources](#)
- [American Reading Company](#)
- [XanEdu](#)
- [The Writing Revolution®](#)

Resource Links:

- [ELA Guidebooks 3-5 \(2022\) Overview](#)
- [ELA Guidebooks 3-5 \(2022\) Curriculum Guide](#)
- [Master Text List Revisions \(2022\)](#)
- [TWR® Writing Progression Table](#)
- [TWR® Background Knowledge Tools FAQs](#)
- [Louisiana Believes YouTube Channel - English language arts playlist](#)
- [Louisiana Academic Content PD Vendor Guide](#)