

# Comprehension Skill Scope and Sequence

K-8

The Foundations & Frameworks Scope and Sequence guides teachers through the sequence of comprehension skill instruction for grades K-8. (Note: Grades 7-8 are combined to allow for flexibility within each school's instructional setup.)

Every grade level includes ten units. Each unit focuses on a primary skill (or skills) for grade-appropriate mastery. Some units include an additional skill emphasis; this is a skill that complements the primary skill but is not intended for mastery during that unit and is never summatively assessed. Every unit uses quality books for skill instruction. Some units in every grade use nonfiction books or biographies as a lens for skill instruction.

**Mini-units will be added to this scope.** Mini-units are intended for students to develop familiarity with various genres and literary devices. They are addressed through read-aloud titles only, and fit nicely during times when a full unit will not work (e.g., holiday breaks, standardized testing, or at the beginning of the year when other areas require focus, such as phonics). Mini-units are not assessed.

Recommended titles for every unit are available at [makewayforbooks.com](https://www.makewayforbooks.com). Register as a Foundations & Frameworks user to be able to download a title list and to access an F&F Filter that shows grade, unit, and level placement for every title recommended for the program. (Note: The literature list is being restructured to reflect this updated skill sequence and expanded to include new and diverse titles at every level. We will keep Foundations & Frameworks schools advised of this progress and encourage you to check the site periodically. We recommend that you wait to download a book list until the units on the site align with this scope and sequence.)

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UNIT	KINDERGARTEN	GRADE 1	GRADE 2	GRADE 3	GRADE 4	GRADE 5	GRADE 6	GRADES 7-8
1	Visualization <i>plus</i> Retelling	Sequence of Events <i>plus</i> Visualization	Sequence of Events <i>plus</i> Visualization	Sequence of Events <i>plus</i> Visualization and Retelling	Central Idea, Main Ideas, and Supporting Details <i>plus</i> Summarization	Central Idea, Main Ideas, Supporting Details, and Summarization	Central Idea, Main Ideas, Supporting Details, and Summarization	Central Idea, Main Ideas, Supporting Details, and Summarization
2	Sequence of Events	Retelling	Retelling <i>plus</i> Illustrations	Summarization and Important Details	Cause & Effect	Character <i>plus</i> Setting	Problem Solving <i>plus</i> Character	Cause & Effect
3	Character, Setting, and Story Structure	Character	Character <i>plus</i> Story Structure	NONFICTION Main Idea and Supporting Details	Character <i>plus</i> Author's Purpose	Plot	Plot <i>plus</i> Mood and Symbolism	Theme <i>plus</i> Author's Viewpoint
4	Illustrations and Important Details	Story Structure and Setting	Summarization <i>plus</i> Important Details	Cause & Effect	Plot <i>plus</i> Summarization	Comparison <i>plus</i> Connotation	CAUSE & EFFECT <i>plus</i> Connotation	FACT VS. OPINION
5	Cause & Effect	Cause & Effect	NONFICTION Main Idea and Supporting Details <i>plus</i> Author's Purpose	BIOGRAPHY Character	NONFICTION Graphics and Summarization <i>plus</i> Questioning	NONFICTION Cause & Effect <i>plus</i> Summarization	NONFICTION Theme <i>plus</i> Author's Viewpoint	NONFICTION Drawing Conclusions <i>plus</i> Theme

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UNIT	KINDERGARTEN	GRADE 1	GRADE 2	GRADE 3	GRADE 4	GRADE 5	GRADE 6	GRADES 7-8
6	Plot <i>plus</i> Predicting & Justifying	Plot <i>plus</i> Summarization	Cause & Effect <i>plus</i> Predicting & Justifying	Plot <i>plus</i> Drawing Conclusions	Setting	Drawing Conclusions <i>plus</i> Theme	Fact vs. Opinion <i>plus</i> Central Idea, Main Ideas, and Supporting Details	NONFICTION  Collection & Classification and Graphics <i>plus</i> Author's Purpose
	NONFICTION	NONFICTION	NONFICTION	NONFICTION				
7	Comparison & Contrast	Questioning <i>plus</i> Important Details	Summarization	Summarization and Graphics	Drawing Conclusions <i>plus</i> Theme	Problem Solving <i>plus</i> Author's Purpose	Drawing Conclusions <i>plus</i> Theme	Theme <i>plus</i> Author's Viewpoint (review)
8	Drawing Conclusions	Predicting & Justifying	Plot <i>plus</i> Setting	Setting <i>plus</i> Comparison & Contrast	Comparison <i>plus</i> Important Details	Cause & Effect <i>plus</i> Point of View	Collection & Classification and Graphics <i>plus</i> Author's Purpose	NONFICTION  Central Idea, Main Ideas, Supporting Details, and Summarization (review)
9	NONFICTION				BIOGRAPHY	NONFICTION		
	Questioning <i>plus</i> Retelling	Comparison & Contrast <i>plus</i> Illustrations	Drawing Conclusions <i>plus</i> Questioning	Theme <i>plus</i> Questioning	Fact vs. Opinion <i>plus</i> Graphics		Theme and Author's Viewpoint	
10		BIOGRAPHY	BIOGRAPHY	NONFICTION	Problem Solving <i>plus</i> Theme	Character <i>plus</i> Author's Viewpoint	NONFICTION	Central Idea, Main Ideas, Supporting Details, and Summarization (review)
	Story Structure <i>plus</i> Retelling	Drawing Conclusions <i>plus</i> Retelling	Comparison & Contrast	Main Idea and Supporting Details <i>plus</i> Author's Purpose				