

StudySync® is a comprehensive ELA program that includes scaffolding and support for all students, including English language learners. This complete curriculum is designed for today's diverse classroom environments, with powerful digital instruction coupled with targeted print support.

At-a-Glance: *StudySync*

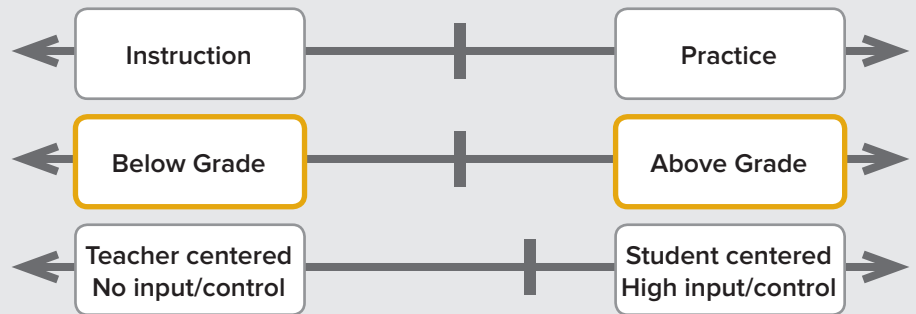
Grades: 6–12

Subject: English Language Arts

Type: Core

Standards: CCSS and State Standards

Selection Framework



What and how do students learn?

- Students proceed through a course which is organized into 4 thematic units that are framed by an essential question. The **reading routine** is consistent to maximize reading comprehension. It starts with a **first read**, related **skill lessons**, followed by a **close read** which includes think questions where students must cite textual evidence and endcapped by an extended writing project.
- This program includes robust **formative and summative assessment** including performance tasks, in print and digital formats.
- One profoundly unique feature to *StudySync* are its **Sync Blasts**. These activities provide students with **Twitter-like writing practice** on topics of current cultural significance, giving them the opportunity to voice informed opinions on topics that matter in a succinct and respectful manner. Blasts are available at three different Lexile® levels to support students of different reading abilities.
- **Comprehensive, integrated and designated ELL instructional resources**, with targeted instruction for Emerging, Expanding, and Bridging students.
- **Rich media and award-winning videos** to engage students, teach and model academic discourse, foster skill development, and promote critical thinking.
- **A print and digital experience for both students and teachers** that can be implemented in low-tech as well as high-tech environments.

How does the provider personalize learning?

- **Immediate Feedback:** Students receive instant, feedback when completing various skill lessons. In addition, one-of-a-kind writing platform that allows for integrated teacher and peer review, along with a digital portfolio of all student work.
- **Pace:** Because *StudySync* uses a blended learning education model, students, through face-to-face interaction or digital instruction, have some control over the time, place, path and/or pace of their learning experience.

What students can it support? How?

- **Students in Need of Remediation or Acceleration :** *StudySync* makes every lesson accessible or challenging so all students can cultivate a passion for reading and writing.
- **Struggling Readers or ELL:** Digital text selections offer embedded audio and video enhancement to ensure ALL students are engaged.

Usage + Implementation + Layering

- **Recommended Usage:** Daily lessons are designed to deliver 45-50 minutes of instruction.
- **Implementation:** Due to its breadth of coverage, *StudySync* can be used in several different types of instructional models
 - *Station Rotation*—Students move in small groups from station to station. At least one station involves some form of digital learning.
 - *Whole Group*—Students shift between modalities as an entire group.
 - *Flipped Classroom*—Students receive instruction online at home. Teachers extend the learning in class through discussion, practice, or project-based learning.
- **Layering:** The *StudySync* online platform allows teachers greater flexibility with **access to an ever-growing digital library more than 1,300 selections**, including more than 250 full texts/novel studies.

Instructional Considerations for Teachers

- **Standards Alignment:** 100% of the lessons were built to meet the Arizona English Language Arts Standards. Because of that sound alignment, teachers have a greater level of flexibility in choosing their own custom ELA path or they can follow the core ELA path embedded in the program.
- **Grouping:** Teachers can create and filter by custom groups - grade level, ELL, IEP, etc.
- **Gradebook:** An embedded gradebook provides an **easy-to-view format for analyzing student performance** on assignments. It also contains a detailed **Standards Mastery Report** capturing how often a standard was covered by assignments.

Data available in the Provider

- Student Progress
- Class Progress
- Test item analysis report
- Standards Reporting

Teacher Customization

- **Multiple Implementation Models Means Flexibility:** Teachers can follow the instructional path for *StudySync*'s core ELA pathway utilizing the four Thematic Units at each grade level, or build a lesson outline from the ground up using *StudySync*'s extensive digital library of texts, customizable writing prompts and rubrics, and multimedia lessons.
- **Unit Creator:** Build a complete custom unit, including content from Blasts, Skills, and Text Libraries to suit your classroom needs.

Pedagogical Approach and Research

- **Pedagogy:** With a clear and explicit focus on connected instruction for reading, writing, listening, language and speaking skills, the program deeply immerses students in text-based analysis and connected writing and skills development. *StudySync* engages students in traditional and contemporary texts using powerful multimedia features that support learners at all levels.
- **Research Base:** *StudySync* is built on a strong research foundation by drawing inspiration from the following:
 - *Reading Next—A Vision for Action and Research in Middle and High School Literacy*
 - *Report of the National Reading Panel: Teaching Children to Read*
 - *Improving Adolescent Literacy: Effective Classroom and Intervention Practices*
 - *Reading for Understanding: Toward an R&D Program in Reading Comprehension*
 - *Writing to Read: Evidence for How Writing Can Improve Reading*
 - *Writing Next: Effective Strategies to Improve Writing of Adolescents in Middle and High Schools*
- **Efficacy Studies:** *StudySync* provides several case studies from different populations and instructional use cases. In one location, students using *StudySync* realized a 21% increase in their reading scores than non-users. See executive summary at [StudySync Boosts Reading Scores](#).

Hardware and Technology

- **Supported Devices:** Mac, PC, Chrome devices
- **Tablets:** iPad and Android tablet compatible: Off-line content available via app
- **Browsers:** Chrome, Internet Explorer, Safari, Firefox