### AN INTRODUCTION TO



A Comprehensive ELA Curriculum for Grades 9-12



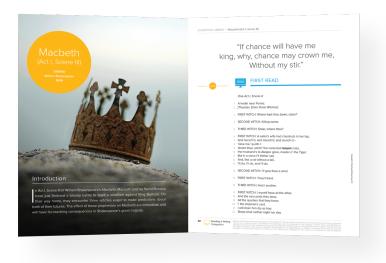
### **BRING LITERATURE TO LIFE**

**Welcome to StudySync** – rigorous, culturally-relevant content that ignites a love of literature in ALL students.

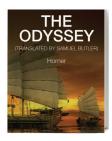
- Provides instructional choice with thematic units, novel studies, and teacher-created units
- ✓ Supports interchangeable print and digital use
- Features a continuously growing library of over 1,700 classic and contemporary texts

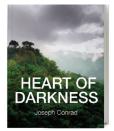
#### **Student Print Edition**





### **Novel Options**

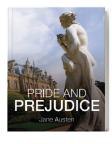


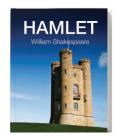




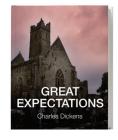


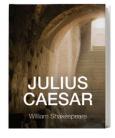












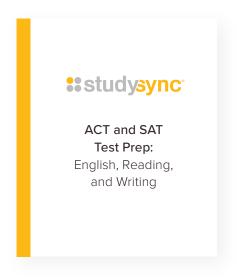


- ✓ Includes extensive writing and research practice
- Automatically embeds scaffolds so ALL students reach their potential

### **Teacher Print**



### **ACT/SAT Test Prep**

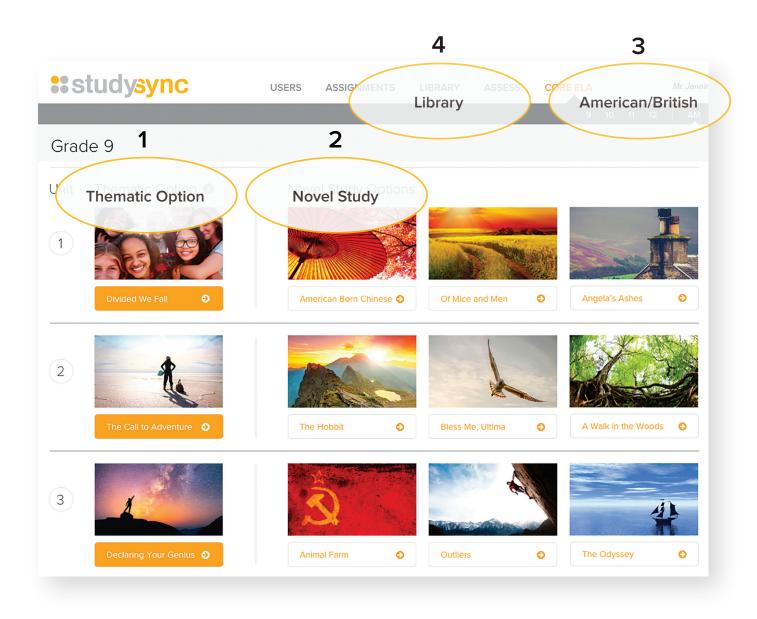


### Comprehensive Student and Teacher Digital Experience



### PICK YOUR PATH

StudySync provides **four curricular options** to enhance your teaching experience in print and online. Pacing guides are included for options 1–3.



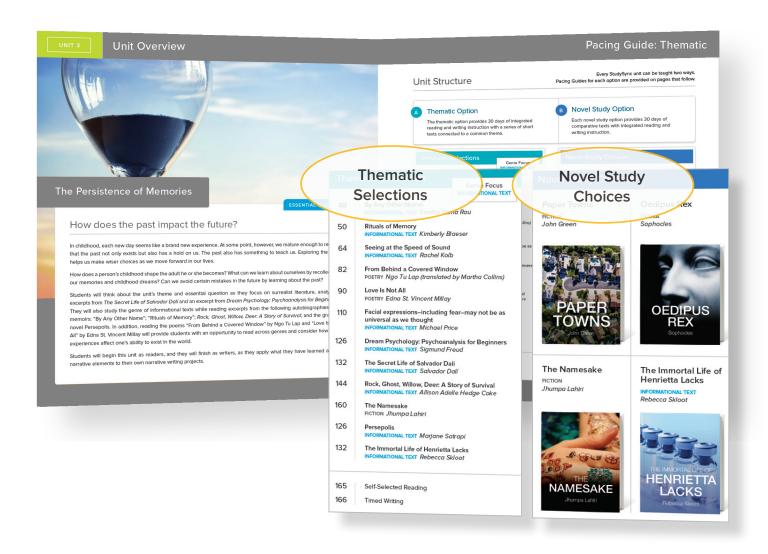
#### 1 Thematic Units

These units contain several text types from a variety of genres. Selections include multiple paired readings to challenge students to compare within and across genres.

#### 2 Novel Studies

Each unit has at least three novel study options. Teachers can choose a whole-class novel study or employ a more independent, student-choice model.





#### 3 American or British Literature

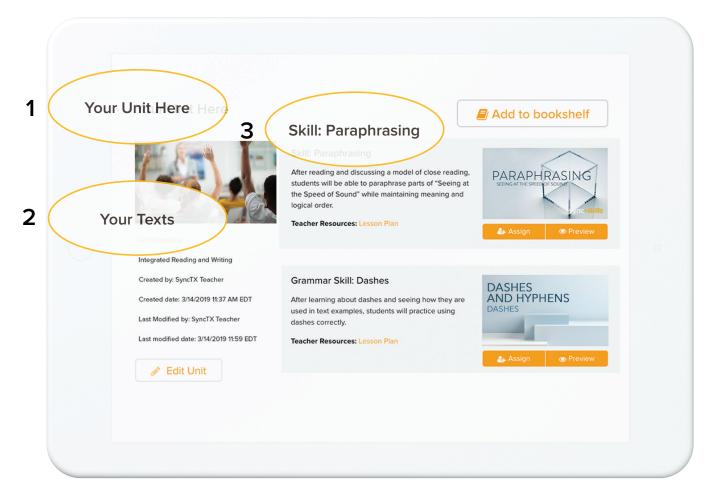
Teachers in Grades 11 and 12 can choose an optional chronological format to American and British literature.

#### 4 Unit Creator

Turn the page to learn how to create your own units.

### **CUSTOMIZE YOUR PATH**

Build the units you want using **StudySync's Unit Creator** and library of thousands of texts and instructional materials.



- **1.** Create your own unit.
- **2.** Insert your chosen texts from the StudySync Library.
- **3.** Choose and insert skill lessons.







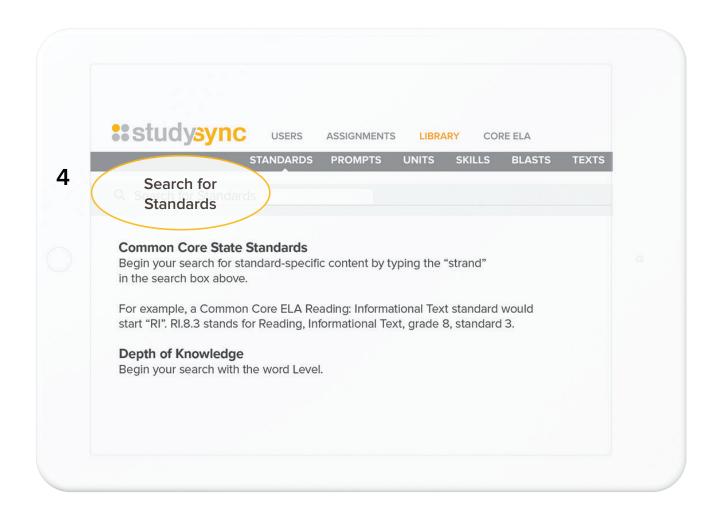












**4.** Search by standard to pinpoint specific lessons.











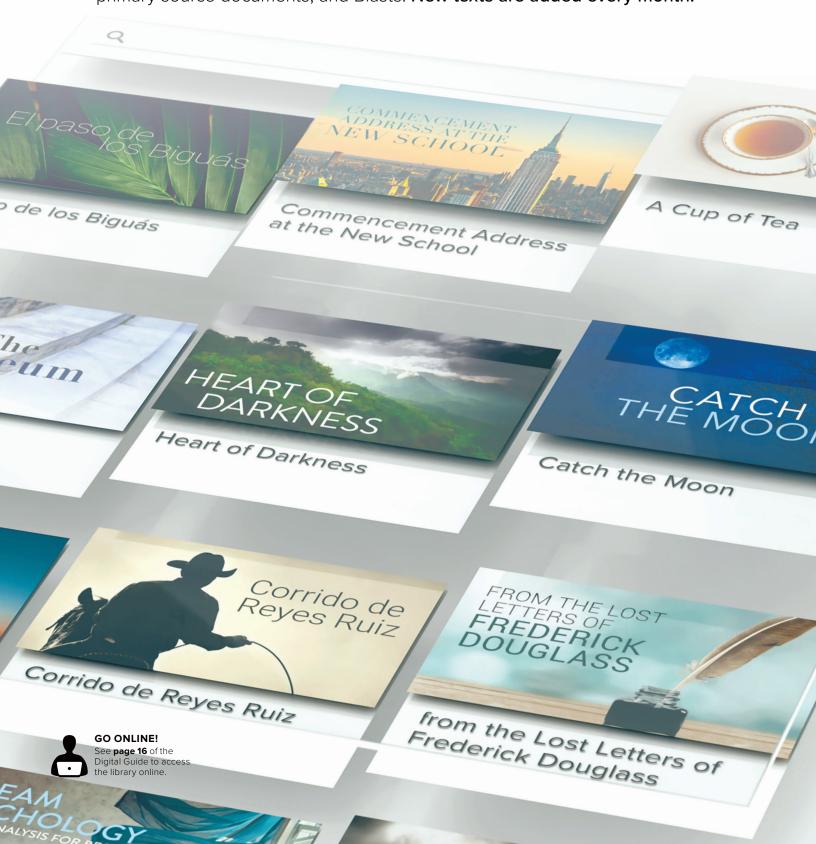




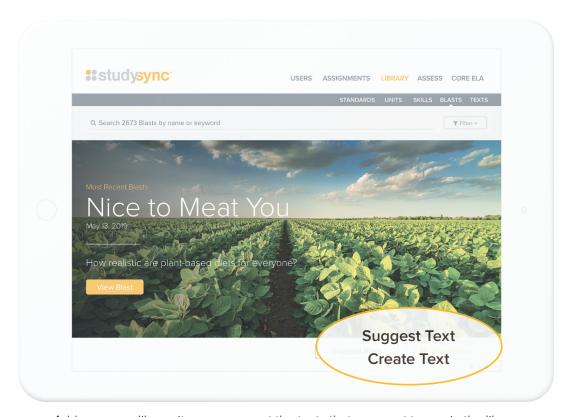


### **NEW CONTENT ADDED DAILY**

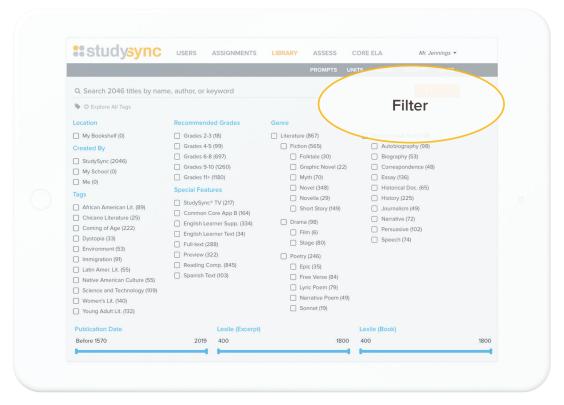
StudySync's continuously growing library includes short stories, poems, excerpts and complete texts of novels and dramas, essays, speeches, and primary source documents, and Blasts. **New texts are added every month.** 







Add your own library items or request the texts that you want to see in the library.



Search the library by genre, grade level, topic, or even Lexile®-level.

### **BLASTS**

**Blasts** are short, high-interest read/write assignments that deliver content around relevant topics and current events to students in a familiar, social media format. A new Blast is published every school day.



**Blast** articles are available at three different Lexile®-levels.



### Top 10 Blasts

Students compete anonymously to make the Top 10 list.



### **Immediate Feedback**

Peer reviews provide immediate feedback on students' writing on a platform mediated by teachers.

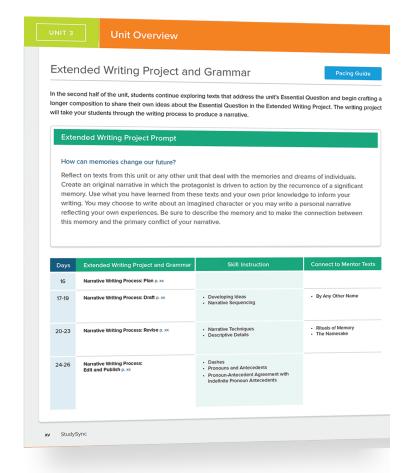
### RESEARCH AND WRITING

StudySync offers embedded writing, grammar, and research opportunities throughout each lesson and unit.

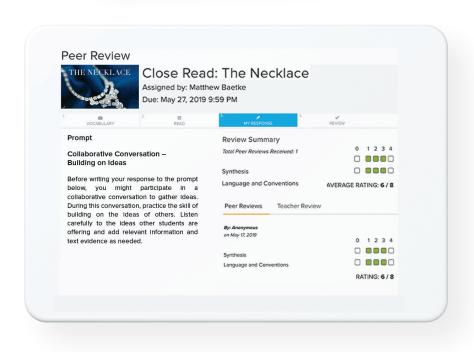
### **Extended Writing Project** and Grammar

Each unit's Extended Writing Project leads students through the steps of the writing process to teach standards-aligned writing skills in genre characteristics and craft necessary for open-ended writing. Students write in multiple forms, including:

- ✓ Personal or fictional narrative
- ✓ Argumentative essay
- ✓ Literary analysis
- ✓ Argumentative research
- ✓ Research-based oral presentation
- ✓ Correspondence



Anonymous peer review is available for every written response. These reviews create an authentic audience for student writing.





#### Pacing Guide: Thematic Research The following lessons include opportunities for research: Blast The Persistence of Memories Research Links\* Painting History Research Links\* Rituals of Memory Text to World (Beyond) nt Read From Behind a Covered Window nt Read Dream Psychology Developing Background Persepolis Beyond the Book t Cheating an Ecosystem Research Links After reading a self-selected text, students will respond to the following informational / expository prompt: Students will respond to the following SAT-style rhetorical analysis prompt: Humorous? Inspirational? Thought-provoking? Certain lines of text stick in our memories. But why? Different readers remember different lines of text for different reasons. But why what makes these lines of text leave a lasting impression? Write an essay in which you explain how the author builds an argument to persuade their audience that saving lives should take priority over preserving traditions. In your essay, analyze how the author uses one or more of the features in the directions that precede the passage (or features of your own choice) to strengthen the logic and persuasiveness of their argument. Be sure that your analysis focuses on the most relevant features of the passage. What makes a line of text memorable? You've just selected and read a text that relates to ideas and issues explored in the unit. What is a line of that text that stuck with you? Was the line funny? Did it inspire you? Did it change your opinine numy? Did it inspire you? Did it change your opinion about something? Using your self-selected text, write a response in which you identify a memorable line and tell why the language in that line is special to you. Your essay should not explain whether you agree or not with the author's claims, but instead explain how the author builds an argument in an attempt to persuade his or her audience.

### **Research Opportunities**

Unit overviews include multiple research options. StudySync's step-by-step process guides students through research projects.



Unit Overview xvii

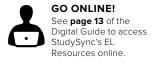
### **ACCESS FOR ALL**

**Every student** using StudySync has the same opportunity and access regardless of native language, proficiency level, or physical, social, and emotional ability.

#### **EL Resources**

English Language Learner Resources are designed to match the thematic focus, text structure, and writing form of the unit. They include two leveled texts and an Extended Oral Project.

EL Texts	Differentiated Text Levels	Skill Instruction
THE KISS	BEGINNING 590L   370 words INTERMEDIATE 820L   606 words ADVANCED 930L   622 words ADVANCED HIGH 1040L   730 words  Use this text in place of, or as an extension to The Namesake	<ul> <li>Sight Vocabulary and High-Frequency Words</li> <li>Using Prereading Supports</li> <li>Analyzing Expressions</li> <li>Developing Background Knowledge</li> <li>Pronouns and Antecedents</li> </ul>
WELCOME TO AMERICA, MR. HARRIS	BEGINNING 800L   649 words INTERMEDIATE 900L   672 words ADVANCED 960L   705 words ADVANCED HIGH 1010L   709 words  Use this text in place of, or as an extension to By Any Other Name	Classroom Vocabulary Environmental Print Language Structures Main Ideas and Details Spelling Patterns and Rules
EXTENDED ORAL PROJECT INTRODUCTION	In this Extended Oral Project, students write and perform a dramatic scene. This may be assigned in place of this unit's EWP.	Acquiring Vocabulary     Sentence Lengths



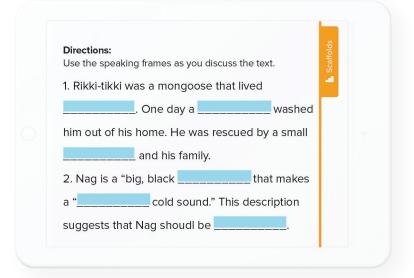


### Automatic scaffolds appear for students at the press of a button.



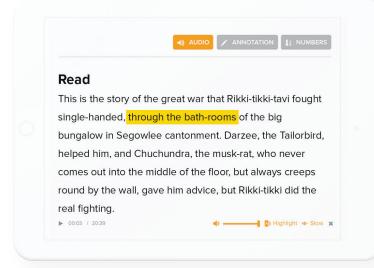
### Visual Glossary and Spanish Cognates

Visual glossaries allow EL students to access a text along with their proficient peers.



### Speaking and Sentence Frames

Speaking and sentence frames help EL students with class discussion.



### Audio with Variable Speed and Text Highlight

Text phrases highlight while the audio plays. Students and teachers can reduce the rate a text is read by up to 25% with no loss of resolution.

### **ACCESS FOR ALL**

#### **Students with Different Abilities**

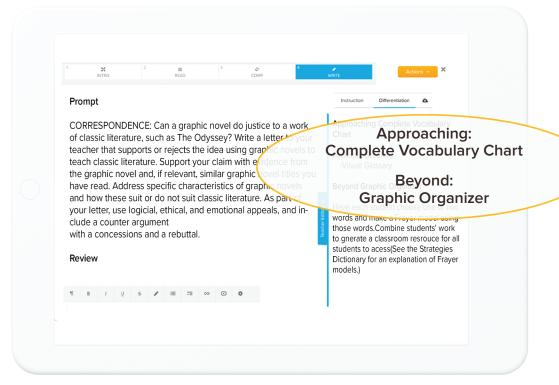
StudySync offers a variety of accessibility features, customization options, and instructional strategies to address the needs of students with different abilities **compliant with WCAG version 2.0 AA guidelines.** 

- Student content is interoperable with standard screen readers.
- The digital subscription provides a highcontrast option and uses visual clues in addition to colors to convey information.
- The student subscription can be used with keystrokes or voice commands for students who are unable to use a mouse.

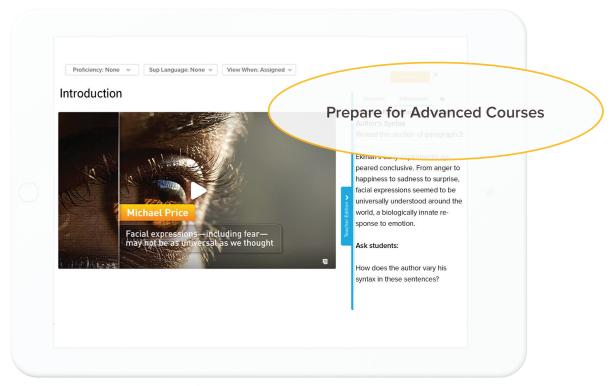




### Approaching and Beyond Grade-Level Learners



Teachers can access point-of-use differentiation to both support and challenge all levels of learners.



The Prepare for Advanced Courses section of the lesson plan, found in the print and digital Teacher's Edition, gives Beyond Grade-level learners additional extension activities.

### DATA-DRIVEN ASSESSMENT

**Gauge progress and inform instruction** as students prepare for high-stakes testing.







### Instruction and Formative Assessment



### **End-of-Unit Assessment**



### Screening and Diagnostic

### FLEXIBLE IMPLEMENTATION

### **Choose Your Delivery**

Content works seamlessly across print, digital, and mobile access.









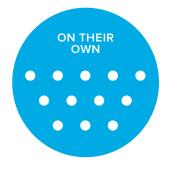


### **Choose Your Classroom Setup**

Grouping suggestions in every lesson plan help students collaborate and practice independently.







ACTIVITY	WHOLE GROUP	PAIRS OR SMALL GROUPS	ON THEIR OWN
Complete Vocabulary Chart			<b>✓</b>
Complete Skill Focus		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Writer's Notebook			<b>✓</b>
Watch and Discuss StudySyncTV®	✓		
Collaborative Conversation		<b>✓</b>	
Review Prompt and Rubric	✓		✓
(Optional) Prewrite with Graphic Organizer			✓
Peer Review and Reflect			✓
(Optional) Connect to Extended Writing Project	<b>✓</b>		
(Optional) Beyond the Book	✓		

### STUDYSYNC IN YOUR CLASSROOM

**Skill Lesson:** Students revisit the text to learn how to analyze genre and structural characteristics of a text.

Preview examples of how StudySync can fit into your classroom schedule

## MINUTES

Introduce the standards-aligned reading skill to your students, and activate their prior knowledge.

#### StudySync Resources:

- · Concept Definition Videos
- · Concept Definitions
- · Vocabulary Practice

Learning Scaffold: visual vocabulary



# MINUTES

Teach the steps for analyzing literature focused on a standards-aligned skill.

#### StudySync Resources:

• Student-facing checklists for literary analysis **Learning Scaffold: annotation guide** 



# MINUTES

Model literary analysis with expert thinking and short, complex passages from the reading.

#### StudySync Resources:

- · Visual Skill Models for literary analysis
- Suggestions for Guided Practice

Learning Scaffold: speaking frames



# **AINUTES**

Transition students to answer multiple-choice questions with a new passage of the same text for a quick check for understanding.

### StudySync Resources:Text Talk discussion questions

**Learning Scaffold: Your Turn Questions** 



# OMEWORK

Give students a jump-start on tomorrow's close reading with a reflective writing assignment connected to the Unit's essential question.

#### StudySync Resources:

• Close Read Writer's Notebook activities Learning Scaffold: differentiated writing prompt



**Independent Read: Day 1:** Students practice reading a complex text on their own and engage in collaborative activities with their peers. Independent Read lessons can be shorter, single day lessons or stretched out over two days to include a range of student-led conversations and reflective writing.

## MINCHE

### Engage and excite students in today's reading. StudySync Resources:

- · Movie trailer-like Preview Videos
- · Text Introduction
- · Discussion questions

Learning Scaffold: speaking frames



# MINUTES

Ground students in the context of the text to activate their background knowledge.

#### StudySync Resources:

- Entry Point mini-lectures
- Developing Background Knowledge, Cultural Awareness, and Social and Emotional Learning Activities

Learning Scaffold: annotation guide and suggestions for small group differentiated instruction



# MINUTES

Circulate as students independently read and annotate the text with the goal of comprehension. Meet with small groups as needed, including English Learners and students with special needs.

#### StudySync Resources:

- · Annotation guide
- Check for Success strategies
- Suggestions for small group differentiation

Learning Scaffold: native language summaries, visual glossary, and EL text synopsis



# MINUTES

Keeping the Unit's literary focus in mind, students freewrite a response that connects what they've learned from their reading to the relevant literary period or movement. StudySync Resources:

- · Writer's Notebook activity
- Suggestions for small group differentiation

Learning Scaffold: suggestions for oral practice and pantomime activities for English Learners



# OMEWORK

For continued practice and to assess students' understanding of the reading, choose from a variety of formative assessment options that can be completed at home.

#### StudySync Resources:

- Selection quiz (Reading Comprehension questions)
- Think Questions (short, written responses)

Learning Scaffold: ability to modify the number of questions you assign and fillable sentence frames



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