

Wyoming Project Learning Tree  
Correlation Key  
to  
The Wyoming Language Arts Content and Performance Standards  
for  
Grades 5-8

**Introduction:**

The purpose of this document is to provide Wyoming educators who use Project Learning Tree materials with an easy reference guide in how PLT's activities correlate to the Wyoming Language Arts Content and Performance Standards for grades 5-8. Project Learning Tree is an interdisciplinary environmental education program. PLT activities supplement curriculum and can be used to organize instructional units in a variety of subjects. Educators can use PLT activities to teach or assess mastery of language arts skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking, and integration of those areas.

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**CONTENT STANDARD: 1. READING**

*Students read a variety of grade level materials, applying strategies appropriate to various situations.*

**Benchmark 1:**        **Students read classic and contemporary fiction and nonfiction, including materials recognizing cultural differences.**

- 8. The Forest Of S.T. Shrew
- 17. People Of The Forest
- 18. Tale Of The Sun
- 26. Dynamic Duos
- 33. Forest Consequences
- 39. Energy Sleuths
- 49. Tropical Treehouse
- 56. We Can Work It Out
- 59. Power Of Print
- 80. Nothing Succeeds Like Succession
- 89. Trees For Many Reasons
- 90. In The Native Way
- 92. A Look At Lifestyles
- 93. Paper Civilizations
- 95. Did You Notice?

**Benchmark 2:**        **Students use a variety of comprehension strategies, including prediction, sequencing, cause/effect, fact/opinion, main idea, compare/contrast, vocabulary development, summarizing, drawing conclusions, and making inferences.**

- 7. Habitat Pen-Pals
- 8. The Forest Of S.T. Shrew

- 14. Renewable Or Not?
- 17. The People Of The Forest
- 18. Tale Of The Sun
- 26. Dynamic Duos
- 27. Every Tree For Itself
- 33. Forest Consequences
- 36. Pollution Search
- 39. Energy Sleuths
- 43. Have Seeds, Will Travel
- 49. Tropical Treehouse
- 56. We Can Work It Out
- 59. Power Of Print
- 66. Germinating Giants
- 75. Tipi Talk
- 79. Tree Lifecycle
- 80. Nothing Succeeds Like Succession
- 90. In The Native Way
- 92. A Look At Lifestyles
- 93. Paper Civilizations
- 95. Did You Notice?

**Benchmark 3:** Students analyze literature for the literary elements of main idea, point of view, plot and conflict, setting, and characterization.

- 18. Tale Of The Sun
- 71. Watch On Wetlands
- 89. Trees For Many Reasons
- 90. In The Native Way
- 91. In The Good Old Days
- 92. A Look At Lifestyles

**Benchmark 4:** Students identify and describe the literary techniques/devices of similes, metaphors, personification, flashback, and foreshadowing.

- 18. Tale Of The Sun
- 52. A Look At Aluminum

**Benchmark 5:** Students recognize a universal theme in literature (i.e., survival, prejudice, war, etc.).

- 18. Tale Of The Sun
- 89. Trees For Many Reasons
- 92. A Look At Lifestyles

**Benchmark 6:** Students explain how perspectives and purposes define or influence forms of media (i.e., biases, points of view, sensationalism, entertainment, information, and persuasion).

- 71. Watch On Wetlands
- 90. In The Native Way
- 91. In The Good Old Days

**Benchmark 7:** Students access, decipher, and use specialized instructions, technical data and manuals to assemble and operate equipment or to fulfill tasks (i.e., computer instructions, assembly manuals, forms, applications).

- 26. Dynamic Duos

**Benchmark 8:** Students read informational materials to produce oral or written work that relates new information to prior knowledge and experiences, summarizes information, and makes connections to related topics.

- 16. Pass The Plants, Please
- 26. Dynamic Duos
- 59. Power Of Print
- 60. Publicize It!
- 71. Watch On Wetlands

**CONTENT STANDARD: 2. WRITING**

*Students write for a variety of purposes and audiences with sophistication and complexity appropriate to grade level.*

**Benchmark 1:** Students use the writing process of prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing to create descriptive, narrative, and expository writing for various purposes and audiences.

- 60. Publicize It!

**Benchmark 2:** Students use thoughtful word choice/vocabulary, sentence variety, and standard language conventions including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and usage.

- 8. The Forest Of S.T. Shrew
- 17. People Of The Forest
- 18. Tale Of The Sun
- 44. Water Wonders
- 53. On The Move
- 78. Signs Of Fall

**Benchmark 3:** Students write logically, chronologically, and coherently, with strong beginnings, supporting sentences, transitions, and conclusions.

- 17. People Of The Forest
- 35. Loving It Too Much
- 59. Power Of Print
- 60. Publicize It!

**Benchmark 4:** Students apply writing skills and correct format to the writing of letters and other practical documents (i.e., applications, memos, and technical writing).

**Benchmark 5:** Students use word processing capabilities to draft, edit, and publish.

PLT activities do not apply as written, but with modifications and adjustments, some activities may correlate with the benchmark.

**CONTENT STANDARD: 3. LISTENING**

*Students listen for a variety of purposes appropriate to the grade level.*

**Benchmark 1:** Students follow a series of oral directions and apply information necessary for the completion of tasks.

- 2. Get In Touch With Trees
- 4. Sounds Around
- 14. Renewable Or Not?
- 19. Values On The Line
- 37. Talking Trash, Not!
- 44. Water Wonders
- 47. Are Vacant Lots Vacant?
- 48. Field, Forest And Stream
- 49. Tropical Treehouse
- 50. 400-Acre Wood
- 81. Living With Fire
- 82. Resource-Go-Round
- 84. A Peek At Packaging

**Benchmark 2:** Students demonstrate active listening skills such as paraphrasing, appropriate feedback, eye contact, body language, note taking, and questioning.

- 9. Planet Of Plenty
- 35. Loving It Too Much
- 40. Then And Now
- 59. Power Of Print

**Benchmark 3:** Students listen to another's point of view in resolving conflict, increasing knowledge, and expanding ideas.

- 9. Planet Of Plenty
- 17. People Of The Forest
- 40. Then And Now
- 78. Signs Of Fall

**Benchmark 4:** Students explain speaker's purpose.

- 19. Values On The Line

**CONTENT STANDARD: 4. SPEAKING**

*Students speak for a variety of purposes and audiences with sophistication and complexity appropriate to the grade level.*

**Benchmark 1:** Students use traits of effective speaking including a solid idea with content, organization, audience appeal, and conventions (eye contact, posture, poise, gestures, enunciation, and volume) in formal and informal situations.

- 9. Planet Of Plenty
- 17. People Of The Forest
- 24. Nature's Recyclers
- 33. Forest Consequences
- 56. We Can Work It Out

- 59. Power Of Print
- 86. Our Changing World
- 91. In The Good Old Days

**Benchmark 2:**        **Students participate in classroom discussions by speaking to the topic, asking relevant questions, speaking in turn, and respecting others' ideas.**

- 3. The Peppermint Beetle
- 5. Poet-Tree
- 14. Renewable Or Not?
- 15. A Few Of My Favorite Things
- 16. Pass The Plants, Please
- 18. Tale Of The Sun
- 19. Values On The Line
- 30. Three Cheers For Trees
- 31. Plant A Tree
- 32. A Forest Of Many Uses
- 33. Forest Consequences
- 34. Who Works In This Forest?
- 45. Web Of Life
- 49. Tropical Treehouse
- 52. A Look At Aluminum
- 56. We Can Work It Out
- 58. There Ought To Be A Law
- 74. People, Places, Things
- 87. Earth Manners
- 89. Trees For Many Reasons

**Benchmark 3:**        **Students offer and accept constructive criticism.**

- 35. Loving It Too Much
- 40. Then And Now
- 59. Power Of Print

**Benchmark 4:**        **Students select appropriate multi-media tools to enhance oral presentations (i.e., computer, overhead projector, television, VCR, camcorder, audiocassette, or liquid crystal display).**

- 9. Planet Of Plenty
- 17. People Of The Forest
- 24. Nature's Recyclers
- 86. Our Changing World
- 91. In The Good Old Days

**CONTENT STANDARD: 5. LANGUAGE ARTS INTEGRATION**  
***Students synthesize individual language arts skills.***

**Benchmark 1:**        **Students integrate reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills in all content areas.**

- 2. Get In Touch With Trees
- 3. The Peppermint Beetle
- 4. Sounds Around
- 5. Poet-Tree
- 7. Habitat Pen-Pals
- 8. The Forest Of S.T. Shrew
- 9. Planet Of Plenty
- 14. Renewable Or Not?

15. A Few Of My Favorite Things
16. Pass The Plants, Please
17. People Of The Forest
18. Tale Of The Sun
19. Values On The Line
26. Dynamic Duos
27. Every Tree For Itself
30. Three Cheers For Trees
31. Plant A Tree
32. A Forest Of Many Uses
33. Forest Consequences
34. Who Works In This Forest
35. Loving It Too Much
36. Pollution Search
37. Talking Trash, Not!
39. Energy Sleuths
40. Then And Now
43. Have Seeds, Will Travel
44. Water Wonders
45. Web Of Life
47. Are Vacant Lots Vacant?
48. Field, Forest And Stream
49. Tropical Treehouse
50. 400-Acre Wood
52. A Look At Aluminum
53. On The Move
54. I'd Like To Visit A Place Where...
56. We Can Work It Out
58. There Ought To Be A Law
59. Power Of Print
60. Publicize It!
66. Germinating Giants
71. Watch On Wetlands
74. People, Places, Things
75. Tipi Talk
78. Signs Of Fall
79. Tree Lifecycle
80. Nothing Succeeds Like Succession
81. Living With Fire
82. Resource-Go-Round
84. A Peek At Packaging
86. Our Changing World
87. Earth Manners
88. Life On The Edge
89. Trees For Many Reasons
90. In The Native Way
91. In The Good Old Days
92. A Look At Lifestyles
93. Paper Civilizations
95. Did You Notice?

**Benchmark 2:**        **Students integrate reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills into areas of personal life/goals.**

7. Habitat Pen-Pals
9. Planet Of Plenty
16. Pass The Plants. Please
17. People Of The Forest
24. Nature's Recyclers
26. Dynamic Duos
33. Forest Consequences
35. Loving It Too Much
39. Energy Sleuths
40. Then And Now

- 44. Water Wonders
- 49. Tropical Treehouse
- 53. On The Move
- 56. We Can Work It Out
- 59. Power Of Print
- 60. Publicize It!
- 71. Watch On Wetlands
- 76. Tree Cookies
- 78. Signs Of Fall
- 86. Our Changing World
- 88. Life On The Edge
- 91. In The Good Old Days
- 95. Did You Notice?

**Benchmark 3:           Students use library skills and multi-media to access information and enhance presentations in all content areas and for a variety of purposes.**

- 9. Planet Of Plenty
- 16. Pass The Plants, Please
- 17. People Of The Forest
- 24. Nature's Recyclers
- 26. Dynamic Duos
- 60. Publicize It!
- 71. Watch On Wetlands
- 86. Our Changing World
- 91. In The Good Old Days