

Correlation of Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts (ELA) and Project Learning Tree's Exploring Environmental Issues: Focus on Forests

Anchor Standards for Reading	Focus on Forests Module
Key Ideas and Details:	Grades 9-12
•	(Bold activity names have a strong correlation to the standard.)
Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it;	Reading Standard for Informational Text #1 (RI 1):
cite specific textual evidence when writing or	Story of Succession
speaking to support conclusions drawn from the	Who Owns America's Forests?
text.	Tough Choices
	The Nature of Fire
	Forest to Faucet
	Forest Invaders
	Climate Change and Forests
	Words to Live By
2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key	Reading Standard for Informational Text #2 (RI 2):
supporting details and ideas.	Story of Succession
	Who Owns America's Forests?
	Tough Choices
	The Nature of Fire
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3. Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of the text.	Reading Standard for Informational Text #3 (RI 3): Story of Succession Tough Choices The Nature of Fire Forest to Faucet Forest Invaders Climate Change and Forests Words to Live By
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Craft and Structure:	Grades 9-12
4. Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.	Reading Standard for Informational Text #4 (RI 4): Monitoring Forest Health Story of Succession Who Owns America's Forests? Tough Choices The Nature of Fire Forest to Faucet Forest Invaders Climate Change and Forests Words to Live By
5. Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.	Reading Standard for Informational Text #5 (RI 5): Tough Choices Forest Invaders Climate Change and Forests

6. Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of text.	Reading Standard for Informational Text #6 (RI 6):
	Tough Choices
	The Nature of Fire
	Forest Invaders
	Climate Change and Forests
	Words to Live By
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas:	Grades 9-12
7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in	Reading Standard for Informational Text #7 (RI 7):
diverse media and formats, including visually and	
quantitatively, as well as in words.	Story of Succession
	Who Owns America's Forests?
	The Nature of Fire
	Forest to Faucet
	Forest Invaders
8. Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, including the validity of the	Reading Standard for Informational Text #8 (RI 8):
reasoning as well as the relevance and sufficiency	Tough Choices
of the evidence.	
9. Analyze how two or more texts address similar	Reading Standard for Informational Text #9 (RI 9):
themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to	
compare the approaches the authors take.	
Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity:	Grades 9-12
10. Read and comprehend complex literary and	Reading Standard for Informational Text #10 (RI 10):
informational texts independently and proficiently.	

Anchor Standards for Writing	Focus on Forests Module
Text Types and Purposes:	Grades 9-12 (Bold activity names have a strong correlation to the standard.)
1. Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.	Writing Standard #1 (W 1): Tough Choices-Enrichment #1
	Forest Invaders Climate Change and Forests
2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.	Writing Standard #2 (W 2): Monitoring Forest Health-Enrichment #4 Story of Succession Who Owns America's Forests? Tough Choices-Enrichment #1 The Nature of Fire Forest Invaders Climate Change and Forests
3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.	Writing Standard #3 (W 3):

Production and Distribution of Writing:	Grades 9-12
4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the	Writing Standard #4 (W 4):
development, organization, and style are	
appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	Monitoring Forest Health-Enrichment #4
	Story of Succession
	Who Owns America's Forests?
	Tough Choices-Enrichment #1
	The Nature of Fire
	Forest Invaders
	Climate Change and Forests
5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a	Writing Standard #5 (W 5):
new approach.	Monitoring Forest Health-Enrichment #4
	Story of Succession
	Who Owns America's Forests?
	Tough Choices-Enrichment #1
	The Nature of Fire
	Forest Invaders
	Climate Change and Forests
6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and	Writing Standard #6 (W 6):
collaborate with others.	Monitoring Forest Health-Enrichment #4
	Story of Succession
	Who Owns America's Forests?
	Tough Choices-Enrichment #1
	The Nature of Fire
	Forest Invaders

Research to Build and Present Knowledge:	Grades 9-12
7. Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions,	Writing Standard #7 (W 7):
demonstrating understanding of the subject under	Who Owns America's Forests?
investigation.	Tough Choices-Enrichment #1
	The Nature of Fire
	Forest to Faucet
	Forest Invaders
	Climate Change and Forests
	Words to Live By
8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and	Writing Standard #8 (W 8):
accuracy of each source, and integrate the	Who Owns America's Forests?
information while avoiding plagiarism.	Tough Choices-Enrichment #1
	The Nature of Fire
	Forest Invaders
	Climate Change and Forests
9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.	Writing Standard #9 (W 9):
	Who Owns America's Forests?
	Tough Choices-Enrichment #1
	The Nature of Fire
	Forest to Faucet
	Forest Invaders
	Climate Change and Forests
	Words to Live By

Range of Writing:	Grades 9-12
10. Write routinely over extended time frames	Writing Standard #10 (W 10):
(time for research, reflection, and revision) and	
shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or	Monitoring Forest Health-Enrichment #4
two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.	Story of Succession
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Anchor Standards for Speaking and	Focus on Forests Module
Listening	
Comprehension and Collaboration:	Grades 9-12
•	(Bold activity names have a strong correlation to the standard.)
1. Prepare for and participate effectively in a range	Speaking & Listening Standard #1 (SL 1):
of conversations and collaborations with diverse	Monitoring Forest Health
partners, building on others' ideas and expressing	Story of Succession
their own clearly and persuasively.	Who Owns America's Forests?
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2. Integrate and evaluate information presented in	Speaking & Listening Standard #2 (SL 2):
diverse media and formats, including visually,	Monitoring Forest Health
quantitatively, and orally.	Story of Succession
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	Tough Choices
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3. Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning,	Speaking & Listening Standard #3 (SL 3):
and use of evidence and rhetoric.	Tough Choices
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Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas:	Grades 9-12
4. Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of	Speaking & Listening Standard #4 (SL 4):
reasoning and the organization, development, and	Story of Succession
style are appropriate to task, purpose, and	Who Owns America's Forests?
audience.	Tough Choices
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	Forest Invaders
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5. Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays of data to express information and	Speaking & Listening Standard #5 (SL 5):
enhance understanding of presentations.	Story of Succession
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	Forest Invaders
6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and communicative tasks, demonstrating command of	Speaking & Listening Standard #6 (SL 6):
formal English when indicated or appropriate.	Story of Succession
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	Forest Invaders
	Climate Change and Forests

Anchor Standards for Language	Focus on Forests Module
Conventions of Standard English:	Grades 9-12 (Bold activity names have a strong correlation to the standard.)
Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	Language Standard #1 (L 1): Monitoring Forest Health-Enrichment #4 Story of Succession Who Owns America's Forests? Tough Choices The Nature of Fire Forest to Faucet Forest Invaders Climate Change and Forests Words to Live By
2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.	Language Standard #2 (L 2): Monitoring Forest Health-Enrichment #4 Story of Succession Who Owns America's Forests? Tough Choices-Enrichment #1 The Nature of Fire Forest Invaders Climate Change and Forests Words to Live By

Knowledge of Language:	Grades 9-12
3. Apply knowledge of language to understand how	Language Standard #3 (L 3):
language functions in different contexts, to make	
effective choices for meaning of style, and to	Monitoring Forest Health-Enrichment #4
comprehend more fully when reading or listening.	Story of Succession
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	Words to Live By
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use:	Grades 9-12
4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown	Language Standard #4 (L 4):
and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using	
context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts,	Monitoring Forest Health
and consulting general and specialized reference	Story of Succession
materials.	Who Owns America's Forests?
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5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.	Language Standard #5 (L 5): The Nature of Fire Forest Invaders Climate Change and Forests Words to Live By
6. Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.	Language Standard #6 (L 6): Monitoring Forest Health Story of Succession Who Owns America's Forests? Tough Choices The Nature of Fire Forest to Faucet Forest Invaders Climate Change and Forests Words to Live By

Reading Standards for Literacy in	Focus on Forests Module
History/Social Studies (RH)	Grades 9-12
	(Bold activity names have a strong correlation to the standard.)
Key Ideas and Details	The second of th
Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.	Reading Standard for History/Social Studies #1 (RH 1):
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	Who Owns America's Forests?
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	The Nature of Fire
	Forest to Faucet
	Forest Invaders
	Climate Change and Forests
	Words to Live By
2. Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate	Reading Standard for History/Social Studies #2 (RH 2):
summary of the source distinct from prior	Story of Succession
knowledge or opinions.	Who Owns America's Forests?
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	Forest to Faucet
	Forest Invaders
	Climate Change and Forests
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3. Identify key steps in a text's description of a process related to history/social studies (e.g., how	Reading Standard for History/Social Studies #3 (RH 3):
a bill becomes law, how interest rates are raised	Story of Succession
or lowered).	Tough Choices
	The Nature of Fire
	Forest to Faucet
	Forest Invaders
	Climate Change and Forests
	Words to Live By
Craft and Structure	
4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary	Reading Standard for History/Social Studies #4 (RH 4):
specific to domains related to history/social	Story of Succession
studies.	Who Owns America's Forests?
	Tough Choices
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	Forest to Faucet
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	Climate Change and Forests
	Words to Live By
5. Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally).	Reading Standard for History/Social Studies #5 (RH 5):
	Tough Choices-Enrichment #1
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Reading Standard for History/Social Studies #6 (RH 6):
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Tough Choices-Enrichment #1
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Reading Standard for History/Social Studies #7 (RH 7):
Story of Succession
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Reading Standard for History/Social Studies #8 (RH 8):
Tough Choices
Reading Standard for History/Social Studies #9 (RH 9):
Reading Standard for History/Social Studies #10 (RH 10):

Reading Standards for Literacy in Science	Focus on Forests Module
and Technical Subjects (RST)	Grades 9-12
and recimical subjects (NST)	(Bold activity names have a strong correlation to the standard.)
Key Ideas and Details	
1. Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts.	Reading Standard for Science and Technical Subjects #1 (RST 1):
	Story of Succession
	Who Owns America's Forests?
	Tough Choices
	The Nature of Fire
	Forest to Faucet
	Forest Invaders
	Climate Change and Forests
	Words to Live By
2. Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a	Reading Standard for Science and Technical Subjects #2 (RST 2):
text; provide an accurate summary of the text	
distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.	Story of Succession
	Who Owns America's Forests?
	Tough Choices
	The Nature of Fire
	Forest to Faucet
	Forest Invaders
	Climate Change and Forests
	Words to Live By
Follow precisely a multistep procedure when	Reading Standard for Science and Technical Subjects #3 (RST 3):
carrying out experiments, taking measurements,	<u> </u>
or performing technical tasks.	Monitoring Forest Health

Craft and Structure	
4. Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as	Reading Standard for Science and Technical Subjects #4 (RST 4):
they are used in a specific scientific or technical	Monitoring Forest Health
context relevant to grades 6–8 texts and topics.	Story of Succession
	Who Owns America's Forests?
	Tough Choices
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	Words to Live By
5. Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute	Reading Standard for Science and Technical Subjects #5 (RST 5):
to the whole and to an understanding of the topic.	Tough Choices
	Climate Change and Forests
6. Analyze the author's purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing	Reading Standard for Science and Technical Subjects #6 (RST 6):
an experiment in a text.	Tough Choices
·	Climate Change and Forests
	Words to Live By

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	
7. Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that	Reading Standard for Science and Technical Subjects #7 (RST 7):
information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart,	Story of Succession
diagram, model, graph, or table).	Who Owns America's Forests?
	The Nature of Fire
	Forest to Faucet
	Forest Invaders
8. Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a	Reading Standard for Science and Technical Subjects #8 (RST 8):
text.	Tough Choices
9. Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or	Reading Standard for Science and Technical Subjects #9 (RST 9):
multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic.	Story of Succession
Range of Reading and Level of Text	
Complexity	
10. By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.	Reading Standard for Science and Technical Subjects #10 (RST 10):

Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects (WHST)	Focus on Forests Module Grades 9-12 (Bold activity names have a strong correlation to the standard.)
Key Ideas and Details	
1. Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.	Writing Standard for History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects #1 (WHST 1):
	Tough Choices-Enrichment #1
	Forest Invaders
	Climate Change and Forests
2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection,	Writing Standard for History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects #2 (WHST 2):
organization, and analysis of content.	Monitoring Forest Health-Enrichment #4
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	Who Owns America's Forests?
	Tough Choices-Enrichment #1
	The Nature of Fire
	Forest Invaders
	Climate Change and Forests
3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details and well-structured event	Writing Standard for History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects #3 (WHST 3):
sequences.	Not applicable as a separate requirement.

Craft and Structure	
4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	Writing Standard for History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects #4 (WHST 4):
appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	Monitoring Forest Health-Enrichment #4
	Story of Succession
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	Climate Change and Forests
5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.	Writing Standard for History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects #5 (WHST 5):
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6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.	Writing Standard for History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects #6 (WHST 6):
	Monitoring Forest Health-Enrichment #4
	Story of Succession
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Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	
7. Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under	Writing Standard for History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects #7 (WHST 7):
investigation.	Who Owns America's Forests?
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	Words to Live By
8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the	Writing Standard for History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects #8 (WHST 8):
information while avoiding plagiarism.	Who Owns America's Forests?
	Tough Choices-Enrichment #1
	The Nature of Fire
	Forest Invaders
9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.	Writing Standard for History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects #9 (WHST 9):
	Who Owns America's Forests?
	Tough Choices-Enrichment #1
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Range of Reading and Level of Text	
Complexity	
10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or	Writing Standard for History/Social Studies, Science, & Technical Subjects #10 (WHST 10):
two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.	Monitoring Forest Health-Enrichment #4 Story of Succession
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