

# National and State Curriculum Reviews of *Wit & Wisdom*<sup>®</sup>

Selecting a high-quality curriculum is the foundation for student engagement and learning in schools. Historically, there have been very few detailed, rigorous reviews of curricular materials. Fortunately, in recent years, states have begun engaging in rigorous curriculum reviews to ensure that the curricula used in their schools is high quality and aligned to standards. Additionally, the nonprofit EdReports.org has committed to reviewing curricular materials in great detail and providing free reports of their educator-led reviews.

**Below are the summary reviews from EdReports.org and several states for *Wit & Wisdom*, Grades K–8.**



## EdReports.org

The nonprofit EdReports.org awarded *Wit & Wisdom* near-perfect scores. EdReports.org conducts independent evidence-based curriculum reviews through a team of expert educators from across the country who assess how each educational program addresses new college- and career-readiness learning standards and supports knowledge building and subject-area mastery.

GRADE LEVEL	TEXT QUALITY	BUILDING KNOWLEDGE	ALIGNMENT RATING	USABILITY RATING
Kindergarten	36/36	30/32	Meets Expectations	34/34
First Grade	36/36	30/32	Meets Expectations	34/34
Second Grade	36/36	30/32	Meets Expectations	34/34
Third Grade	41/42	32/32	Meets Expectations	34/34
Fourth Grade	41/42	32/32	Meets Expectations	34/34
Fifth Grade	41/42	32/32	Meets Expectations	34/34
Sixth Grade	36/36	32/32	Meets Expectations	34/34
Seventh Grade	36/36	32/32	Meets Expectations	34/34
Eighth Grade	36/36	32/32	Meets Expectations	34/34

## Additional State Curriculum Reviews

**Maryland**, as part of its Resource Hub, incorporates EdReports.org reviews as a support for local school system leaders in identifying resources that are aligned to standards and supported by evidence.

**Nebraska**, through its Nebraska Instructional Materials Collaborative, relies on EdReports.org curricular reviews due to the thorough nature of the reviews and the limited capacity to conduct these reviews with appropriate depth on their own.



## Louisiana Instructional Materials Review

The Louisiana Department of Education led an online review of instructional materials to determine the degree of alignment with state content standards to support school systems in making curricular decisions. *Wit & Wisdom* was reviewed for grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8 and determined to be a Tier 1 “exemplifies quality” curriculum for all three grade bands.

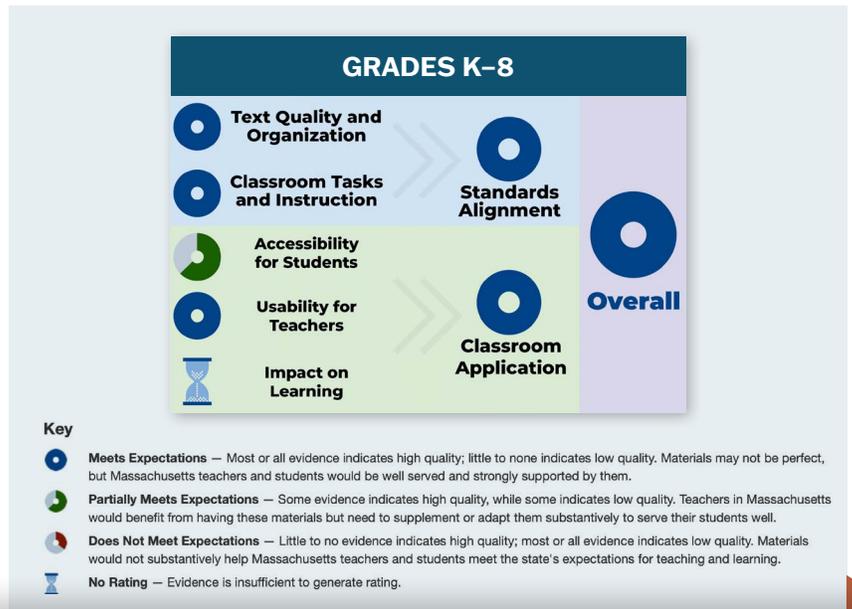
	STRONG	WEAK
K-2 3-5 6-8	1. Quality of Texts (Non-Negotiable)	
	2. Range and Volume of Texts	
	4. Coherence of Tasks (Non-Negotiable)	
	5. Text-Dependent Questions (Non-Negotiable)	
	6. Writing to Sources, Speaking, Listening, Language	
	7. Assessment	
	8. Scaffolding and Support	

Great Minds® is one of only two curriculum companies that received a Tier 1 rating from Louisiana’s review process for grades K-8 English language arts.



## Massachusetts CURATE

*Wit & Wisdom* received “Meets Expectations” ratings for grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8 in Massachusetts’s curriculum review. Massachusetts launched the CURATE (Curriculum Ratings by Teachers) project to identify high-quality curricular materials aligned to Massachusetts standards. Through CURATE, the state convenes panels of Massachusetts teachers to review and rate evidence on the quality and alignment of specific curricular materials and then publish the findings to be used across the state.



*Wit & Wisdom* is the only English language arts curriculum reviewed by Massachusetts CURATE that received an overall rating of “Meets Expectations” for grades K-8.



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