



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

An Introduction to Grades 6-8





Support Every Teacher.
Reach Every Learner.





Our Continued Commitment to Student Success

Our students and classrooms change day by day and year by year. Keeping pace with these changes takes commitment from teachers, district leaders, students, and families.

Change is also part of our commitment to you – that we will continue to change and evolve to meet the needs of Florida students and teachers; that we will be evergreen. We commit to doing what’s right, so you can do your job well: listening to Florida educators about what’s working and what isn’t; partnering with our expert authors and using research to inform instruction; ensuring our solution works—and changes over time—in the ways you need it to.

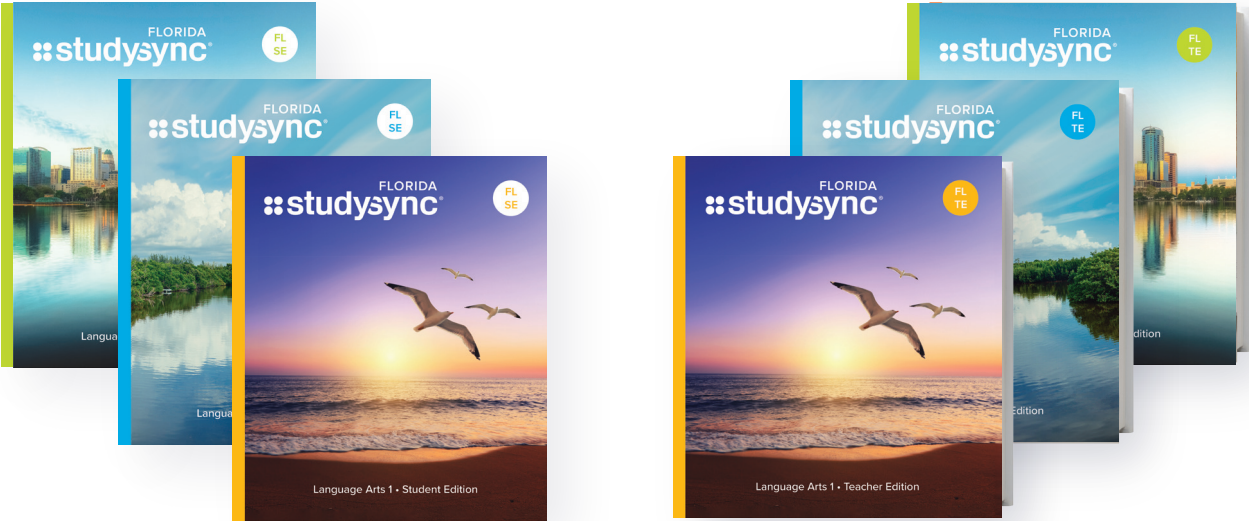
Explicitly tailored to meet the Florida B.E.S.T. Standards, to empower every student to discover a love of literature and reach their full potential, and to provide unmatched flexibility and choice, Florida StudySync supports every teacher in reaching every learner; and because our digital platform is always evolving, you can be confident that if your needs change, so will Florida StudySync. We commit to remaining evergreen so you can focus on what matters most—developing strong analytical readers, writers, and thinkers who continue to build knowledge every day.

Our shared goal is student success – we’re committed to getting you there.



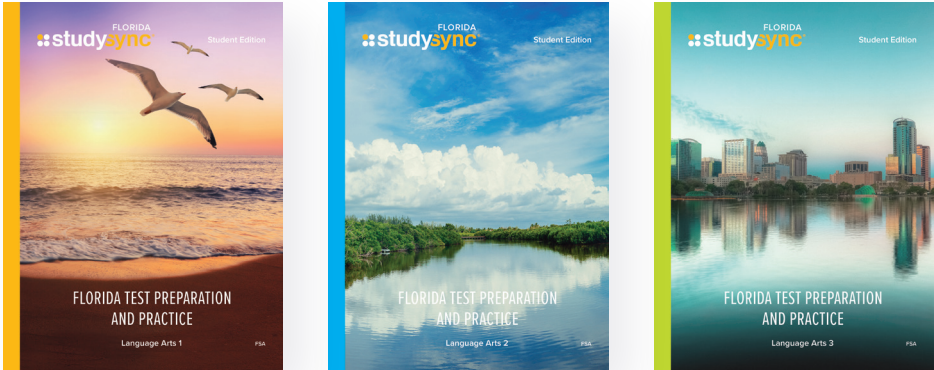
PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Easily deliver strong ELA instruction with a complete suite of print and digital resources to support you and every learner in your classroom; and because our digital platform is always evolving, you can be confident that if your needs change, so will Florida StudySync.



Print Student Edition

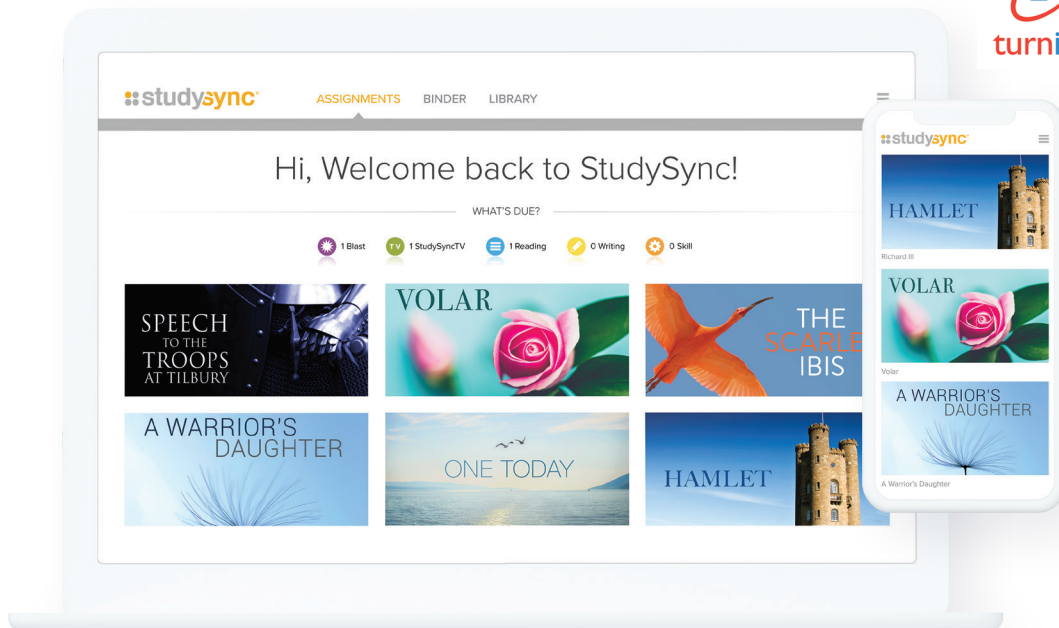
Print Teacher Edition



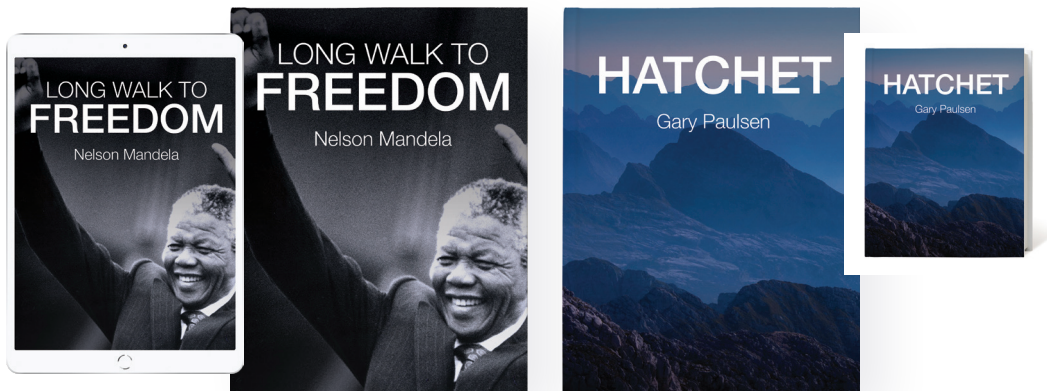
Florida Test Prep & Practice
Available in print and digital



SEE IT IN ACTION!
Check out Florida StudySync's clean design and easy navigation



Ever-Evolving Student and Teacher Digital Experience



Novel Options

Available in print and eBook formats

TEACH WITH CONFIDENCE

When you teach with Florida StudySync, you'll know your instruction has been explicitly tailored to the Florida B.E.S.T. Standards—by experts who helped shape them—is grounded in the decades of literacy research more commonly known as the Science of Reading, and embeds FAST ELA Reading and B.E.S.T. Writing test preparation deeply into everyday lessons.

Let us introduce you to our **expert authorship** team:



Dr. Douglas Fisher B.E.S.T. Review Committee Member

Dr. Douglas Fisher is a prolific researcher and author. StudySync's close reading routine is built upon Dr. Fisher's approach to **text complexity and transfer of learning**. Through a series of rereads, students learn to comprehend, and respond to rich and meaningful complex text.



Dr. Timothy Shanahan B.E.S.T. Review Committee Member

Dr. Timothy Shanahan is the author/editor of more than 200 publications and books. StudySync's process of First Read, Skill Lessons, and Close Read reflects Dr. Shanahan's work by creating distinct access points for **intensive text analysis** to support students' growing knowledge of the text.



Dr. Michelle H. Martin

Dr. Michelle Martin, the Beverly Cleary Professor for Children and Youth Services, at University of Washington's iSchool, has long been an advocate for **diversity and representation** in youth literature. Working in partnership with Dr. Martin, StudySync developed a truly diverse table of contents, ensuring every Florida learner sees themselves in the text.



Dr. Catlin R. Tucker

Inspired by Dr. Catlin Tucker, author of *Balance of Blended Learning*, *Power Up Blended Learning*, and *Blended Learning in Action*, StudySync promotes **flexible implementation** and an easy-to-navigate digital interface with rigorous, English Language Arts instruction at its core.



For secondary learners, rather than focusing on phonics, the **Science of Reading** focuses on building knowledge, deepening comprehension, increasing academic language, strengthening writing, and a host of other skills students need to be successful analytical readers.

Here are just a few of the ways Florida StudySync turns **Science of Reading-based strategies** into everyday learning:

SCIENCE OF
READING



Close Reading

StudySync Core ELA units support close reading through a consistent reading routine of First Read lessons, skill lessons, and Close Read lessons. In this routine, students construct the meaning of complex texts while they learn and apply standards-based reading skills.

SCIENCE OF
READING



Knowledge-Building

Each Core ELA unit contains texts built around several knowledge-building topics, including the unit's genre focus, literary focus, and aspects of text complexity. Build Background and Content Knowledge features help students access the knowledge demands of the text.

SCIENCE OF
READING



Vocabulary and Word Study

Students work with academic and content vocabulary across lessons so they can use terms in discourse about unit texts. Also, StudySync's suite of Word Study lessons is designed specifically for older students and intended for flexible use in whole class or small group scenarios.

SCIENCE OF
READING

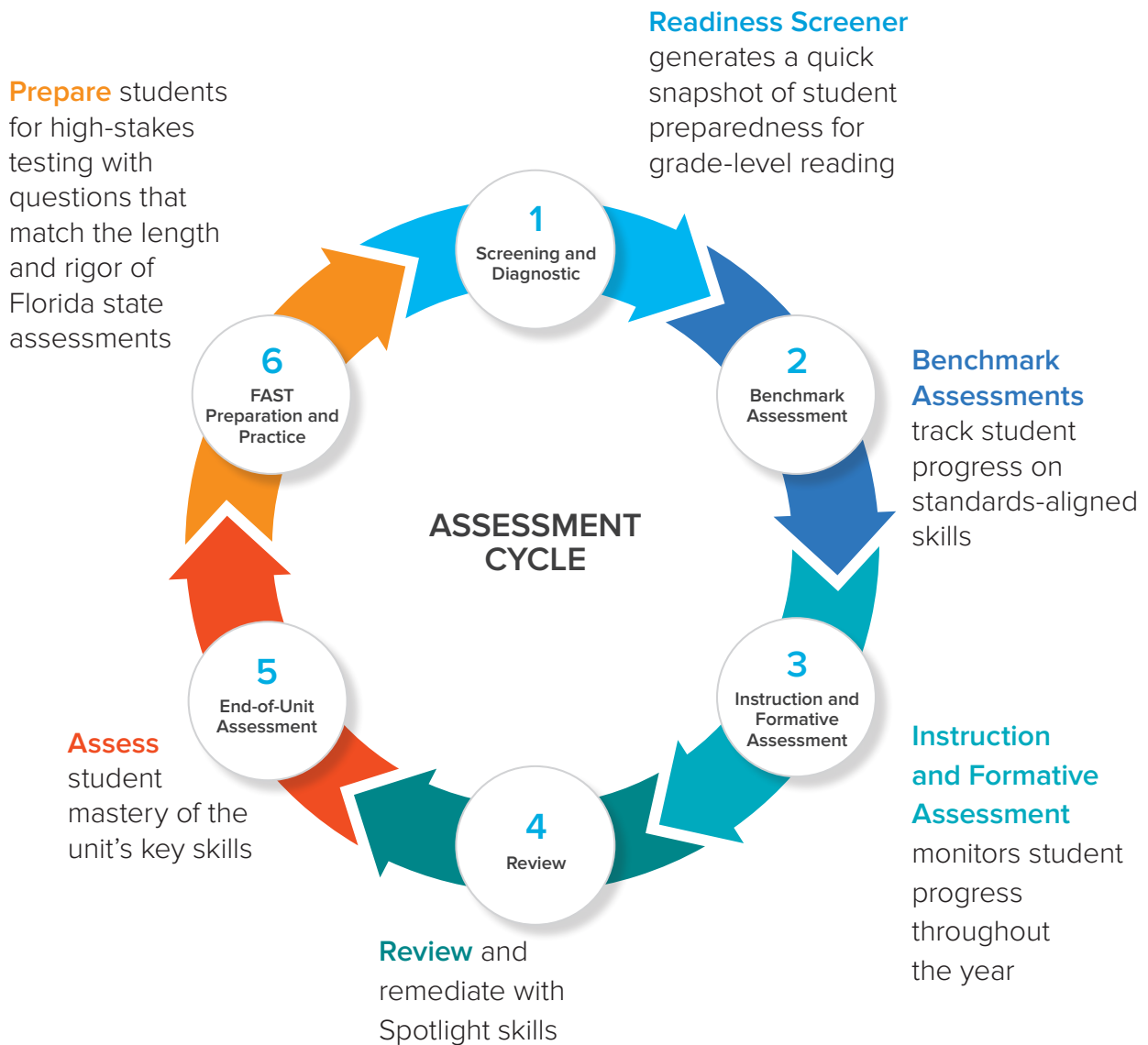


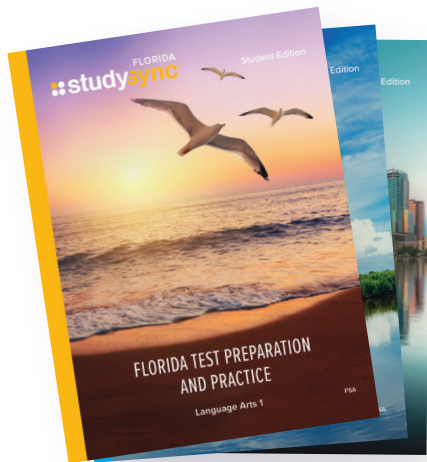
Fluency

Texts include Develop Reading Fluency activities to support students in becoming confident readers. StudySync also offers beginning, middle, and end-of-year fluency benchmarks, as well as supplementary fluency-specific units with embedded audio to support readers at any level.

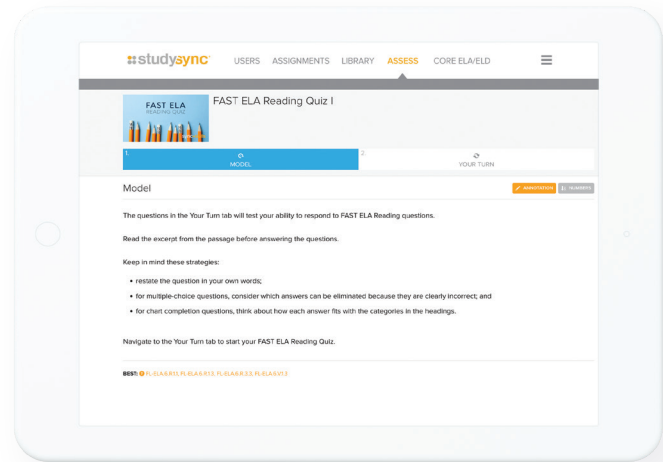
B.E.S.T. Instruction, FAST Preparation

FAST ELA Reading and B.E.S.T. Writing preparation is deeply embedded into everyday instruction so you can be confident that every time students work in Florida StudySync, they are preparing for success on test day.

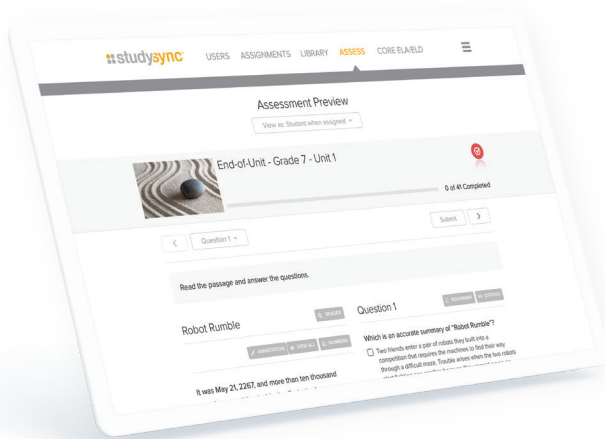




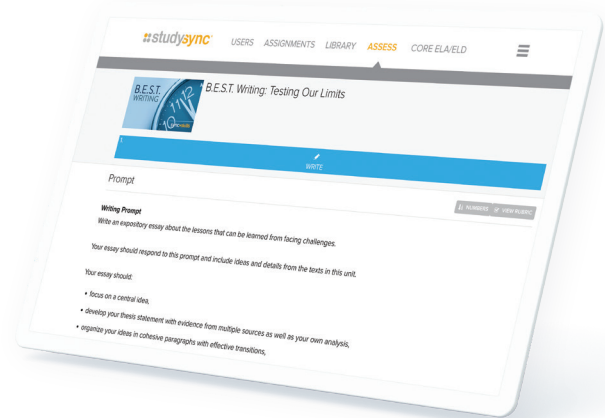
Florida Test Prep & Practice
Three full FAST ELA Reading and B.E.S.T. Writing practice tests, plus a robust digital test bank of over 100 FAST-aligned questions per grade level



Instruction and Formative Assessment
FAST ELA Reading Quizzes and FAST Skill Lessons provide opportunities for application of recently-learned reading skills using FAST-aligned item types



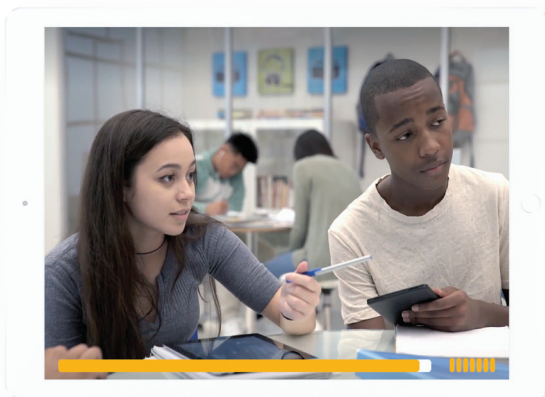
Benchmark and End-of-Unit Assessments
Format and content of questions look and feel just like what students will encounter on FAST



B.E.S.T. Writing Prep
Timed writing prompts reflect the genres, topics, and formats of prompts that students will encounter on B.E.S.T. Writing

REACH EVERY LEARNER

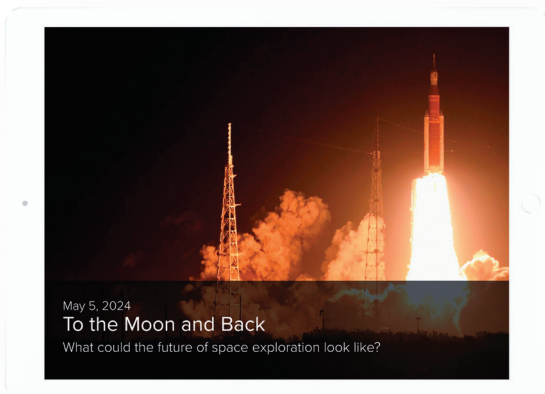
With literature to captivate, multimedia to engage, and personalized differentiation to ensure every learner has the same opportunity and access, Florida StudySync empowers every student to discover a love of literature and reach their full potential.



Multimedia to Engage

Original multimedia will hook your students and keep them coming back for more.

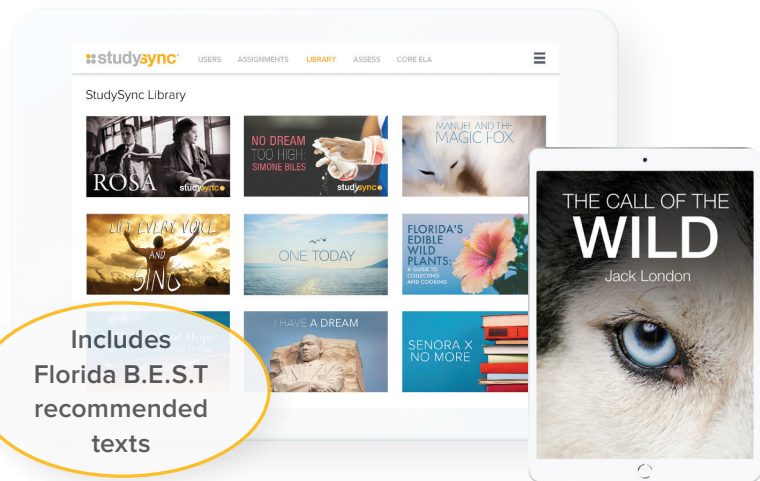
- ✓ **StudySyncTV:** Movie trailer-like previews get students excited to start a new piece of literature
- ✓ **SkillsTV:** Peer models for collaborative discussions
- ✓ **Blasts:** Thought-provoking read/write activities foster lively discussion in a social media-type environment





Literature to Captivate

Florida StudySync provides an unparalleled selection of diverse literature and nonfiction, ensuring every student can see themselves in what they're reading.



Our ever-expanding **Florida Literature Library** features thousands of full-length texts:



StudySync Digital Library

Short stories, poems, novels, dramas, and more. New English and Spanish texts are added every month!



Print Novel Collection

Classic and contemporary full-length works to support your Florida StudySync curriculum, in a traditional print format.



Florida eBook Collection

Full-length novels in a flexible eBook format. eBooks allow you to change titles from year-to-year, plus annotate, highlight, and more.

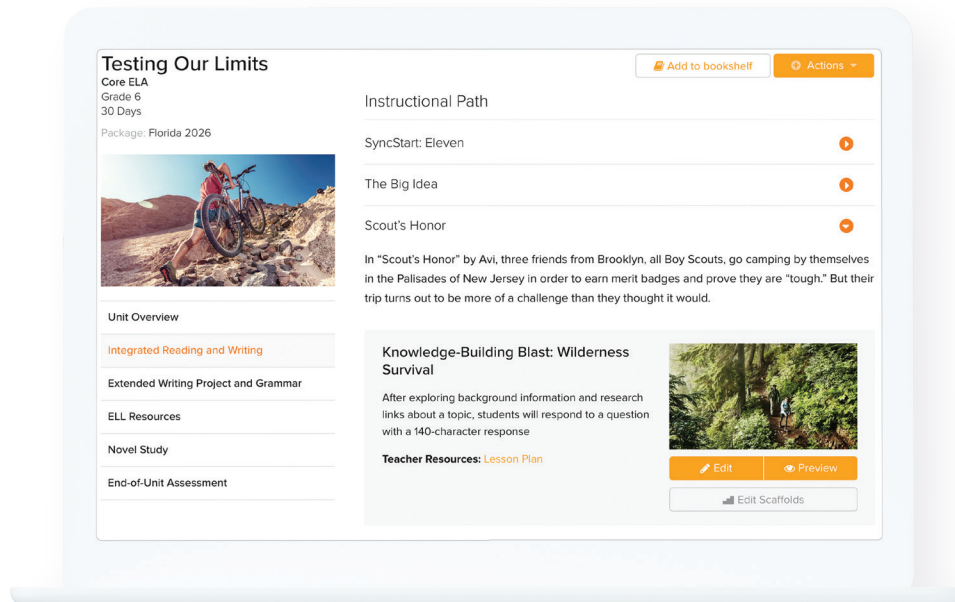


SEE IT IN ACTION!

Scan to browse the thousands of titles in our Florida Literature Library.

Integrated Reading, Writing, and Language Arts

Through intentional integration of reading, writing, and language arts, Florida StudySync makes it easy for teachers to turn the Science of Reading—and Florida B.E.S.T. expectations—into action every day.



- ✓ **Close reading** facilitates meaningful and dynamic interaction with text
- ✓ If students read about it, they write about it: note-taking, annotating, short constructed responses, and an end-of-unit **Extended Writing Project**
- ✓ Emphasis on reinforcing all claims with concrete text evidence and reasoning
- ✓ Explicit **grammar** instruction in the context of the writing process, never in isolation
- ✓ Vocabulary, Word Study, and Reading Fluency integrated throughout each unit
- ✓ Knowledge-Building Blasts weave in **disciplinary literacy** in science, fine arts, and social studies



Strengthen and Simplify Writing Feedback

With multiple supports for both students and teachers, and infused directly into reading and writing instruction, providing high-quality, immediate feedback has never been more effective or easier.



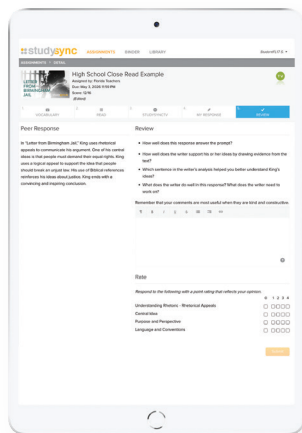
WritePrecise

Designed to save teachers time and maximize revision, WritePrecise provides immediate writing feedback directly aligned with the language and explicit objectives of the Florida B.E.S.T. Standards.



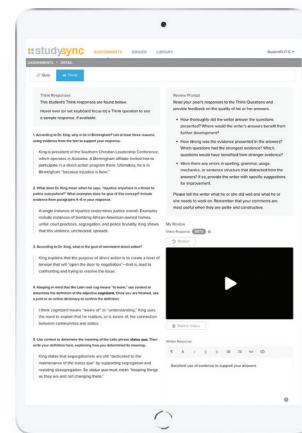
Originality Supports

StudySync's built-in originality tool is boosted by Turnitin to give teachers confidence that student writing is checked against outside sources and peer work.



Anonymous Peer Review

Available for every written response in StudySync, Anonymous Peer Review provides immediate feedback and creates an authentic audience for all student writing.



Video Feedback Tool

Florida StudySync's Video Feedback Tool allows teachers to provide students fast, verbal feedback on writing assignments.

DIFFERENTIATE TO ELEVATE

Every student using Florida StudySync has the same opportunity and access regardless of native language, proficiency level, or processing ability.

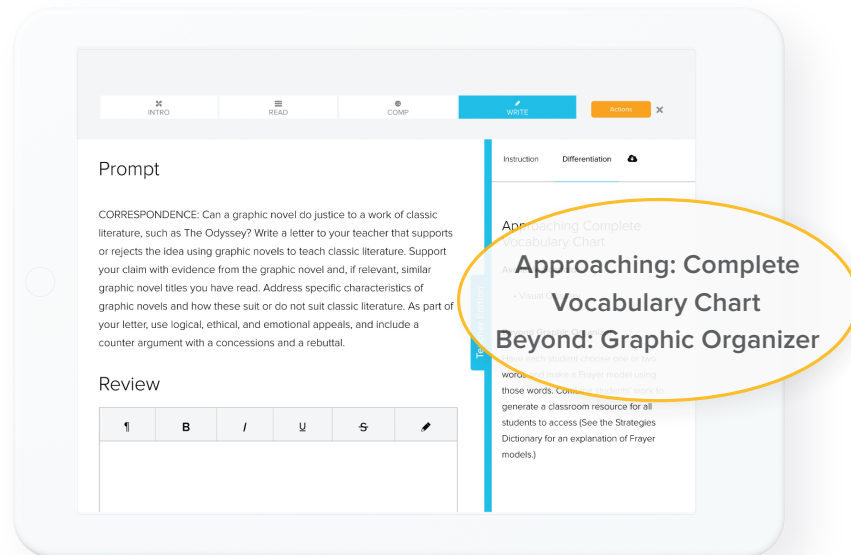
Both the print and online teacher experiences include point-of-use differentiation suggestions and instruction. Each lesson in the core curriculum offer digital scaffolds, providing targeted **student-facing support** you won't find anywhere else.



SEE IT IN ACTION!
Check out student-facing
Digital Scaffolds

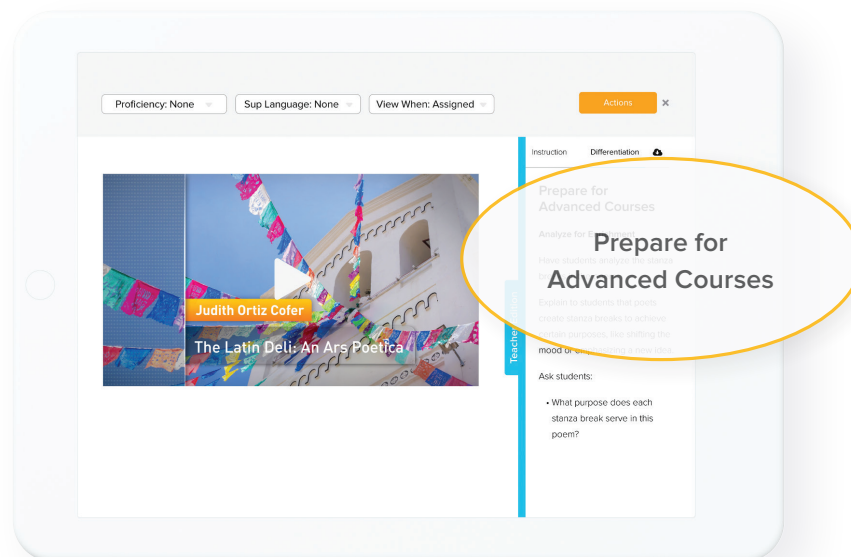


Approaching and Beyond Grade-Level Learners



Approaching

Approaching grade-level students engage in supports designed specifically for them so they can access grade-level activities with depth and rigor.





Beyond Grade-Level

Extension and Prepare for Advanced Courses activities are found in lesson plans and are designed to stretch student thinking.

Integrated ELL Supports

For ELLs (or multilingual learners), Florida StudySync includes both integrated and designated supports. Each lesson includes scaffolded support for four levels of English Language Learners. These targeted scaffolds **automatically appear** with every digital assignment and are specifically tailored to each activity.

As students increase their English proficiency, scaffolds decrease, providing students at each level an appropriate amount of support.

Term	Definition	Image
anxious <i>ansioso/a</i>	wanting something, but with a feeling of not being sure <i>querer algo, pero con el sentimiento de no estar seguro/a</i>	
automatically <i>automáticamente</i> COGNATE	happening without thought or action <i>que sucede sin pensamiento ni acción</i>	

Visual Glossary and Spanish Cognates

Directions:
Use the speaking frames as you discuss the text.

1. The Patroness of Exiles is _____.

2. The customers of the deli are from _____.

3. Discussing Ortiz Cofer's perspective helped me _____.

Scaffolds

Speaking and Sentence Frames

AUDIO ANNOTATION NUMBERS

Read
Presiding over a formica counter,
Plastic Mother and Child magnetized
to the top of an ancient register,
the heady mix of smells from the open bins
of dried codfish, the green plantains
hanging in stalks like **votive** offerings,
she is the **Patroness of Exiles**,

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Audio with Variable Speed and Text Highlight

In addition to digital scaffolds, every lesson includes Differentiation suggestions for the teacher outlining specific strategies and scaffolds to support every student.



Designated ELL Resources

The English Language Learners Resources offer 20 lessons in each unit in addition to and supportive of the core curriculum. Each unit consists of two created texts written for ELL students at four proficiency levels—Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced, and Advanced High. The unit builds towards a culminating writing and speaking performance task for the Extended Oral Project.

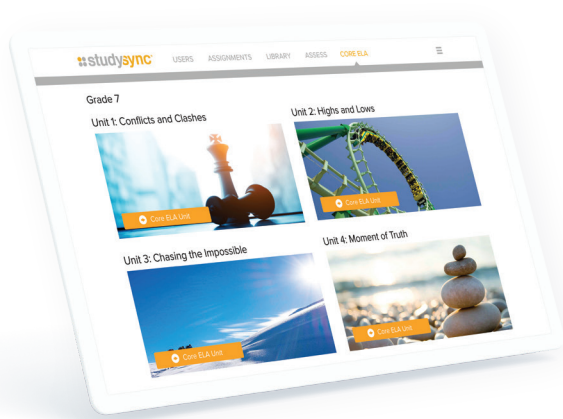
READINGS	DIFFERENTIATED TEXT LEVELS	SKILL AND STANDARD INSTRUCTION
	<p>BEGINNING 380L 277 Words INTERMEDIATE 510L 388 Words ADVANCED 610L 446 Words ADVANCED HIGH 730L 547 Words</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sight Vocabulary and High-Frequency Words • Seeking Clarification • Analyzing Expressions • Conveying Ideas • Spelling Patterns and Rules
	<p>BEGINNING 200L 320 Words INTERMEDIATE 520L 393 Words ADVANCED 620L 456 Words ADVANCED HIGH 740L 550 Words</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom Vocabulary • Taking Notes • Language Structures • Retelling and Summarizing • Subject-Verb Agreement
	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>In this Extended Oral Project, students write and perform a dramatic scene. This may be assigned in place of this unit's EWP.</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquiring Vocabulary • Sentence Lengths

Like their counterparts in the Integrated Reading and Writing section, ELL Resources are organized around a First Read, a Close Read, and associated Skill lessons. ELL skill lessons emphasize explicit vocabulary instruction, language acquisition, spelling and grammar conventions, and reading comprehension.

SHAPE THE PROGRAM YOU NEED

Unmatched flexibility and choice allows you to take our content, and mold it to your exact needs—with ease; and because our digital platform is evergreen, you can be confident that if your needs change, so will Florida StudySync.

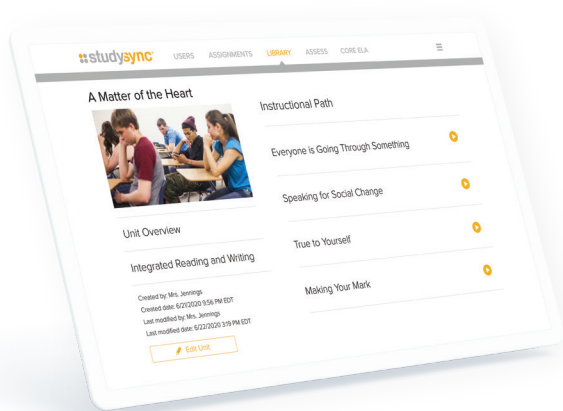
Pick your path with 100% Florida B.E.S.T.-aligned Core ELA Units or customized units built using our Unit Creator. Optional Novel Study choices are also included in every unit.



100%
ALIGNED TO
FLORIDA
B.E.S.T.

Core ELA Units

These units contain thematically-linked texts from a variety of genres. Selections include multiple paired reading and independent reading opportunities.



Unit Creator

Build the units you want using the Digital Library – thousands of texts, B.E.S.T.- and FAST-aligned skill lessons and prompts, as well as engaging Blasts.



Interchangeable Print and Digital Instructional Tools

While all pathways can be taught in a fully digital format, essential instructional elements including lesson plans, scaffolds, and reproductions of pages from the print Student Edition are also provided in our robust 2-volume print Teacher’s Edition. Use print and digital resources interchangeably based on the needs of you and your students.

UNIT 1 Unit Overview **Table of Contents** Introduction

The Power of Communication

Why do words matter?

GENRE FOCUS
Fiction

LITERARY FOCUS
The Modernist and Contemporary Periods

EXTENDED WRITING PROJECT
Literary Analysis

UNIT TOPICS

- Conventions of Fiction
- Modernist and Contemporary Literature
- Preserving Oral Traditions
- Interpreting Proverbs

Unit Organization

Both Core ELA and Novel Study options combine **Close Reading** and **Independent Reading** so students build effective habits for analyzing complex text.

CLOSE READING for Skills Instruction

FIRST READ → SKILL → CLOSE READ → COLLABORATIVE CONVERSATION → WRITE AND PEER REVIEW

INDEPENDENT READING for Skills Practice

INDEPENDENT READ → COLLABORATIVE CONVERSATION → WRITE AND PEER REVIEW

Lesson Organization

Every lesson features multiple opportunities for whole group, small group, and independent learning.

WHOLE GROUP SMALL GROUPS ON THEIR OWN

Collaborative and Peer Group Learning
Students consistently engage in frequent peer group learning in all StudySync lessons. Look for this symbol in the Pacing Guide that identifies texts with special media resources modeling collaborative conversation strategies for students.

Knowledge and Vocabulary
Knowledge leads to understanding. Vocabulary is key to building knowledge. Students work with academic and content vocabulary across lessons so they can use the terms to discuss about the unit texts, while Knowledge-Building Basics and activities provide information needed to access the texts.

Skills Instruction
Texts may include skills instruction around more than one skill. These skills are purposefully combined to support student analysis of the text. Every close read lesson requires students to draw on multiple skills to support their analysis, either with stacked skill instruction or spiraled skills from prior texts and units.

Embedded P Assessment
Checks for understanding provide teaching steps and in-the-moment adjustments with items.

Table of Contents

Every StudySync unit can be taught two ways, both of which ensure full standards coverage. Pacing guides for each option are on the pages that follow.

A Core ELA Option
Each Core ELA Unit provides 30 days of integrated reading and writing instruction with a series of short texts connected to a common theme.

B Novel Study Option
Each novel study option provides 30 days of comparative texts with integrated reading and writing instruction.

Core ELA Selections

CLOSE READING

- 16 SyncStart: The Refusal Franz Kafka FICTION
- 74 She Unnames Them Ursula K. Le Guin FICTION
- 126 Things Fall Apart Chinua Achebe FICTION
- 166 Letter from Birmingham Jail Martin Luther King Jr. ARGUMENTATIVE TEXT
- 208 Speech to the Second Virginia Convention Patrick Henry ARGUMENTATIVE TEXT

INDEPENDENT READING

- 64 I Am Offering This Poem Jimmy Santiago Baca POETRY
- 96 The Story of a Vision Francis Lo Flesche FICTION
- 108 The Second Coming William Butler Yeats POETRY
- 116 Heart of Darkness Joseph Conrad FICTION
- 144 My Grandmother Washes Her Feet in the Sink of the Bathroom at Sears Mohja Kahf POETRY
- 154 In Between Cultures: A Granddaughter's Advantage ARGUMENTATIVE TEXT

Novel Study Choices

Novel Studies integrate anchor text selections (Reading Guides online) as well as CLOSE READING texts from the Core ELA unit.

- Lord of the Flies William Golding FICTION
- Things Fall Apart Chinua Achebe FICTION

Additional novel studies

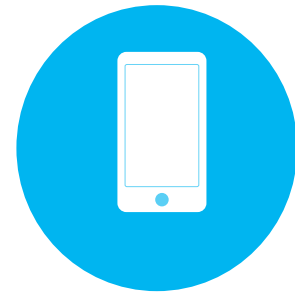
Core ELA Unit Selections

Novel Study Choices

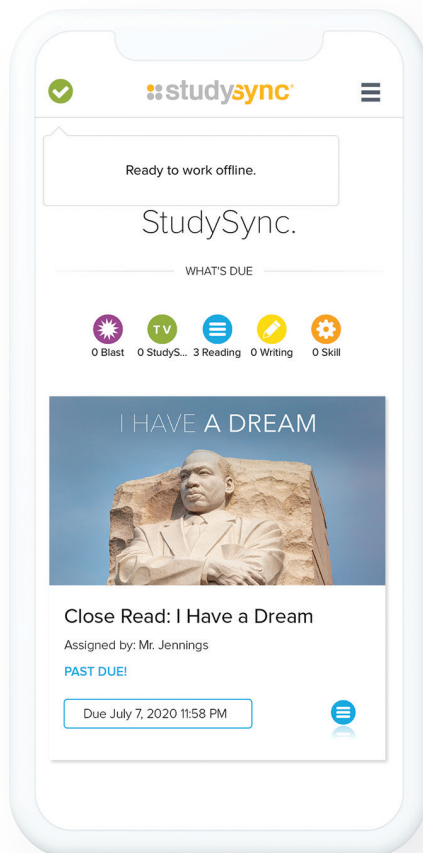
Florida StudySync

Choose Your Delivery

With content that can be accessed seamlessly across **print**, **digital**, and a **student mobile app**, Florida StudySync's flexible delivery options allow teachers and districts to choose what works best for them and their students.



StudySync's options allow for a wide range of instructional delivery models, including both **online and offline** instructional models.



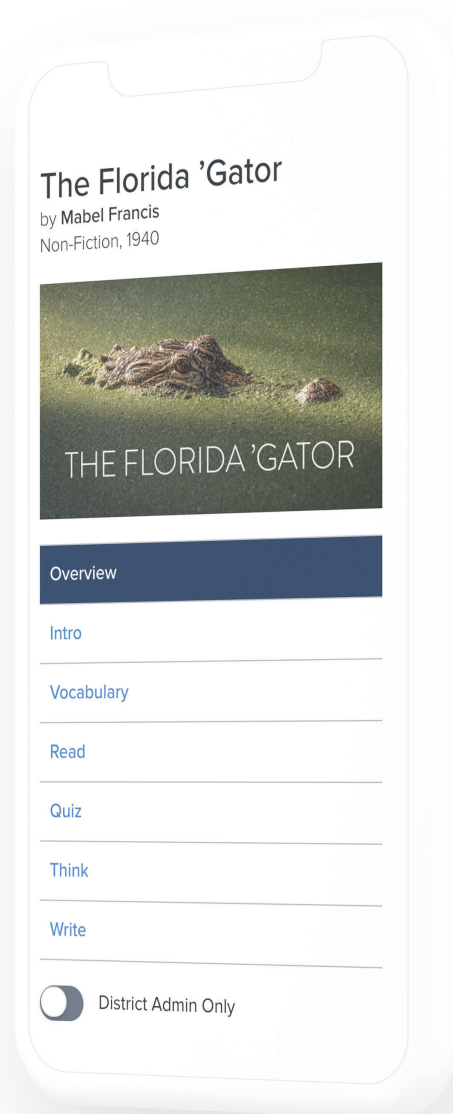
Our **mobile app** allows students to work offline, whenever and wherever. Completed work is automatically uploaded when the app next connects to the internet.



Customize Your Text Selections

We respect the choice and discretion of teachers and administrators. 100% of text selections and accompanying instruction within the Core ELA and Novel Study pathways are compliant with Florida state requirements, but with our **District Administrator Control** tool, you are empowered to exercise additional choice over what selections are—and are not—included in your Florida StudySync curriculum.

Added to Florida StudySync in 2023, this feature update is just one example how our evergreen platform constantly evolves to meet the changing needs of Florida students and teachers.



Implementation Support | Professional Development

Florida StudySync offers a range of professional development and training options that can be adapted and customized to suit the needs of your school or district.

We will be your partners throughout the life of your StudySync adoption, supporting in delivering teachers both the technical training and pedagogical best practices that will allow them to implement Florida StudySync print and digital tools.

McGraw Hill and StudySync provide ongoing support in the form of:

- ✓ LMS integration support to help plan and deliver your optimal integration experience.
- ✓ A regional **Implementation Specialist** dedicated to supporting you through the life of your adoption.
- ✓ Live webinars on topics ranging from Basic Trainings to Deeper Dives for both administrators and instructional staff.
- ✓ An **Online Professional Development** course with a complete Quick Start Course as well as in depth training resources sections on ELA, ELLs, Assessments, Blended Learning, etc.
- ✓ An embedded, searchable **Help Center** with video tutorials, click-path walkthroughs, instructional guides, and more.

Our Content, Your Platform

McGraw Hill offers seamless integration between StudySync and a variety of LMS platforms including:



Key integration features:

Assignment Sync

- ✓ Teachers can create assignments directly within their LMS
- ✓ Students can launch and complete assignments within their LMS

Grade Passback

- ✓ Grades are automatically sent to the LMS gradebook

SEE IT IN ACTION!

Scan the QR codes above to discover seamless integration between Florida StudySync and your favorite LMS

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