Grade 6 Curriculum Map

	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
Focus	Reading, Writing, and Speaking Grounded in Evidence	Researching to Build and Present Knowledge (Science)	Analyzing, Interpreting, and Evaluating Text	Researching to Write and Present Arguments
Title	Greek Mythology	Critical Problems and Design Solutions	American Indian Boarding Schools	Remarkable Accomplishments in Space Science
Description	Students meet figures from ancient Greek mythology who are placed in a contemporary setting and evaluate how stories from a different time and place continue to resonate today.	Students read the true story of William Kamkwamba in <i>The Boy Who Harnessed the</i> <i>Wind</i> and about how he used design thinking to confront the devastating effects of famine on his country, Malawi.	Through their reading of the historical fictional narrative <i>Two Roads</i> by Joseph Bruchac and several supplemental primary texts, students uncover an unacknowledged aspect of US history—the forced acculturation of American Indians through boarding schools.	Students learn about remarkable accomplishments in space science, specifically the accomplishments and people that may have gone overlooked. <i>Hidden Figures</i> by Margot Lee Shetterly tells the story of the "West Computers," the first black women hired by NASA whose talents helped land human beings on the moon.

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Texts and Resources (central text[s] in bold) ¹	 The Lightning Thief, Rick Riordan (RL 680L; one per student) Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief (DVD), Chris Columbus (director) (RL film; one per classroom) "Why Ancient Greek Mythology Is Still Relevant Today," Geri Mlleff (RI; included in the module materials) Greek Myths: "Theseus and the Minotaur" (RL 870L; included in the module materials), "Cronus" (RL 990L; included in the module materials), "Medusa" (RL 1000L; included in the module materials) "Hestia" (RL 870L; included in the module materials), "Prometheus" (RL 1030L; included in the module materials), and "Helios" (RL 1170L; included in the module materials) 	 The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Young Readers Edition), William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer (RI 850L; one per student) TED Talk Transcript: William Kamkwamba, "How I Built a Windmill" (RI; included in the module materials) "William Kamkwamba's Electric Wind," Cynthia Levinson (RI 940L; included in the module materials) "The Hippo Roller," EL Education (RI 1100L; included in the module materials) 	 Two Roads, Joseph Bruchac (RL 740L; one per student) The Problem of Indian Administration: Report of a Survey Made at the Request of Honorable Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior, and Submitted to Him, February 21, 1928, Lewis Meriam (RI; included in the module materials) "The Land of Red Apples" (RI 1040L; included in the module materials) and "The Cutting of My Long Hair" (RI 900L; included in the module materials), from American Indian Stories, Zitkala-Sa "The Advantage of Mingling Indians with Whites," Proceedings of the National Conference of Charities and Correction at the Nineteenth Annual Session Held in Denver, Col., June 23–29, 1892 (RI; included in the module materials) 	 Hidden Figures (Young Readers' Edition), Margot Lee Shetterly (RI 1120L; one per student) Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race, Margot Lee Shetterly and Laura Freeman (RI 980L; six per class) "Special Message to the Congress on Urgent National Needs," President John F. Kennedy (RI 1370L; included in the module materials) "This Is How the Space Race Changed the Great Power Rivalry Forever," Martand Jha (RI 1310L; included in the module materials) "Moon Dust and Black Disgust," Booker Griffin (RI 1190L; included in the module materials)
Lexile®	Common Core Band Level Text	Difficulty Ranges for Grades 6–8 ² :	925L–1185L	
Performance Task	 Product: Revised Scene of <i>The Lightning Thief</i> Format: multimedia presentation to a live audience CCSS: SL.6.4, SL.6.5, SL.6.6 	 Product: Solution Symposium Format: interactive presentation CCSS: RI.6.7, RI.6.10, W.6.7, W.6.8, SL.6.1, SL.6.2, SL.6.4, SL.6.5, SL.6.6 	 Product: Voices of American Indian Boarding Schools Audio Museum Format: audio recording presentation CCSS: W.6.10, SL.6.1d, SL.6.6, L.6.3, L.6.6 	 Product: Hidden Figures in Space Science Picture Book Format: children's picture book CCSS: RI.6.1, W.6.3, W.6.4, W.6.5, W.6.7, W.6.10, SL.6.1, SL.6.3, SL.6.4, SL.6.5, SL.6.6, L.6.3, L.6.6

 ¹ Texts are listed in this order: literature first, then informational texts. Both categories shown from most to least quantitatively complex (based on Lexile®). See the Required Trade Books and Resources Procurement List for ISBNs, etc.
 ² Supplemental Information for Appendix A of the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy: New Research on Text

Complexity http://www.corestandards.org/assets/E0813_Appendix_A_New_Research_on_Text_Complexity.pdf

Unit-Level Assessments (ELA CCSS)

	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
Mid-Unit 1	Title: Analyze Language and Point of View: <i>The Lightning</i> <i>Thief</i> , Chapter 9 Format: Selected response and constructed response CCSS: RL.6.1, RL.6.4, RL.6.6, RL.6.10, L.6.4a, L.6.4c, L.6.4d, L.6.5, L.6.6	Title: Analyze Central Idea and Development of an Individual: <i>The Boy Who</i> <i>Harnessed the Wind</i> , Chapter 4 Format: Selected response CCSS: RI.6.1, RI.6.2, RI.6.3, RI.6.4, RI.6.10, L.6.4a	Title: Analyze Point of View and Integrate Information: "The Cutting of My Long Hair" and Photographs Format: Selected response CCSS: RI.6.1, RI.6.2, RI.6.4, RI.6.6, RI.6.7, RI.6.10, L.6.5a, L.6.5c	Title: Analyze Point of View: "An Account of the Moon Landing" Format: Constructed response CCSS: RI.6.1, RI.6.4, RI.6.6, RI.6.10, W.6.10, L.6.5c
End of Unit 1	Title: Text-Based Discussion: <i>The Lightning Thief</i> , Chapters 1–12 Format: Text-based discussion CCSS: RL.6.1, RL.6.3, RL.6.10, SL.6.1a, SL.6.1b	Title: Analyze Figurative Language, Central Idea, and Structure: <i>The Boy</i> <i>Who Harnessed the Wind</i> , Chapter 8 Format: Selected response and constructed response CCSS: RI.6.1, RI.6.2, RI.6.3, RI.6.4, RI.6.5, RI.6.10, W.6.10, L.6.5a	Title: Analyze Point of View, Structure, and Language: <i>Two Roads</i> , Chapter 18 Format: Selected response and short constructed responses CCSS: RL.6.1, RL.6.3, RL.6.5, RL.6.6, RL.6.10, L.6.1b, L.6.1e	Title: Analyze Argument and Point of View: "An Argument against the Moon Mission" Format: Constructed response CCSS: RI.6.1, RI.6.4, RI.6.6, RI.6.8, RI.6.10, W.6.10
Mid-Unit 2	Title: Compare and Contrast Themes in Literature Format: Selected response and constructed response CCSS: RL.6.1, RL.6.2, RL.6.4, RL.6.9, RL.6.10, L.6.4	Title: Analyze Figurative Language and Central Idea: "The Hippo Roller" Format: Selected response and constructed response CCSS: RI.6.1, RI.6.2, RI.6.3, RI.6.4, RI.6.5, RI.6.10, W.6.10 L.6.4a, L.6.5a, L.6.5c	Title: Analyze Character, Point of View, and Theme: <i>Two Roads</i> , Chapter 27 Format: Selected response and constructed response CCSS: RL.6.1, RL.6.2, RL.6.3, RL.6.6, RL.6.10, W.6.10	Title: Analyze Dorothy Vaughan: <i>Hidden Figures</i> , Chapter 9 Format: Selected response and constructed response CCSS: RI.6.1, RI.6.3, RI.6.6, RI.6.8, W.6.1b, W.6.10
End of Unit 2	Title: Compare and Contrast Essay Format: Informative essay CCSS: RL.6.1, RL.6.7, W.6.2, W.6.4, W.6.5, W.6.6, W.6.9a, W.6.10, L.6.2b, L.6.6	Title: Research Process Format: Selected response and constructed response CCSS: W.6.7, W.6.8	 Title: Revise Narrative Writing for Pronoun Use and Sentence Variety Format: Two options: revise narrative writing for pronoun use and/or selected response and constructed response questions based on passages from <i>Two Roads</i> CCSS: W.6.5 (option 1 only), L.6.1a, L.6.1c, L.6.1d, L.6.3a 	Title: Compare and Contrast Presentations of Events: <i>Hidden Figures</i> and "Katherine Johnson: A Lifetime of STEM" Format: Selected response and constructed response CCSS: RI.6.1, RI.6.3, RI.6.6, RI.6.9, RI.6.10, W.6.10
Mid-Unit 3	Title: "Helios" Format: Selected response and constructed response CCSS: RI.6.1, RI.6.2, RI.6.4, RI.6.10, L.6.4a, L.6.4c, L.6.4d, L.6.6	Title: Write a Problem- Solution Essay Format: Informative essay CCSS: RI.6.1, RI.6.7, RI.6.10, W.6.2, W.6.4, W.6.6, W.6.8, W.6.9b, W.6.10, SL.6.2, L.6.6	Title: Write a Literary Argument Essay Format: Argument essay CCSS: RL.6.1, RL.6.3, RL.6.10, W.6.1, W.6.4, W.6.6, W.6.9a, W.6.10, L.6.2, L.6.3, L.6.6	Title: Write an Argument Essay Format: Constructed response CCSS: RI.6.1, RI.6.3, RI.6.10, W.6.1, W.6.4, W.6.5, W.6.6, W.6.7, W.6.8, W.6.9b, W.6.10, L.6.2, L.6.3, L.6.6

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Forma	Write a Narrative at: Narrative essay w.6.3, W.6.4, W.6.6, 0	Title: Fishbowl Discussion: Habits of Character to Solve Critical Problems Format: Collaborative discussion CCSS: W.6.10, SL.6.1a, SL.6.1b, SL.6.1c, SL.6.2, SL.6.6	Title: Rehearse and Refine Performance Task Recording Format: Audio recording and written reflection on SL standards used for recording CCSS: RI.6.1, RI.6.6, SL.6.2, SL.6.6, L.6.3b, L.6.6 (L.6.1 optional)	Title: Part I: Present and Delineate Argument: Picture Book Presentation Format: Constructed response CCSS: SL.6.3, SL.6.4, SL.6.5, SL.6.6, L.6.6 Title: Part II: Collaborative Discussion Format: Collaborative discussion CCSS: W.6.10, SL.6.1

Common Core State Standards for ELA and Literacy Formally Assessed, by Module

- In the Curriculum Map on the following pages, any specific CCSS with a check mark indicates that standard is formally assessed in the given module.
- Some standards are formally assessed in multiple modules.
- Because of the integrated nature of the standards, even standards that are not formally assessed are often embedded in instruction throughout every module (e.g., RL.1, RI.1). Refer to the Unit-at-a-Glance in the Unit Overview to determine which standards are addressed (even if not formally assessed) in the instruction of each lesson.
- Many standards (e.g., W.2) have a main standard and then subcomponents (e.g., W.2a). Sometimes, students' mastery of the entirety of this standard is scaffolded across multiple modules. Therefore, in the Curriculum Map on the following pages, the "parent" standard is checked only if all components of that standard are formally assessed within that particular module. Otherwise, just the specific components are checked.
 - An exception to this, when assessed through writing, is that the L.1, L.2, and L.3 "parent" standards may be checked without the subcomponents, as the language skills demonstrated through student writing will vary.
 - For Language standards: Beginning in grade 3, skills and understandings that are particularly likely to require continued attention in higher grades as they are applied to increasingly sophisticated writing and speaking are marked with an asterisk (*).

Reading Standards for Literature

CCS Standard	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
RL.6.1: Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	\checkmark		\checkmark	
RL.6.2: Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.	\checkmark		\checkmark	
RL.6.3: Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.	\checkmark		\checkmark	
RL.6.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.	\checkmark			
RL.6.5: Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.			\checkmark	
RL.6.6: Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.	\checkmark		\checkmark	
RL.6.7: Compare and contrast the experience of reading a story, drama, or poem to listening to or viewing an audio, video, or live version of the text, including contrasting what they "see" and "hear" when reading the text to what they perceive when they listen or watch.	\checkmark			
RL.6.9: Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories) in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics.	\checkmark			
RL.6.10: By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.	\checkmark		\checkmark	

Reading Standards for Informational Text

CCS Standard	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
RI.6.1: Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
RI.6.2: Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
RI.6.3: Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).		\checkmark		\checkmark
RI.6.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

CCS Standard	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
RI.6.5: Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas.		\checkmark		
RI.6.6: Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text.			\checkmark	\checkmark
RI.6.7: Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.		\checkmark	\checkmark	
RI.6.8: Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.				\checkmark
RI.6.9: Compare and contrast one author's presentation of events with that of another (e.g., a memoir written by and a biography on the same person).				\checkmark
RI.6.10: By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

Writing Standards

CCS Standard	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
W.6.1: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.			\checkmark	\checkmark
W.6.1a: Introduce claim(s) and organize the reasons and evidence clearly.			\checkmark	\checkmark
W.6.1b: Support claim(s) with clear reasons and relevant evidence, using credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.			\checkmark	\checkmark
W.6.1c: Use words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among claim(s) and reasons.			\checkmark	\checkmark
W.6.1d: Establish and maintain a formal style.			\checkmark	\checkmark
W.6.1e: Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the argument presented.			\checkmark	\checkmark
W.6.2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.	\checkmark	\checkmark		
W.6.2a: Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/ contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.	\checkmark	\checkmark		

CCS Standard	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
W.6.2b: Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.	\checkmark	\checkmark		
W.6.2c: Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.	\checkmark	\checkmark		
W.6.2d: Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.	\checkmark	\checkmark		
W.6.2e: Establish and maintain a formal style.	\checkmark	\checkmark		
W.6.2f: Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.	\checkmark	\checkmark		
W.6.3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.	\checkmark			
W.6.3a: Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.	\checkmark			
W.6.3b: Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.	\checkmark			
W.6.3c: Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.	\checkmark			
W.6.3d: Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.	\checkmark			
W.6.3e: Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.	\checkmark			
W.6.4: Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
W.6.5: With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.)	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark
W.6.6: Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of three pages in a single sitting.	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	\checkmark
W.6.7: Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.		\checkmark		\checkmark

CCS Standard	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
W.6.8: Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.		~		~
W.6.9: Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.				
W.6.9a: Apply <i>grade 6 Reading standards</i> to literature (e.g., "Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres [e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories] in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics").	~		~	
W.6.9b: Apply <i>grade 6 Reading standards</i> to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").		~		\checkmark
W.6.10: Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

Speaking and Listening Standards

CCS Standard	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
SL.6.1: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.				\checkmark
SL.6.1a: Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark
SL.6.1b: Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark
SL.6.1c: Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.		\checkmark		\checkmark
SL.6.1d: Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.				\checkmark
SL.6.2: Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.		\checkmark	\checkmark	
SL.6.3: Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.				\checkmark

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SL.6.4: Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.				\checkmark
SL.6.5: Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, images, music, sound) and visual displays in presentations to clarify information.				\checkmark
SL.6.6: Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 6 Language standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.)		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

Language Standards

CCS Standard	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
L.6.1: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.			\checkmark	
L.6.1a: Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive).			\checkmark	
L.6.1b: Use intensive pronouns (e.g., <i>myself, ourselves</i>).			\checkmark	
L.6.1c: Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person.*			\checkmark	
L.6.1d: Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).*			\checkmark	
L.6.1e: Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.*			\checkmark	
L.6.2: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.			\checkmark	\checkmark
L.6.2a: Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.*				\checkmark
L.6.2b: Spell correctly.	\checkmark			
L.6.3: Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.			\checkmark	\checkmark
L.6.3a: Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.*			\checkmark	
L.6.3b: Maintain consistency in style and tone.*			\checkmark	
L.6.4: Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple- meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.	\checkmark			

CCS Standard	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
L.6.4a: Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	\checkmark	\checkmark		
L.6.4b: Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., <i>audience, auditory, audible</i>).	\checkmark			
L.6.4c: Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.	\checkmark			
L.6.4d: Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).	\checkmark			
L.6.5: Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.	\checkmark			
L.6.5a: Interpret figures of speech (e.g., personification) in context.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
L.6.5b: Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., cause/ effect, part/whole, item/category) to better understand each of the words.	\checkmark			
L.6.5c: Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., <i>stingy, scrimping, economical, unwasteful, thrifty</i>).	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
L.6.6: Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark