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| 1.1.e    | Draw conclusions and use evidence to substantiate them by using texts heard, read, and viewed. | <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduces students to how to use a dictionary to substantiate their understanding of words and their meanings.  |
| 1.3.a    | Develop phonemic awareness and understanding of alphabetic principles.                         | <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> present rhymes that introduce the sound and shape of letters and show words that begin with, end with, or contain the letter within the word. |
| 1.3.b    | Build sight word vocabulary.   | The many illustrations along with the simple vocabulary throughout <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> help students learn to recognize words by sight.  |
| 1.3.d    | Develop vocabulary through listening, speaking, reading, and writing.                          | <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offers a range of opportunities for listening to explanations and examples of words, short word histories and stories, riddles, and poems that will enrich students' vocabularies.       |
| 3.1.b    | Listen to or read a variety of genres to use as models for writing in different modes.         | <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> has rhymes and poems, stories, and short expository paragraphs that students can use as models for writing.  |
| 3.2.d    | Begin to research information from multiple sources for a specific purpose.                    | <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduces students to basic research skills, such as using alphabetical order and interpreting the features of a reference text.  |

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## FIRST GRADE

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| 1.1.e    | Draw conclusions and use evidence to substantiate them by using texts heard, read, and viewed.                              | <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduces students to how to use a dictionary to substantiate their understanding of words and their meanings.  |
| 1.3.a    | Apply knowledge of letter-sound correspondence, structural, syntactical, and contextual clues to read and understand words. | <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> present rhymes that introduce the sound and shape of letters and show words that begin with, end with, or contain the letter within the word. |
| 1.3.b    | Build sight word vocabulary.  | The many illustrations along with the simple vocabulary throughout <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> help students learn to recognize words by sight.  |
| 1.3.c    | Recognize multiple meanings of words.   | Entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduce students to the concept of multiple meanings and different parts of speech.   |
| 1.3.d    | Develop vocabulary through listening, speaking, reading, and writing.   | <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offers a range of opportunities for listening to explanations and examples of words, short word histories and stories, riddles, and poems that will enrich students' vocabulary.         |
| 3.1.b    | Listen to or read a variety of genres to use as models for writing in different modes.                                      | <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> has rhymes and poems, stories, and short expository paragraphs that students can use as models for writing.  |
| 3.2.d    | Research information from multiple sources for a specific purpose.  | <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduces students to basic research skills, such as using alphabetical order and interpreting the features of a reference text.  |
| 4.3.b    | Demonstrate use of capitalization, punctuation, and spelling skills.  | <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> presents opportunities to improve students' spelling skills, as students will see featured words repeated several times at every entry.  |

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## SECOND GRADE

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| 1.2.g    | Choose a variety of genres to read for personal enjoyment.                                | Students will enjoy the explanations and examples, short verses, word histories, stories, riddles, and poems in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> .   |
| 1.3.a    | Use phonetic, structural, syntactical, and contextual clues to read and understand words. | <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> provides students with rhymes to introduce the sounds of letters and other short, easy-to-read passages that place words in interesting contexts to reveal meaning.   |
| 1.3.b    | Build sight word vocabulary.  | <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> , specially written for students in grades K-2, has explanations and examples that help build students' sight word vocabularies.  |
| 1.3.c    | Explain multiple meanings of words.   | Entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduce students to the concept of multiple meanings and different parts of speech.  |
| 1.3.d    | Develop vocabulary through listening, speaking, reading, and writing.                     | <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> , with its nearly 1,000 entries, introduces young readers to nearly 3,000 words, as many entries give synonyms, compounds formed with the entry word, and prefixed or suffixed forms.   |
| 3.1.b    | Listen to or read a variety of genres to use as models for writing in different modes.    | <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> has rhymes and poems, stories, and short expository paragraphs that students can read or have read to them and use as models.   |
| 3.2.c    | Begin to revise texts for organization, elaboration, fluency, and clarity.                | Students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> to find better word choices. Many entries offer synonyms, and some offer suggestions for descriptive words and phrases that can be applied to the entry word, or to words that are more precise.   |
| 3.2.d    | Research information from multiple sources for a specific purpose.                        | Students can look up the meaning of words in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> or in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , which offers a slightly more advanced vocabulary.   |
| 4.3.b    | Demonstrate use of proper mechanics, usage, and spelling skills.                          | <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> presents opportunities to improve students' spelling skills, as students will see featured words repeated several times at every entry.   |
| 4.3.c    | Use resources for proofreading and editing.   | Students can use the main A-Z section of <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> to check for proper spelling. There is also a list of tricky spelling words in the back of the book. Students can also begin to use <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , with its slightly more advanced vocabulary, to check for spelling and proper usage. |

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| 1.2.g    | Choose a variety of genres to read for personal enjoyment.        | <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is specially designed to help students in grades 3–5 understand the vocabulary they will encounter in their reading.  |
| 1.3.c    | Analyze the meaning of words and phrases in context.              | <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has many multi-sense entries, written in grade-level-appropriate language, and many phrases are defined; homographs are entered as separate numbered entries—all of which helps students determine meanings of words in a particular context. |
| 3.2.c    | Revise texts for organization, elaboration, fluency, and clarity. | <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> helps students find the right word for the meaning they want. The dictionary has more than 100 synonym paragraphs that describe differences between closely related words.  |
| 4.3.c    | Use resources for proofreading and editing.                       | Students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> to check for spelling and proper usage.  |

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| 1.2.g    | Choose a variety of genres to read for personal enjoyment.   | <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is specially designed to help students in grades 3–5 understand the vocabulary they will encounter in their reading.   |
| 1.3.c    | Analyze the meaning of words and phrases in context.   | <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has many multi-sense entries, written in grade-level-appropriate language, and many phrases are defined; homographs are entered as separate numbered entries—all of which helps students determine meanings of words in a particular context.  |
| 2.1.d    | Identify literary techniques that an author uses that contribute to the meaning and appeal of texts. | <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has entries for the literary terms that students will learn about, with examples.  |
| 3.1.a    | Use oral language with clarity, voice, and fluency to communicate a message.                         | <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> provides the correct pronunciations that students need, with simplified pronunciation symbols that are explained in an easy-to-read section at the front of the book (and presented in a key on every two-page spread). <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) offers audio pronunciations with its free online student dictionary. |
| 3.1.c    | Use the appropriate features of persuasive, narrative, expository, or poetic writing.                | <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> helps students in the writing process with spelling, grammar, word choice. Students writing poetry will enjoy using <i>Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary</i> .  |
| 3.1.d    | Write to delight in the imagination.   | Students can begin to use <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> to discover words that make their writing more descriptive. <i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> also includes lessons on how to use a thesaurus.  |
| 3.2.c    | Revise texts for organization, elaboration, fluency, and clarity.                                    | <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> helps students find the right word for the meaning they want. The dictionary has more than 100 synonym paragraphs that describe differences between closely related words.   |
| 4.3.b    | Demonstrate proficient use of proper mechanics, usage, and spelling skills.                          | <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> can help students when they are in doubt about the usage or spelling of a word.  |
| 4.3.c    | Use resources for proofreading and editing.  | Students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> to edit for proper spelling and usage.  |

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| 1.2.g    | Choose a variety of genres to read for personal enjoyment.  | <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is specially written for students in grades 3–5, and contains most of the vocabulary they will encounter in their reading. More advanced students can turn to <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> .   |
| 1.3.a    | Use phonetic, structural, syntactical, and contextual clues to read and understand words.                     | <i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> includes vocabulary-building exercises that introduce students to a variety of word-decoding strategies. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> has lists of common Greek and Latin roots with their meanings and of prefixes and suffixes and their meanings that can help with analysis of word structure.                                     |
| 1.3.c    | Analyze the meaning of words and phrases in context.  | <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has more than 32,000 entries, with definitions written in grade-level-appropriate language, to help students determine the meaning of words in context. Students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> or the free online student dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) to look up more advanced words. |
| 2.1.d    | Identify literary techniques an author uses that contribute to the meaning and appeal of texts.               | <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> have entries for the literary terms that students will learn about, with examples at the definitions.   |
| 3.1.a    | Use oral language with clarity, voice, and fluency to communicate a message.                                  | <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> provide the correct pronunciations students need with simplified pronunciation symbols. <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) offers audio pronunciations with its free online student dictionary.  |
| 3.1.c    | Use the appropriate features of persuasive, narrative, expository, or poetic writing.                         | <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> help students with spelling, grammar, and word choice in the writing process. Students writing poetry will enjoy using <i>Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary</i> .  |
| 3.1.d    | Write to delight in the imagination.  | Students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> to discover words that make their writing more descriptive. <i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> also includes lessons on how to use a thesaurus.  |
| 3.2.c    | Revise texts for organization, elaboration, fluency, and clarity.   | <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> can help students find the right word for the meaning they want. The dictionary also has over 100 synonym paragraphs that describe differences between closely related words. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> and the free student dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) have more synonym paragraphs.    |
| 3.2.e-f  | Examine sources of information and determine validity. Publish or present final products in a myriad of ways. | <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and the Handbook of Style section in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> have information students will need to properly cite the references they use in their final products.  |

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| 4.3.a    | Recognize the difference between standard and nonstandard English and use language appropriately. | Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> contain usage labels where applicable (e.g. <i>nonstandard</i> , <i>slang</i> ). The thousands of usage examples provided throughout the dictionary help students understand how words are most typically used in standard English.   |
| 4.3.b    | Demonstrate proficient use of proper mechanics, usage, and spelling skills.                       | <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> is a student's reference to the basics of punctuation and capitalization. Students can consult <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> when in doubt about spelling, or they can use <i>Webster's Instant Word Guide</i> , which is a reference to the spelling and end-of-line divisions of 35,000 words. |
| 4.3.c    | Use resources for proofreading and editing.   | Students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> to edit for proper spelling and usage, and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> to edit mechanics.   |

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| 1.2.g    | Choose a variety of genres to read for personal enjoyment.                                      | <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> is a 70,000-word dictionary specially written for students in grades 6–8, and contains most of the vocabulary they will encounter in their reading.  |
| 1.3.a    | Use phonetic, structural, syntactical, and contextual clues to read and understand words.       | <i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> includes vocabulary-building exercises that introduce students to a variety of word-decoding strategies. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> has thousands of etymologies, and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> has a list of common Greek and Latin roots with their meanings and a list of prefixes and suffixes and their meanings to help with analysis of word structure. <i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> offers 200 of the most productive Greek and Latin roots to help with vocabulary acquisition. |
| 1.3.c    | Analyze the meaning of words and phrases in context.  | <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> has 70,000 entries, with definitions written in grade-level-appropriate language to help students determine the meaning of words in context. Students can also look up words on the free online student dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com).   |
| 2.1.d    | Identify literary techniques an author uses that contribute to the meaning and appeal of texts. | <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> has entries for the literary terms that students will learn about, with examples at the definitions.   |
| 3.1.a    | Use oral language with clarity, voice, and fluency to communicate a message.                    | <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> provides the correct pronunciations students need. <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) offers audio pronunciations with its free online student dictionary.  |
| 3.1.c    | Use the appropriate features of persuasive, narrative, expository, or poetic writing.           | <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> helps students in the writing process with spelling, grammar, and word choice. Students writing poetry will enjoy using <i>Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary</i> .  |
| 3.1.d    | Write to delight in the imagination.  | <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> provides students with synonyms, antonyms, and related and near antonyms. Students can also use <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> , a listing of synonyms, related words, and antonyms, or <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</i> , which combines dictionary and thesaurus entries.   |
| 3.2.c    | Revise texts for organization, elaboration, fluency, and clarity.                               | <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> present brief explanations that help students see differences between near synonyms. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> gives an example sentence for every word in its synonym lists so students can see differences among closely related words, and <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> features nearly 200 synonym paragraphs that discuss closely related words.  |

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| 3.2.e-f  | <p>Evaluate the validity and authenticity of sources of information.</p> <p>Publish and/or present final products in a myriad of ways.</p> | <p><i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i>, <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i>, and the Handbook of Style section in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> contain information students will need to properly cite the references they use.</p>   |
| 4.3.a    | <p>Recognize the difference between standard and nonstandard English and use language appropriately.</p>                                   | <p>Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> contain usage labels where applicable (e.g. <i>nonstandard</i>, <i>slang</i>). The thousands of usage examples provided throughout the dictionary help students understand how words are most typically used in standard English.</p>   |
| 4.3.b    | <p>Demonstrate proficient use of proper mechanics, usage, and spelling skills.</p>   | <p><i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> are references to the basics of punctuation and capitalization. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> answers students' usage questions. Students can consult <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> when in doubt about spelling, or they can use <i>Webster's Instant Word Guide</i>, which is a reference to the spelling and end-of-line divisions of 35,000 words.</p> |
| 4.3.c    | <p>Use resources for proofreading and editing.</p>   | <p>Students can refer to <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i>, <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i>, and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> when they proofread.</p>  |

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| 1.2.g    | Choose a variety of genres to read for personal enjoyment.                                | <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> is a 70,000-word dictionary specially written for students in grades 6–8, and contains most of the vocabulary they will encounter in their reading. Students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> for more advanced vocabulary.   |
| 1.3.a    | Use phonetic, structural, syntactical, and contextual clues to read and understand words. | <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> has thousands of etymologies, and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> has a list of common Greek and Latin roots with their meanings and a list of prefixes and suffixes and their meanings that can help with analysis of word structure. <i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> introduces students to 200 of the most productive Greek and Latin roots to help them with new vocabulary acquisition. <i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> includes vocabulary-building exercises that introduce students to a variety of word-decoding strategies. |
| 1.3.c    | Analyze the meaning of words and phrases in context.                                      | <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> has 70,000 entries, with definitions written in grade-level-appropriate language to help students determine the meaning of words in context. Students can also look up words on the free online student dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com).  |
| 3.1.a    | Use oral language with clarity, voice, and fluency to communicate a message.              | <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> provides the correct pronunciations students need. <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) offers audio pronunciations with its free online student dictionary.   |
| 3.1.c    | Use the appropriate features of persuasive, narrative, expository, or poetic writing.     | <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> helps students in the writing process with spelling, grammar, and word choice. Students writing poetry will enjoy using <i>Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary</i> .   |
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| 3.2.c    | Revise texts for organization, elaboration, fluency, and clarity.                         | <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> contain brief explanations that help students distinguish differences between synonyms. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> gives an example sentence for every word in its synonym lists so students can see differences among closely related words. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> features nearly 200 synonym paragraphs that discuss closely related words.  |

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|          | Publish and/or present final products in a myriad of ways.  |  |
| 4.3.a    | Recognize the difference between standard and nonstandard English and use language appropriately. | Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> contain usage notes and labels where applicable (e.g. <i>nonstandard</i> , <i>slang</i> ). <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> gives concise guidance to the use of commonly confused or disputed words, phrases, and grammatical constructions. It also contains a grammar glossary to explain grammatical concepts and terminology.  |
| 4.3.b    | Demonstrate proficient use of proper mechanics, usage, and spelling skills.                       | <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> are references to the basics of punctuation and capitalization. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> contains a list of often-confused words. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> helps students with issues of usage. Students can consult <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> when in doubt about spelling, or they can use <i>Webster's Instant Word Guide</i> , which is a reference to the spelling and end-of-line divisions of 35,000 words. |
| 4.3.c    | Use resources for proofreading and editing.   | Students can refer to <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> when they proofread. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> has a section on proofreader's marks.   |

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| 3.1.a    | Use oral language with clarity, voice, and fluency to communicate a message.              | <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> provide the correct pronunciations students need. <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) offers audio pronunciations with its free online student dictionary.  |
| 3.1.c    | Use the appropriate features of persuasive, narrative, expository, or poetic writing.     | <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> help students in the writing process with spelling, grammar, and word choice. Students writing poetry will enjoy using <i>Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary</i> .  |
| 3.1.d    | Write to delight in the imagination.  | <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> provides students with a wealth of synonyms, antonyms, related words, and near antonyms. Students can also use <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> , a listing of synonyms, related words, and antonyms, or <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</i> , which combines dictionary and thesaurus entries.  |
| 3.2.c    | Revise texts for organization, elaboration, fluency, and clarity.                         | <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> contain brief explanations that help students distinguish differences between synonyms. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> gives an example sentence for every word in its synonym lists so students can see differences among closely related words. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> features nearly 200 synonym paragraphs that discuss closely related words.                   |

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| 3.2.e-f  | Evaluate the validity and authenticity of primary and secondary sources of information.           | <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> , and the Handbook of Style section in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> contain information students will need to properly cite the references they use.  |
|          | Publish and/or present final products in a myriad of ways.  |   |
| 4.3.a    | Recognize the difference between standard and nonstandard English and use language appropriately. | Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> contain usage notes and labels where applicable (e.g. <i>nonstandard</i> , <i>slang</i> ). <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> gives concise guidance to the use of commonly confused or disputed words, phrases, and grammatical constructions. It also contains a grammar glossary to explain grammatical concepts and terminology.   |
| 4.3.b    | Demonstrate proficient use of proper mechanics, usage, and spelling skills.                       | <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> are references to the basics of punctuation and capitalization. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> contains a list of often-confused words. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> can help students with problems of usage. Students can consult <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> when in doubt about spelling, or they can use <i>Webster's Instant Word Guide</i> , which is a reference to the spelling and end-of-line divisions of 35,000 words. |
| 4.3.c    | Use resources for proofreading and editing.   | <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> has a section on proofreading and editing and gives proofreader's marks. Students can also refer to <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> when they proofread.  |

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| 1.2.g    | Choose a variety of genres to read for personal enjoyment.                                       | <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> is a 100,000-word dictionary written especially for high-school students that includes words encountered in a wide variety of written works. <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary</i> is a 165,000-word dictionary designed to support college-bound high-school students as they read a variety of texts. <i>Webster's Third New International Dictionary, Unabridged</i> , includes nearly 500,000 entries and is designed to support the widest range of reading.                  |
| 1.3.a    | Use phonetic, structural, syntactical, and contextual clues to read and understand words.        | <i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> introduces students to 200 of the most productive Greek and Latin roots to help students with new vocabulary acquisition. It introduces 3,000 words, with entries organized by roots, and quizzes to test progress and reward study (and is helpful for students preparing for college-entrance tests).   |
| 1.3.c    | Analyze the meaning of words and phrases in context.   | <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , with its more than 100,000 definitions, and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> , with more than 225,000 definitions, present a word's full range of definitions and helps students determine the meanings of words. Students can also use the free online dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster OnLine</i> (MerriamWebster.com) to look up words.   |
| 1.3.e    | Use content vocabulary appropriately and accurately (math, music, science, social studies, etc.) | <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> provide up-to-date coverage of words from the fields of science, politics, technology, entertainment, and health. Similar coverage can be found in the free online dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster OnLine</i> (MerriamWebster.com).  |
| 3.1.a    | Use oral language with clarity, voice, and fluency to communicate a message.                     | <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> provide the correct pronunciations students need. <i>Merriam-Webster OnLine</i> (MerriamWebster.com) offers audio pronunciations with its free online dictionary.   |
| 3.1.c    | Use the appropriate features of persuasive, narrative, expository, or poetic writing.            | <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> provide help in the writing process with spelling, grammar, and word choice. Students writing poetry will enjoy using <i>Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary</i> .   |
| 3.1.d    | Write to delight in the imagination.   | <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus</i> , or the paperback <i>Merriam-Webster Thesaurus</i> can serve as a tool to help students choose words to liven up their writing. Students can also use <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> , a listing of synonyms, related words, and antonyms, or <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</i> , which combines dictionary and thesaurus entries.  |
| 3.2.c    | Revise texts for organization, elaboration, fluency, and clarity.                                | <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> contain brief explanations that help students distinguish differences between synonyms. <i>The Merriam-Webster Thesaurus</i> gives an example sentence for every word in its synonym lists so students can see differences among closely related words. <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> include synonym paragraphs that discuss closely related words. |

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| 3.2.e-f  | <p>Evaluate the validity and authenticity of primary and secondary sources of information to authenticate research</p> <hr/> <p>Publish and/or present final products in a myriad of ways.</p> | <p><i>Merriam-Webster’s Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster’s Concise Handbook for Writers</i> give information on citing special types of references, such as non-print sources, unpublished materials, and online sources. <i>Merriam-Webster’s Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster’s Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> contain information students will need to properly cite the references they use.</p>   |
| 4.3.a    | <p>Recognize the difference between standard and nonstandard English and use language appropriately.</p>   | <p>Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster’s School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate® Dictionary</i> contain usage notes, labels, or (in the <i>Collegiate Dictionary</i>) paragraphs to explain the usage statues or words, phrases, or constructions. <i>Merriam-Webster’s Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> provides more extensive guidance. <i>Merriam-Webster’s Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> contains similar but shorter entries. It also contains a grammar glossary to help students understand grammatical concepts and terminology.</p>  |
| 4.3.b    | <p>Demonstrate proficient use of proper mechanics, usage, and spelling skills.</p>   | <p><i>Merriam-Webster’s Guide to Punctuation and Style</i>, <i>Merriam-Webster’s Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i>, and <i>Merriam-Webster’s Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> are references to the basics of punctuation and capitalization. <i>Merriam-Webster’s Notebook Thesaurus</i> contains a list of often-confused words. <i>Merriam-Webster’s Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster’s Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> help students with problems of usage. Students can consult <i>Merriam-Webster’s School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary</i> for help with spelling, or they can use <i>Webster’s Instant Word Guide</i>, which is a reference to the spelling and end-of-line divisions of 35,000 words.</p> |
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