

English Language Arts

Writing that has an audience, a purpose, and consequences.

Grade fit: Grades 4-12 · Format: printable PDF unit

About this unit

Students write more, and better, when someone will actually read it. Diplomacy messages, alliance proposals, national addresses, and news responses give every writing assignment a real reader and a real goal.

What students will be able to do

- Write persuasive messages aimed at a specific audience
- Summarize a news report accurately in three sentences
- Build an argument with a claim, evidence, and a counterpoint
- Keep a consistent voice across a term of national journals
- Revise based on whether the writing actually worked

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Sample lesson — topics covered

Persuasive writing

Alliance petitions and trade proposals are persuasion with a measurable outcome. If the argument is weak, the answer is no.

Narrative and journaling

A running national chronicle becomes a term-long narrative project with character, conflict, and arc.

Informational reading

In-game news and event reports are short nonfiction texts for summary, main idea, and bias practice.

Try it this week

1. Write a 250-word alliance petition and revise it after the response
2. Rewrite one in-game news item as a neutral report and then as an editorial
3. Keep a five-entry national chronicle and read the best entry aloud

Sample worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. In one sentence, what is the big idea of this ELA unit?

2. Describe one decision you made in your nation and what happened next.

3. What evidence from your nation's data supports that answer?

4. What would you do differently next week, and why?

Weekly plan at a glance

- Monday: reading, one in-game or outside nonfiction text
- Tuesday: vocabulary and sentence work
- Wednesday: drafting the week's piece
- Thursday: revision after feedback
- Friday: read aloud and file it in the portfolio

Full unit — including every worksheet, rubric, and answer key — unlocks with the Homeschool Nations bundle at sfcnations.com/homeschool-nations-launch