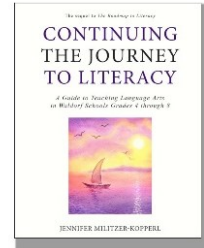


# Curriculum Chart and Benchmarks for Storytelling Grades 4-8

This document presents what to teach (**curriculum**) and standards (**benchmarks**) that show what students are expected to learn by the end of each grade. The information is broken down by descriptive period (grades 4-6) and explanatory period (grades 7-8). The objective is to teach and assess a comprehensive language arts curriculum in Waldorf schools grades 4-8.

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## Curriculum Chart for Storytelling Grades 4-6

	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
<b>1. Storytelling</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oral Summaries (Review)</li> </ul>	Teach the students to summarize information orally (e.g., one sentence, one paragraph, or 1- or 2-minute summaries).		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Factual Recall Questions (Review)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess to make sure the students understand the material.</li> <li>Review the material before asking the students to write a composition about it.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS) Questions (Review)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teach the students to think on a deeper level.</li> <li>Review the material before asking the students to write about it.</li> <li>Assess to make sure the students understand the material.</li> </ul>		

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## Curriculum Chart for Storytelling Grades 7-8

	Grade 7	Grade 8
<b>1. Storytelling</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oral Summaries (Review)</li> </ul>	Teach the students to summarize information orally (e.g., one sentence, one paragraph, or 1- or 2-minute summaries).	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Factual Recall Questions (Review)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess to make sure the students understand the material.</li> <li>Review the material before asking the students to write a composition about it.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS) Questions (Review)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teach the students to think on a deeper level.</li> <li>Review the material before asking the students to write about it.</li> <li>Assess to make sure the students understand the material.</li> </ul>	

## Benchmarks for Storytelling 4-6

Language Skill	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
<b>1. Story Telling</b>	Students can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a summary of varying lengths orally and in writing.</li> <li>Answer factual recall questions orally and in writing.</li> <li>Answer HOTS questions orally and in writing.</li> </ul>		

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## Benchmarks for Storytelling 7-8

Language Skill	Grade 7	Grade 8
<b>1. Story Telling</b>	Students can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide a summary of varying lengths orally and in writing.</li><li>• Answer factual recall questions orally and in writing.</li><li>• Answer HOTS questions orally and in writing.</li></ul>	

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