

GRADES **4-5** WIDA ELD STANDARD 1 Social and Instructional Language

The Language Expectations and Language Functions of Standard 1 are meant to be interwoven and paired with those of Standards 2-5. For this reason, remember that there are no specific Language Features for Standard 1, and that the expectations for the interpretive and expressive communication modes are the same. As you can see from the reference codes, the Language Expectations below are the same for grades 4-12.

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

Narrate

ELD-SI.4-12.Narrate

- Share ideas about one's own and others' lived experiences and previous learning
- Connect stories with images and representations to add meaning
- Identify and raise questions about what might be unexplained, missing, or left unsaid
- Recount and restate ideas to sustain and move dialogue forward
- Create closure, recap, and offer next steps

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

Inform

ELD-SI.4-12.Inform

- Define and classify facts and interpretations; determine what is known vs. unknown
- Report on explicit and inferred characteristics, patterns, or behavior
- Describe the parts and wholes of a system
- Sort, clarify, and summarize relationships
- Summarize most important aspects of information

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Social and Instructional Language

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

Explain

ELD-SI.4-12.Explain

- Generate and convey initial thinking
- Follow and describe cycles and sequences of steps or procedures and their causes and effects
- Compare changing variables, factors, and circumstances
- Offer alternatives to extend or deepen awareness of factors that contribute to particular outcomes
- Act on feedback to revise understandings of how or why something is or works in particular ways

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

Argue

ELD-SI.4-12.Argue

- Generate questions about different perspectives
- Support or challenge an opinion, premise, or interpretation
- Clarify and elaborate ideas based on feedback
- Evaluate changes in thinking, identifying trade-offs
- Refine claims and reasoning based on new information or evidence

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

ELD-LA.4-5.Narrate.Interpretive

Interpret language arts narratives by

- Identifying a theme from details
- Analyzing how character attributes and actions develop across event sequences
- Determining the meaning of words and phrases used in texts, including figurative language, such as metaphors and similes

ELD-LA.4-5.Narrate.Expressive

Construct language arts narratives that

- Orient audience to context
- Develop and describe characters and their relationships
- Develop story with complication and resolution, time and event sequences
- Engage and adjust for audience

Language Functions and Sample Language Features

Orient audience to context through...

- Expanded noun groups to state who or what the narrative is about
- A variety of sentence types to establish the context e.g., questions, statements, dialog (*"We must think only of the things that we must do," the old lady said.*)
- Adverbial and prepositional phrases to establish time and location (*During the last century, Last Tuesday, On Saturn's second outer ring, High above the city*)
- Statements and questions to foreshadow or state complication (*Would her dream ever come true? She knew not to give up.*)

Develop and describe characters and their relationships through...

- Verbs to describe character behaviors (*raced, explored*), thoughts (*wondered, believed*), feelings (*hoped, longed for*), speech (*mumbled, screamed, questioned*)
- Expanded noun groups to add description and detail (*seven powerful kings, curly-haired baby girl*)
- Expanded verb groups to show relationship between characters (*Uncle smiled lovingly at his nephew. She whispered angrily into Sonia's ear.*)
- Saying, thinking, and feeling dialog verbs to add nuance to characters' relationships
- Pronouns, demonstrative, renaming, synonyms to reference characters or ideas across the text (*he, his; these, this; Zeus=Greek God=King of Mt. Olympus*)

Develop story with complication and resolution, time and event sequences through...

- Dependent clauses to add details (*the race, which only happened every four years*)
- A variety of verb tenses to locate events in time, including dialog (*"Where are you going?" I asked.*)
- Connectors to sequence time (*later that night*), and events (*While the game was on, we slipped out.*)
- Statements to provide closure, evaluate experience, or summarize narrative (*finally, it was over, the experience was enlightening, there are some things that can't be seen but only felt.*)

Engage and adjust for audience through...

- Evaluative word choices to describe author's attitudes (*awesome, scared, mean, enjoyed the time, most people*)
- Literary devices to enrich the narrative, including simile (*as cool as a cucumber*), personification, alliteration (*lounging lizard*), sensory words/phrases (*tingling*), onomatopoeia (*ZAP!*)
- Tone of voice, gesturing, acting behaviors to adjust for audience
- Language to address reader/listener and draw them in (*Listen while I tell you the most amazing story.*)

GRADES
4-5 WIDA ELD STANDARD 2
Language for Language Arts

Inform

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

ELD-LA.4-5.Inform.Interpretive

Interpret informational texts in language arts by

- Identifying and summarizing main ideas and key details
- Analyzing details and examples for key attributes, qualities, and characteristics
- Evaluating the impact of key word choices in a text

ELD-LA.4-5.Inform.Expressive

Construct informational texts in language arts that

- Introduce and define topic and/or entity for audience
- Establish objective or neutral stance
- Add precision and details to define, describe, compare, and classify topic and/or entity
- Develop coherence and cohesion throughout text

Language Functions and Sample Language Features

Introduce and define topic and/or entity for audience through...

- Descriptive titles and generalized nouns to introduce topic and/or entity (*Sea Turtles, The Human Body, Rainforest Mammals*)
- Opening statements to identify type of information (describing, comparing/contrasting, classifying, defining)
- Relating verbs (*have, be, belong to, means, represents, is called*) to define or describe topic and/or entity (*Marsupials are mammals that carry their babies in a pouch.*)
- Timeless present verbs (*carries, travels, swims*) to indicate generalizable nature of information

Establish objective or neutral stance through...

- Declarative statements to provide objective, factual information
- Technical word choices to add precise and descriptive information without evaluative language (*the red-bellied piranha versus the terrifying piranha*)
- Generalized nouns to identify class of things (*marine life versus dolphins, sea turtles*)
- Reporting devices to integrate sourced information into saying verbs (*said, reported, claims*), direct and indirect quotes

Add precision and details to define, describe, compare, and classify topic and/or entity through...

- Adverbial and prepositional phrases to specify times and location (*every year, during the 17th century, in the North Atlantic, throughout Australia*)
- Comparing/contrasting connectors to differentiate between entities or components (*unlike/like, fewer/more than, however, likewise*)
- Variety of structures (past tenses, embedded clauses, passive voice, complex sentences) to report on past events
- Expanded noun groups and adjectives to add details to the concept or entity (*spherical ball of rocks or gas*), and to classify or qualify information (*environmental threats, greenhouse gasses*)
- Visuals (graphs, labeled diagrams, photos) to support key details

Develop coherence and cohesion throughout text through...

- Pronouns, demonstratives, synonyms, and renaming to reference and link ideas/entities across sections of text (*his, he; these, this; tornado=natural disaster; Orca=ocean mammal=killer whale*)
- Ellipsis to reduce repetition and redundancy (*Scientists asked legislators to make changes to protect turtles and they did [make the changes]*)
- Topic nouns to begin sentences or paragraphs across text
- Nominalizations to represent abstract concepts (*Leatherbacks are declining=this decline in population*)

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

ELD-LA.4-5.Argue.Interpretive

Interpret language arts arguments by

- Identifying main ideas
- Analyzing points of view about the same event or topic
- Evaluating how details, reasons, and evidence support particular points in a text

ELD-LA.4-5.Argue.Expressive

Construct language arts arguments that

- Introduce and develop a topic clearly; state an opinion
- Support opinions with reasons and information
- Use a formal style
- Logically connect opinions to appropriate evidence, facts, and details; offer a concluding statement or section

Language Functions and Sample Language Features

Introduce and develop a topic clearly; state an opinion through...

- Declarative statements to frame topic, provide background information, and state opinion (*The Proudest Blue provides a great example of being proud of your heritage.*)
- Noun groups (*adjectives, embedded clauses*) to add description and/or introduce topic (*Lance, a first-generation immigrant; Dinner, which was always wonderful*)
- Pronouns, synonyms, renaming subjects to maintain cohesion (*they=the new arrivals=immigrants=the foreigners*)
- First person (*I think, In my opinion*) or third person (*this book provides, the author believes*) to state an opinion

Support opinions with reasons and information through...

- A variety of clauses (*adverbial, embedded*) to support opinion and/or claim (*quotes, examples, detailed descriptions*)
- Expanded noun and verb groups to add detail (*Faizah arrived for her first day of school with a new backpack and light-up shoes.*)
- Connectors to elaborate an idea/interpretation (*so, this means, therefore, a way to think about this*)
- Connectors to link claim/opinion with evidence and reasoning (*because, as a result, when, if, although, but*)
- Modality to express obligation or certainty (*might, could, must, need to, have to*)

Use a formal style through...

- First person (personal) or third person (neutral) to present point of view (*The book tells us that even through difficult times, we can still stick to our culture.*)
- Authoritative declarative sentences to evaluate and interpret events (*The Proudest Blue teaches us to be proud of our culture.*)
- Evaluative adjectives and adverbs to add writer's perspective (*beautiful, amazing, unfortunately*)
- Emotive or objective language to appeal to logic or feelings (*love flowed from everything she made versus she cooked dinner*)

Logically connect opinions to appropriate supporting evidence, facts, and details; offer a concluding statement or section through...

- That-clauses to link claim with evidence (*This shows that the theme is*)
- Connectors to sequence points in the argument (*first, furthermore, as evidenced by*)
- Summary statement to reiterate opinion or encourage a response (*I recommend this book, a book to help us remember*)

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

ELD-MA.4-5.Explain.Interpretive

Interpret mathematical explanations by

- Identifying concept or entity
- Analyzing problem-solving steps
- Evaluating a pattern or structure that follows a given rule

ELD-MA.4-5.Explain.Expressive

Construct mathematical explanations that

- Introduce concept or entity
- Share solution with others
- Describe data and/or steps to solve problem
- State reasoning used to generate solution

Language Functions and Sample Language Features

Introduce concept or entity through...

- Mathematical terms and phrases to describe concept, process, or purpose (*the angles within a circle can be measured with a protractor like this*)
- Relating verbs (*belong to, are part of, be, have*) to define or describe concept

Share solution with others through...

- Generalized nouns to add precision to discussion (*conversion, measurement, volume*)
- Language choices to reflect on completed and on-going process (*we should have done this, we might be able to, what if we try*)
- First person (*I, we*) to describe approach; third person to describe approach with neutral stance of authority
- Observational (*notice, it appears, looks like*) and comparative language (*different from, similar to, the same*) to share results (*We notice our process was different, but we have the same solution.*)

Describe data and/or steps to solve problem through...

- Abstract, generalized, or multi-meaning noun groups to add precision to mathematical descriptions (*operation, associative property, area formula, function*)
- Past tense doing verbs (*measured, converted*) and thinking verbs (*remembered, thought, figured out*) to recount steps
- Visuals (charts, graphs, diagrams, manipulatives, drawings) to support approach and/or solution
- Connectors to order steps (*first, next, then*) and indicate causal relationships (*because, so, that means, as a result*)

State reasoning used to generate solution through...

- Declarative statements to state conclusion with a neutral stance of authority (*These two fractions are equivalent because...*)
- Causal connectors to express reasoning (*We multiplied the two numbers together because...*)
- Conjunctions (*if/then, when/then, because, as, since, so that*) to establish result/condition relationships (*if the field has a length that is twice its width, then the area is...*)

GRADES
4-5 WIDA ELD STANDARD 3
Language for Mathematics

Argue

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

ELD-MA.4-5.Argue.Interpretive

Interpret mathematics arguments by

- Comparing conjectures with patterns, and/or rules
- Distinguishing commonalities and differences among ideas in justifications
- Extracting patterns or rules from solution strategies to create generalizations

ELD-MA.4-5.Argue.Expressive

Construct mathematics arguments that

- Create conjecture using definitions, patterns, and rules
- Generalize commonalities and differences across cases
- Justify conclusions with patterns or rules
- Evaluate others' arguments

Language Functions and Sample Language Features

Create conjecture using definitions, patterns, and rules through...

- Relating verbs (*have, belong to, be*) to make a claim (*9/15 is equivalent to 3/5 and 6/10 is an equivalent fraction too because they are all multiples*)
- Adverbial phrases (*for qualities, quantities, frequency*) to add precision related to conjecture (*The interior angles of a triangle will always add up to 180°*)

Generalize commonalities and differences across cases through...

- Conditional clauses (*when, if*) to extend conjecture (*If you remember the inverse operations, you can figure out the missing quantity by...*)
- Declarative statements to present generalizable processes (*The divisibility rules can help you find all the factor pairs of a product.*)

Justify conclusion with patterns or rules through...

- Conditional structures (*if/then, when*) to demonstrate conclusions (*Adding 3 to an even number always gives you an odd number and if you add 3 to an odd number, you will get an even number.*)
- Technical nouns and noun groups to add precision and details (*exponents, decimals, inverse operations, intersecting lines*)
- Drawings, manipulatives, diagrams, graphs, models to demonstrate thinking

Evaluate others' arguments through...

- Questions (*how, what, why*) and requests (*could, would*) to ask for clarification or information (*How did you know how to start? Could you explain this part of your diagram?*)
- Declarative statements to disagree/debate (*I don't think that's right, I disagree, how did you, I did it differently, let's compare our process*)

GRADES
4-5 **WIDA ELD STANDARD 4**
Language for Science

Explain

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

ELD-SC.4-5.Explain.Interpretive

Interpret scientific explanations by

- Defining investigable questions or design problems based on observations, data, and prior knowledge about a phenomenon
- Obtaining and combining evidence and information to help explain how or why a phenomenon occurs
- Identifying evidence that supports particular points in an explanation

ELD-SC.4-5.Explain.Expressive

Construct scientific explanations that

- Describe observations and/or data about a phenomenon
- Establish neutral or objective stance in communicating results
- Develop reasoning to show relationships between evidence and claims
- Summarize and/or compare multiple solutions to a problem based on how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design solution

Language Functions and Sample Language Features

Describe observations and/or evidence about a phenomenon through...

- Abstract nouns to introduce concepts, ideas, and technical terms (*cycles, states of matter, condensation*)
- Cohesion to reference ideas, people across text (*pronouns, renaming subject, synonyms*)
- Relating verbs to state relationships or attributes (*have, be, belong to*)
- Timeless verbs to state on-going facts about the phenomenon (*ocean water evaporates*)

Establish neutral or objective stance in communicating results through...

- Passive voice and declarative statements (*evaporation is caused by, ice and snow evaporate*)
- Word choices to moderate stance, e.g., hedging (*could/might, sometimes, usually*)
- Objective language to adjust precision and/or invite shared interest

Develop reasoning to show relationships between evidence and claims through...

- Nominalizations to represent abstract concepts (*condensation*)
- Connectors to link clauses and combine ideas into logical relationships (*so, because, and then*), or express causality (*when, although, in order to*)
- A variety of ways to describe phenomena (relative clauses, declarative statements)
- Given/new patterns to link relationships, add new details, and condense information into abstract nouns

Summarize and/or compare multiple solutions to a problem based on how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design solution through...

- Labeling/describing diagrams, graphs and tables to add information about the phenomenon
- Ask and answer questions to clarify or hypothesize about phenomenon
- Conditional clauses (*if/then*) to generalize phenomenon to additional contexts

GRADES **4-5** WIDA ELD STANDARD 4 Language for Science

Argue

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

ELD-SC.4-5.Argue.Interpretive

Interpret scientific arguments by

- Identifying relevant evidence from data, models, and/or information from investigations of phenomena or design solutions
- Comparing reasoning and claims based on evidence
- Distinguishing among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in an explanation

ELD-SC.4-5.Argue.Expressive

Construct scientific arguments that

- Introduce topic/phenomenon in issues related to the natural and designed world(s)
- Make and define a claim based on evidence, data, and/or model
- Establish a neutral tone or an objective stance
- Signal logical relationships among reasoning, relevant evidence, data, and/or a model when making a claim

Language Functions and Sample Language Features

Introduce topic/phenomenon related to the natural and designed world(s) through...

- Generalized nouns to define phenomenon (*weathering, erosion, eruptions, mapping*)
- Relating verbs (*have, belong to, be*) to define topic/phenomenon (*The Earth is shaped by many forces like wind and water.*)
- Expanded noun phrases to add clarity, classify, or add descriptions (*underground pressure, marine shell fossils*)

Make and define claim based on evidence, data, and/or model through...

- Expanded noun groups to add precision and details (*Earth's cycles of heating and cooling*)
- Connectors to link ideas (*as a result, therefore, over time*)
- Maps, diagrams, graphics, data to support claim/evidence

Establish a neutral tone or an objective stance through...

- Passive voice to keep focus on topic (*The Earth was shaped by many forces.*)
- Active verb groups to describe phenomenon (*Water erodes rock over time.*)
- Declarative third person statements to record claim, observations, conclusion (*Wind causes erosion in three ways.*)

Signal logical relationships among reasoning, relevant evidence, data, and/or a model when making a claim through...

- Connectors to signal time (*next, at the same time*), causality (*therefore, consequently, as a result, because*), clarification (*for example, this shows how*)
- Reference devices (pronouns, synonyms, renaming subject) to create cohesion across text
- Modal verbs to describe possible impacts of phenomenon on various situations, including human (*Natural forces like tsunamis and volcanic eruptions can impact the Earth's surface and people's safety.*)

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

ELD-SS.4-5.Explain.Interpretive

Interpret social studies explanations by

- Determining different opinions in sources for answering compelling and supporting questions about phenomena or events
- Analyzing sources for a series of contributing factors or causes
- Evaluating disciplinary concepts and ideas that are open to different interpretations

ELD-SS.4-5.Explain.Expressive

Construct social studies explanations that

- Introduce phenomena or events
- Describe components, order, causes and effects, or cycles using relevant examples and details
- Generalize probable causes and effects of developments or events

Language Functions and Sample Language Features

Introduce phenomena or events through...

- Prepositional phrases of time, place to contextualize phenomena or events
- Relating verbs (*have, be*) to define phenomena or events
- Nouns to represent abstract concepts (*factors, effects, economics*)
- Cohesion to reference ideas, people across text (pronouns, substitutions, renaming, synonyms, collocations)

Describe components, order, causes and effects, or cycles using relevant examples and details through...

- Connectors to order, sequence, show relationships among ideas (*the first factor, after the bill passed, that caused*)
- Noun groups to provide details answering who, what, when, where (*They made maple syrup in the spring outside the winter camp.*)
- Verbs groups to add accuracy (*traveled quickly and quietly*)

Generalize probable causes and effects of developments or events through...

- Word choices to evaluate, judge, or appreciate significance of event or phenomenon
- Nominalizations to summarize events and name abstract phenomenon (*city expansion*)
- Declarative statements to evaluate or interpret events

GRADES 4-5 WIDA ELD STANDARD 5 Language for Social Studies

Argue

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

ELD-SS.4-5.Argue.Interpretive

Interpret social studies arguments by

- Identifying topic and purpose (argue in favor or against a position, present a balanced interpretation, challenge perspective)
- Analyzing relevant information from multiple sources to develop claims in response to compelling questions
- Evaluating point of view and credibility of source, based on distinctions between fact and opinion

ELD-SS.4-5.Argue.Expressive

Construct social studies arguments that

- Introduce topic
- Select relevant information to support claims with evidence from multiple sources
- Establish perspective
- Show relationships between claims with reasons and multiple sources of evidence

Language Functions and Sample Language Features

Introduce topic through...

- Generalized nouns and descriptive title to introduce topic (*Native Peoples of Wisconsin*)
- Declarative statements to present position and/or provide background information
- Expanded noun groups to provide detail about the topic with relative clauses (*The Ho-Chunk, an Indigenous Nation in Wisconsin*)
- Pronouns, synonyms, renaming subject to create cohesion
- Connectors to structure paragraphs (*first, In the beginning, meanwhile, as a result, In conclusion*)

Select relevant information to support claims with evidence gathered from multiple sources through...

- Variety of clauses (adverbial, embedded) to add details, examples, quotes, data (*in the book, according to, the author tells us*)
- Adverbial and prepositional phrases to specify time (duration, specific date, or range), location, how or why something happened (*During the 1800s, many native peoples were forced to move west because of settlers from the east.*)
- Doing verbs (*fled, hunted*) to identify agent

Establish perspective through...

- Passive voice to keep emphasis on main topic rather than who or what is doing the action (*the people were forced off their land*). Alternately, use active voice to keep emphasis on who or what is doing the action.
- Evaluative verbs, adverbs, and adjectives to add author's perspective (*forced, lonely, worst*)
- Objective or emotive language to appeal to logic or feelings (*relocated versus forcibly driven from their home*)

Show relationships between claims with reasons and multiple sources of evidence through...


- Connectors to link claims with evidence and reasoning (*because, so, and*)
- Connectors to signal alternate points of view (*one way, another way, on the other hand*)
- Connectors to show comparison/contrast (*if, unless, however*)
- Modality in summary statements to reiterate position, or create a call to action (*should, must, necessary to, might, could*)

Annotated Language Samples

Annotated Language Samples exemplify the WIDA ELD Standards Framework in action. In particular, they show an ELD Standards Statement, a Key Language Use, a Language Expectation, as well as its Language Functions and Language Features contextualized in authentic grade-level texts. The samples, drawn from the work of teachers and students from across the WIDA Consortium, help make more visible the language for content learning. In this way, educators can envision how to highlight language and plan for its systematic development during content learning.

LEGEND FOR THE ANNOTATED TEXTS

Several different conventions are used to indicate example Language Features in the annotated text:

- **Language Functions (bold white text on a red background)**
- **Connectors, sequence words (in bold)**
- Nouns and noun groups (in red with dashed underline)
- Verbs and verb groups (in green with dotted underline)
- Prepositional and adverbial phrases (in blue with diamond underline)
- *Objective/evaluative language (words or phrases) (in italics)*
- Cohesive devices (circles and arrows within the text) 
- *Clauses (underlined and italics)*
- Sentences (highlighted with boxes around them)

Note: Examples of sentences are declarative statements, statements of claims, statements foreshadowing events. See individual texts for more detail.

Annotated Language Sample

Context: This is a mentor text developed by a teacher to apprentice her fourth-grade class to write arguments. The teacher read, deconstructed, and analyzed the mentor text with her students to make visible how the text is structured, as well as the way certain language features are employed to meet the purpose of the argument. Then, the teacher and students jointly constructed another argument text making use of similar structures and language features.

Language Expectation: ELD-LA.4-5.Argue.Expressive

Multilingual learners use language to construct language arts arguments that

- Introduce and develop a topic clearly; state an opinion
- Support opinions with reasons and information
- Use a formal style
- Logically connect opinions to appropriate evidence, facts, and details; offer a concluding statement or section

Functions & Features	School over Summer?	Functions & Features
<p>Introduce and develop a topic clearly; state an opinion through...</p> <p>Declarative statement to frame the topic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although there are ... school over the summer. <p>First person to state an opinion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I • my position <p>Noun groups to introduce topic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>many great things about vacations</u> • <u>students and teachers</u> 	<p>Although there are <u>many great things about vacations</u>, <u>students and teachers</u> should go to school over the summer. I will share <u>several reasons</u> to support my position on this issue.</p> <p>First, if students went to school over the summer, they <u>would forget</u> less of what they learned during the <u>school year</u> and be better prepared for the next grade. Also, some students <u>do not go</u> on trips or go to camp, and going to school over the summer means they <u>would not get bored</u>.</p>	<p>Support opinions with reasons and information through...</p> <p>Noun groups and verb groups to add detail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>several reasons</u> • <u>school year</u> • <u>would forget</u> • <u>do not go</u> • <u>would not get bored</u> <p>Logically connect opinions to appropriate evidence through...</p> <p>Connectors to sequence points in the argument</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first • also

Functions & Features

Introduce and develop a topic clearly; state an opinion through...

Pronouns and renaming subject to maintain cohesion

- teachers their own ... their time

Use a formal style through...

Third person to present point of view

- teachers
- students

School over Summer? *Continued*

Additionally, teachers work on their own during the summer anyway, and it *would be* a better use of their time to work with students.

As stated above, it is my position that going to school over the summer would benefit students and teachers.

Functions & Features

Logically connect opinions to appropriate evidence through...

Connectors to sequence points in the argument

- **additionally**
- **as stated above**

Support opinions with reasons and information through...

Modality to express certainty

- *would be*...

Summary statement to reiterate opinion

- **As stated above**, it is my position that... teachers.

Annotated Language Sample

Context: This mentor text was developed by a researcher who modeled for fourth graders how to write an explanation for a social studies unit focusing on the indigenous people of Wisconsin. Students learned about who the groups of people are (and were) and studied the causes and effects of phenomena, such as removing people from their land, sending children to boarding schools, and treaties. For their writing assignment, students produced a factorial explanation where they identified and described the factors that led to a particular outcome, such as loss of identity, loss of language, and loss of culture.

Language Expectation: ELD-SS.4-5.Explain.Expressive

Multilingual learners use language to construct social studies explanations that

- Introduce phenomena or events
- Describe components, order, causes and effects, or cycles using relevant examples and details
- Generalize probable causes and effects of developments or events

Functions & Features	Loss of Identity and the Menominee	Functions & Features
<p>Introduce phenomena or events through...</p> <p>Prepositional phrases of time, place to contextualize phenomenon or event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from the forest • before Europeans arrived • in western Wisconsin • along the Green Bay • on the Wolf River <p>Relating verbs to define phenomenon or event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is, is, is <p>Cohesion to reference people across text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Menominee Nation, the Menominee, Menominee people (renaming) 	<p>Identity <u>is</u> who you are. So, to say that you lost your identity is to say you lost who you are. This is what happened to <u>the Menominee Nation of Wisconsin</u>.</p> <p><u>The Menominee Nation</u> <u>is</u> a group of people native to Wisconsin. Their traditions and identity come from the forest. Before the Europeans arrived <u>the Menominee</u> lived in western Wisconsin along the shores of Lake Michigan and Green Bay. They hunted for animals and fished for sturgeon on the Wolf River. The forest was very important to them. The forest <u>is</u> their identity.</p> <p><u>Menominee people</u> say, "we are the forest".</p>	<p>Describe components, order, causes and effects, or cycles using relevant examples and details through...</p> <p>Noun groups to provide details answering who, what, when, where</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Menominee Nation of Wisconsin • a group of people native to Wisconsin • their tradition and identity • the forest • Menominee people <p>Verbs groups to add accuracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lived • hunted • fished

Functions & Features

Introduce phenomena or events through...

Nouns to represent abstract concepts

- identity
- factors
- homelands

Cohesion to reference ideas, people across text

- the first factor ... this ... it (pronouns)
- they, they, they (repetition)
- had to give up, had to give up (repetition)

Generalize probable causes and effects of events or developments through...

Nominalizations to summarize event and name abstract phenomenon

- taking their land away
- cutting down their forest
- assimilation

Loss of Identity and the Menominee Continued

When the Europeans arrived in the 1600s, everything changed for the worse. The Menominee people lost their identity almost forever. **There are three factors** which caused the Menominee to lose their identity. The first is taking their land away, the second is cutting down their forest, the third is assimilation.

The first factor that caused the Menominee people to lose their identity was that the US government forced them to give up their land. **This** happened first in the 1820s. Native peoples from New York were pushed out of their homelands and were trying to find a new place to live. The US government told the Menominee they had to give up 500,000 acres of their land to the Oneida and the Mochican. **It** happened again in 1848, when Wisconsin became a state. **They** had to give up the rest of their land. Without their forests, they couldn't be themselves. **They** lost their identity. Fortunately, some of the Menominee leaders fought back. In 1854, **they** got back 276,000 of forest along the Wolf River.

Functions & Features

Describe components, order, causes and effects, or cycles using relevant examples and details through...

Connectors to order, sequence, show relationships among ideas

- **there are three factors**
- **the first factor**

Noun groups to provide details answering who or what

- the US government
- native peoples from New York
- the Oneida and the Mochican
- 500,000 acres of their land
- some of the Menominee leaders
- 276,000 of forest along the Wolf River

Verbs groups to add accuracy

- caused to lose
- forced ... to give up
- happened
- were pushed out
- were trying to find
- had to give up
- couldn't be ...
- lost

Functions & Features

Introduce phenomena or events through...

Nouns to represent abstract concepts

- tradition
- assimilation

Relating verbs to define phenomenon

- is

Generalize probable causes and effects of events or developments through...

Word choices to evaluate, judge, or appreciate significance of event

- *unfortunately*
- *destroyed*
- *fortunately*
- *alive*
- *almost lost forever*
- *never do that again*

Declarative statements to evaluate or interpret events

- Unfortunately, the US ... forest.
- Fortunately, ... assimilation.
- We should ... group of people.

Loss of Identity and the Menominee Continued

The second factor that caused the Menominee to lose their identity was logging. The Menominee tradition was to only cut down mature trees. This is a way to protect the forest. Unfortunately, the US forest service put a big sawmill on their land and used it to clear-cut big sections of the forest. Clear-cut is when you cut down everything at once. The forest service also left behind lots of brush which caught fire and *destroyed* more of the forest. The Menominee believe that they are the forest. When you cut down the forest, you cut down the people.

The third factor that led to the Menominee to lose their identity was assimilation.

Fortunately, there were enough Menominee people who fought the US government against taking their land, logging, and assimilation. One time the Menominee elders lay down on the highway to prevent the land from being sold. In 1969, a law was passed that gave them back their Reservation. Today there are many Menominee people who still remember their identity and teach their ways to the children. So the Menominee identity is still *alive*. But because of the bad things the US government did, it was *almost lost forever*. We should remember what happened and *never do that again* to a group of people.

Functions & Features

Describe components, order, causes and effects, or cycles using relevant examples and details through...

Connectors to order, sequence, show relationships among ideas

- **the second factor**
- **the third factor**
- **one time**
- **today**

Noun groups to provide details about who or what

- the second factor that caused the Menominee to lose their identity
- the Menominee tradition
- the US forest service
- big sections of the forest
- the Menominee elders
- the Menominee identity
- a group of people

Verb groups to add accuracy

- fought
- lay down to prevent
- was passed
- teach
- should remember