



# **Common Core State Standards**

## **Grade 7**



# The Mutt-i-grees<sup>®</sup> Curriculum & Common Core State Standards



The Mutt-i-grees<sup>®</sup> Curriculum is designed for use in various classroom settings and afterschool programs. It can be used on its own or integrated within core academic subject areas. Each lesson includes a selection of activities aligned with the Common Core State Standards Initiative. In the pages that follow, we outline some of the ways in which the Mutt-i-grees<sup>®</sup> Curriculum matches up with the Common Core, especially in the areas of Speaking & Listening, Language, Writing, and Reading of Informational Text. When teachers and students read fiction and informational trade books recommended in the Mutt-i-grees<sup>®</sup> Library, other Common Core State Standards, especially those focused on *close reading* should also be incorporated into those lessons as teachers see fit.

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## Grade Seven: Common Core State Standards Unit 1: Achieving Awareness



### Lesson 1.1 *What's In a Name?*

Common Core Standard: **Reading: Informational Text > Craft & Structure**

**RI.7.6.** Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of others.

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### Lesson 1.2 *The Mutt-i-grees® Files*

Common Core Standard: **Speaking & Listening > Comprehension and Collaboration**

**SL.7.1.** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. **SL.7.1c.** *Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.*

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### Lesson 1.3 *Pawsitive Thinking*

Common Core Standard: **Writing > Text Types and Purposes**

**W.7.3.** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences. **W.7.3a-e should also be reinforced.**

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### Lesson 1.4 *Bouncing Back*

Common Core Standard: **Writing > Text Types and Purposes**

**W.7.2.** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. **W.7.2a-f should also be reinforced.**

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### Lesson 1.5 *One Day at a Time*

Common Core Standard: **Writing > Text Types and Purposes**

**W.7.2.** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

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### Lesson 1.6 *With A Little Help From . . .*

Common Core Standard: **Speaking & Listening > Comprehension and Collaboration**

**SL.7.1.** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

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### Lesson 1.7 *Mindset*

Common Core Standard: **Writing > Text Types and Purposes**

**W.7.2.** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.



## Grade Seven: Common Core State Standards Unit 2: Finding Feelings



### Lesson 2.1 *Putting Feelings Into Words*

Common Core Standard: **Language > Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**

**L.7.5.** Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. **L.7.5b.** *Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonym/antonym, analogy) to better understand each of the words.*

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### Lesson 2.2 *What Is Your Body Language Saying?*

Common Core Standard: **Speaking & Listening > Comprehension and Collaboration**

**SL.7.2.** Analyze the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how the ideas clarify a topic, text, or issue under study.

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### Lesson 2.3 *Unspoken Words*

Common Core Standard: **Speaking & Listening > Comprehension and Collaboration**

**SL.7.1.** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. **SL.7.1d.** *Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.*

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### Lesson 2.4 *(Emotional) Strength Training*

Common Core Standard: **Writing > Text Types and Purposes**

**W.7.3.** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences. **W.7.3a.** *Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.*

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### Lesson 2.5 *Inner Workings*

Common Core Standard: **Writing > Text Types and Purposes**

**W.7.2.** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

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### Lesson 2.6 *Growling Mad*

Common Core Standard: **Speaking & Listening > Comprehension and Collaboration**

**SL.7.1.** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

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### Lesson 2.7 *Take a Break*

Common Core Standard: **Writing > Text Types and Purposes**

**W.7.2.** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.



## *Grade Seven: Common Core State Standards*

### *Unit 3: Encouraging Empathy*



#### Lesson 3.1 *Different Points of View*

Common Core Standard: **Speaking & Listening > Comprehension and Collaboration**

**SL.7.2.** Analyze the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how the ideas clarify a topic, text, or issue under study.

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#### Lesson 3.2 *Lend an Ear*

Common Core Standard: **Speaking & Listening > Comprehension and Collaboration**

**SL.7.1.** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

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#### Lesson 3.3 *Smile And . . .*

Common Core Standard: **Speaking & Listening > Comprehension and Collaboration**

**SL.7.1b.** Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

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#### Lesson 3.4 *Yes, We Care!*

Common Core Standard: **Writing > Text Types and Purposes**

**W.7.3.** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

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#### Lesson 3.5 *How Do They Feel?*

Common Core Standard: **Speaking & Listening > Comprehension and Collaboration**

**SL.7.1a.** Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

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#### Lesson 3.6 *Little Things*

Common Core Standard: **Speaking & Listening > Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas**

**SL.7.4.** Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

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#### Lesson 3.7 *A Dog's Point of View*

Common Core Standard: **Writing > Text Types and Purposes**

**W.7.3.** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences. **W.7.3a-e should also be integrated.**



## Grade Seven: Common Core State Standards Unit 4: Cultivating Cooperation



### Lesson 4.1 *We Can Do This!*

Common Core Standard: **Writing > Research to Build and Present Knowledge**

**W.7.7.** Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.

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### Lesson 4.2 *Peak Performance*

Common Core Standard: **Writing > Production and Distribution of Writing**

**W.7.4.** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

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### Lesson 4.3 *Man's Best Friend*

Common Core Standard: **Speaking & Listening > Comprehension and Collaboration**

**SL.7.1c.** Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.

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### Lesson 4.4 *The Dog Park Bully*

Common Core Standard: **Writing > Text Types and Purposes**

**W.7.3.** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences. **W.7.3a-e should be reinforced.**

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### Lesson 4.5 *The Reason a Dog Has So Many Friends*

Common Core Standard: **Speaking & Listening > Comprehension and Collaboration**

**SL.7.1.** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

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### Lesson 4.6 *Think Big, Start Small*

Common Core Standard: **Writing > Text Types and Purposes**

**W.7.2.** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

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### Lesson 4.7 *Common Goal*

Common Core Standard: **Speaking & Listening > Comprehension and Collaboration**

**SL.7.1b.** Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.



## *Grade Seven: Common Core State Standards*

### *Unit 5: Dealing with Decisions*



#### Lesson 5.1 *Choices and Consequences*

Common Core Standard: **Writing > Text Types and Purposes**

**W.7.2.** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

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#### Lesson 5.2 *Making a Difference*

Common Core Standard: **Writing > Text Types and Purposes**

**W.7.2b.** Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

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#### Lesson 5.3 *The Four Paws of Problem Solving*

Common Core Standard: **Writing > Text Types and Purposes**

**W.7.2d.** Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

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#### Lesson 5.4 *Taking Charge*

Common Core Standard: **Speaking & Listening > Comprehension and Collaboration**

**SL.7.1.** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

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#### Lesson 5.5 *Sixth Sense*

Common Core Standard: **Speaking & Listening > Comprehension and Collaboration**

**SL.7.1d.** Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

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#### Lesson 5.6 *Signs of Progress*

Common Core Standard: **Speaking & Listening > Comprehension and Collaboration**

**SL.7.1.** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

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#### Lesson 5.7 *Time to Celebrate!*

Common Core Standard: **Writing > Production and Distribution of Writing**

**W.7.4.** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.