

Digital guide



Inside an Amplify ELA classroom

Thanks for taking the time to tour Amplify ELA—a blended curriculum designed specifically for grades 6–8. The program includes interactive group activities, print materials, and powerful digital tools to support online and offline teaching and learning. Highly adaptable and user-friendly, the program gives schools and teachers flexibility based on their technology resources and preferences.



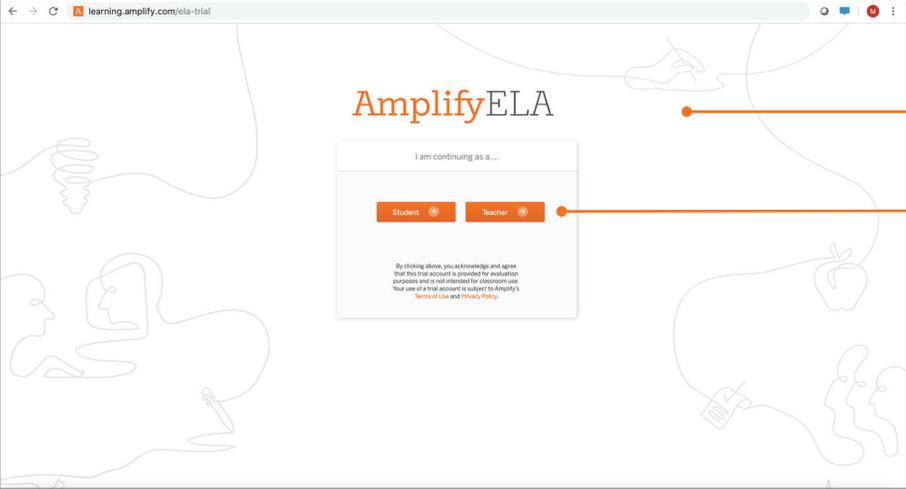
Take a guided tour of the digital program

In this digital guide, we'll walk you through the process of logging into your trial account and show you how to navigate through units and lessons. Along the way, we'll point out features that support instruction and learning.

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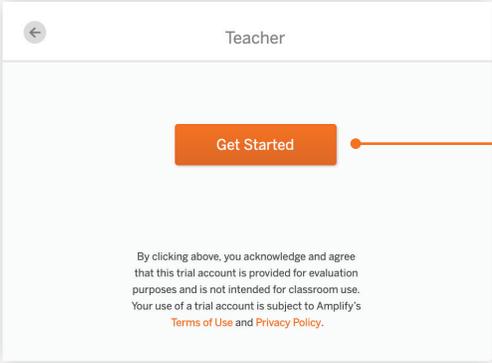
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Log in

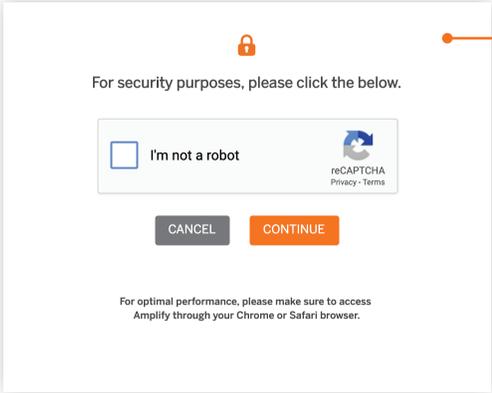


1. Log in at learning.amplify.com/ela-trial

2. Click **Teacher**



3. Click **Get Started**

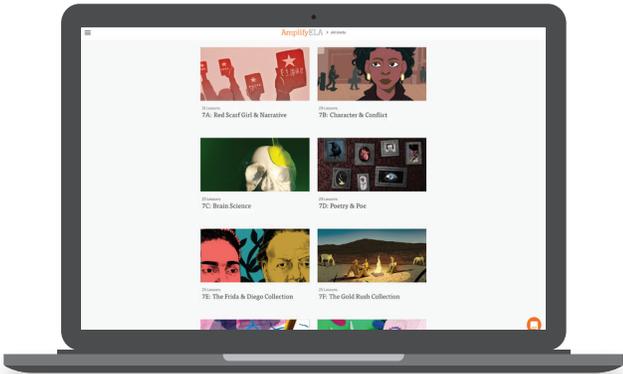


4. Follow prompts to confirm you are not a robot

Program structure

Before diving into the curriculum, take a quick look at the program structure to better understand the digital navigation.

Digital navigation (Teacher)



1 Sub-Unit



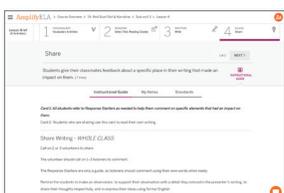
2 Lesson



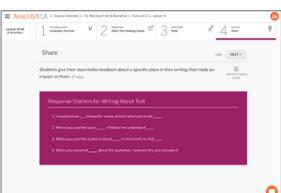
3 Activity/Learning Object



4 Instructional card

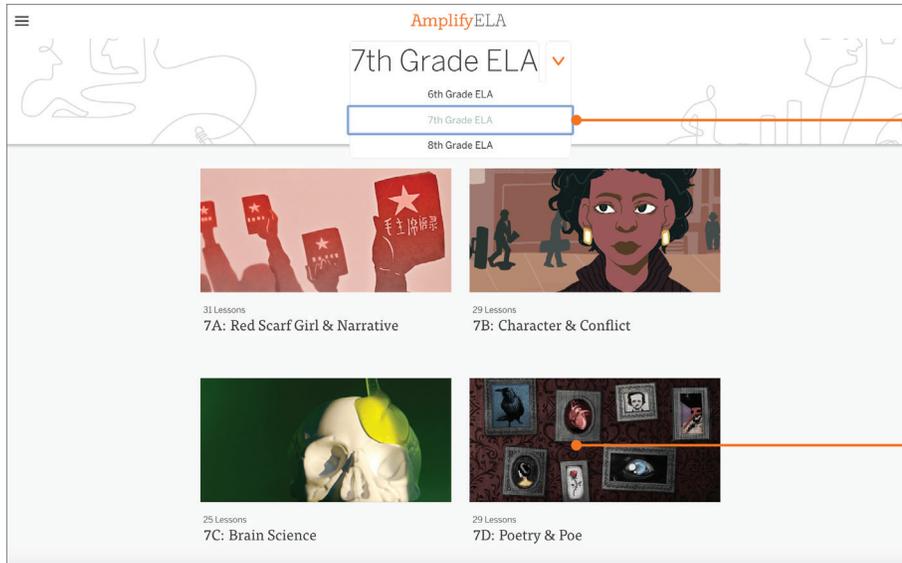


5 Student card



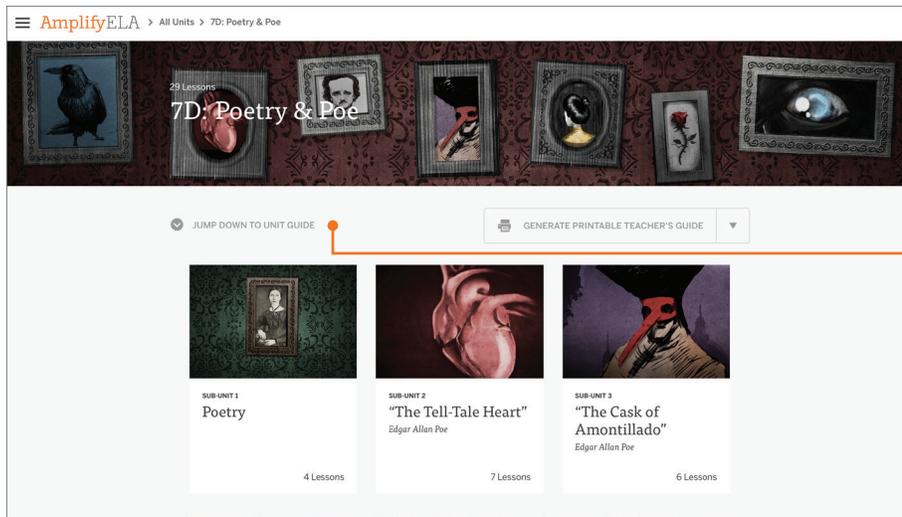
Exploring a unit

Each grade includes six units (trial accounts include two units) centered on literary or informational texts, delivered in several forms of media. Your classroom will also benefit from two to three immersive learning experiences called Quests and a dedicated Story Writing unit.



5. Go to **7th Grade ELA** using the dropdown menu

6. Click on unit **7D: Poetry & Poe**



7. Click **JUMP DOWN TO UNIT GUIDE**

The Unit Guide helps teachers plan for each unit.

AmplifyELA > All Units > 7D: Poetry & Poe

Planning for the Unit

- Unit Overview
- Reading and Writing Assignments
- Unit Formative and Summative Assessments
- Apps in This Unit
- Differentiation
- Teacher References
- Lesson at a Glance Compilation
- Lesson Standards
- Vocabulary
- Additional Reading Opportunities

Materials

- Grade 7 Solo Workbook
- Grade 7 Flex Day Activities Guide
- Grammar Pacing Guide
- Mastering Conventions - One
- Mastering Conventions - Two
- Mastering Conventions - Three
- Mastering Conventions - Spelling
- Mastering Conventions - Spelling (Student)
- Grade 7 Essay Rubric
- Writing Prompts: ELL Dev (For students using print)
- Writing Prompts: Moderate (For students using print)
- Writing Journal (For students using print)

8. Click on each menu item to expand for more information

9. Click on any item in the materials section to download item

AmplifyELA > All Units > 7D: Poetry & Poe

29 Lessons
7D: Poetry & Poe

JUMP DOWN TO UNIT GUIDE

GENERATE PRINTABLE TEACHER'S GUIDE

SUB-UNIT 1
Poetry
4 Lessons

SUB-UNIT 2
"The Tell-Tale Heart"
Edgar Allan Poe
7 Lessons

SUB-UNIT 3
"The Cask of Amontillado"
Edgar Allan Poe
6 Lessons

10. Click **Sub-Unit 2: "The Tell-Tale Heart"**

AmplifyELA > All Units > 7D: Poetry & Poe > Sub-unit 2

SUB-UNIT 2
"The Tell-Tale Heart"
Edgar Allan Poe

JUMP DOWN TO SUB-UNIT OVERVIEW

Lesson 1:
Read Like a Movie Director, Part 1

Lesson 2:
Read Like a Movie Director, Part 2

Lesson 3:
Examining the Reader's Perspective

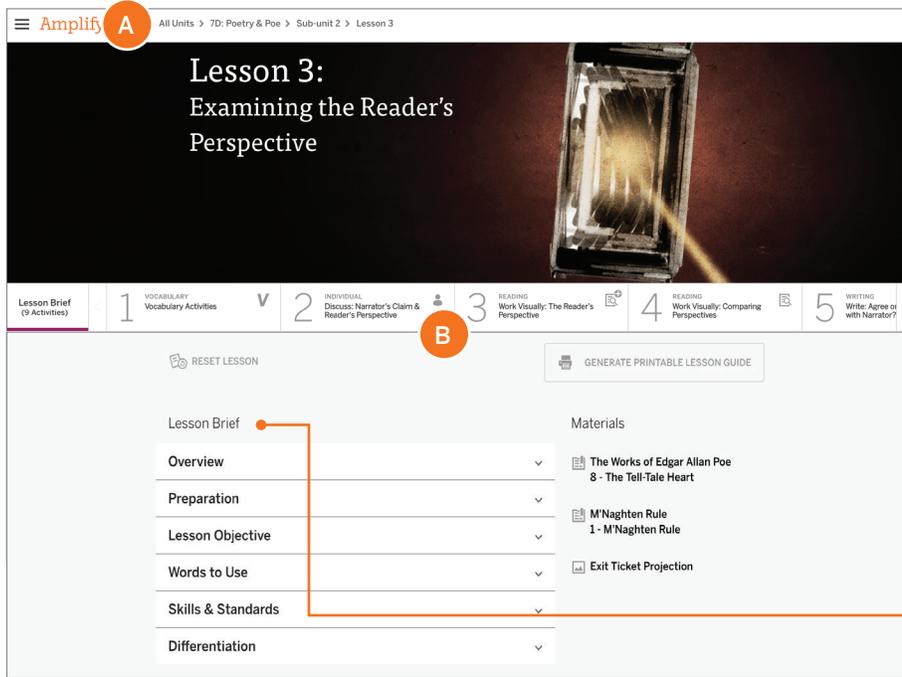
Lesson 4:
Comparing the Narrator's and Reader's Perspectives

Lesson 5:
Debating the Narrator's Sanity, Part 1

Lesson 6:
Debating the Narrator's Sanity, Part 2

11. Click **Lesson 3: Examining the Reader's Perspective**

Exploring a lesson



12. The arrow at the end of the lesson map alerts you that there are more activities in a lesson than what is shown. **Click on the arrow to see the additional activities.**

13. The Lesson Brief provides valuable information to support teachers. **Click each menu item to expand section for more information.**

A. You can always navigate back using the breadcrumb menu in the upper left corner.

B. The Lesson Map displays the sequence and type of activities in each lesson.

Lesson map icons



Vocabulary activity that often links to the Vocabulary app



Independent, pair, or group activities



Close reading activities



Core writing activities



General class activities



Teacher-only activities

Note: the plus symbol on any icon indicates alternate versions are available for purposes of differentiation

Instructional card

Each activity includes a teacher card, which provides an Instructional Guide, and if applicable, differentiation tools, polls, and/or on-the-fly support.

The screenshot shows the Amplify interface for a lesson on Poe's poetry. At the top, a navigation bar includes the Amplify logo and the path: 7D: Poetry & Poe > Sub-unit 2 > Lesson 3. Below this is a horizontal menu of five activity cards. Card 3, 'Work Visually: The Reader's Perspective', is highlighted with a purple underline and a red circle. A red line connects this circle to callout 14. Below the activity cards, a toolbar contains three icons: 'A' (Differentiation), 'B' (Poll), and 'C' (On-the-fly support). A red line connects the 'A' icon to callout 15. Below the toolbar, the 'Instructional Guide' tab is selected, showing a list of instructions. A red line connects the 'Standards' tab to callout 16. At the bottom right of the interface is a purple 'Hand In' button.

14. Click on **Activity 3**

15. Click **Instructional Guide** to close and open step-by-step instructions

16. Click **Standards** to see the Focus Standard for this lesson

- A. DIFFERENTIATION opens up Student Level Assignments and allows you to organize your students so they see the differentiated activity you believe is most appropriate for them.
- B. POLL opens up the poll results from each activity.
- C. ON-THE-FLY SUPPORT opens suggestions for teachers to conduct over-the-shoulder conferences for supporting students as they write.

Student card

Below the teacher card, you'll find the student card—what students see on their screen for each activity.

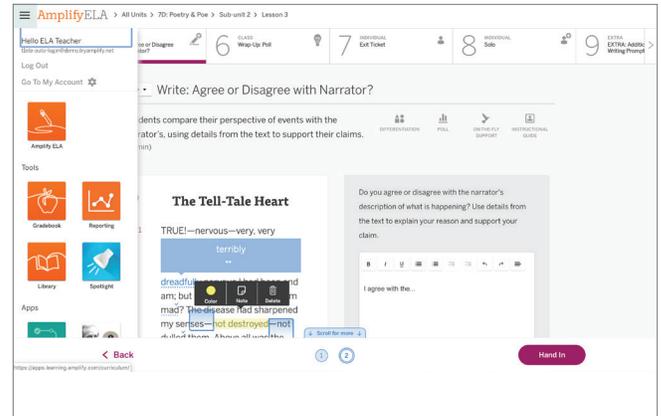
The screenshot shows the student interface for the 'Work Visually: The Reader's Perspective' activity. At the top, a navigation bar includes a 'Lesson Brief' and five numbered activity tabs: 1. VOCABULARY: Vocabulary Activities, 2. INDIVIDUAL: Discuss: Narrator's Claim & Reader's Perspective, 3. READING: Work Visually: The Reader's Perspective (highlighted), 4. READING: Work Visually: Comparing Perspectives, and 5. WRITING: Write: Agree or with Narrator?. Below the navigation bar, a toolbar contains icons for 'DIFFERENTIATION', 'POLL', 'ON THE FLY SUPPORT', and 'INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE'. The main content area is titled 'The Tell-Tale Heart' and features a text passage with several annotations: a speaker icon (A) for audio playback, a 'Reveal words' button (B) for contextual definitions of underlined words, and a highlighter tool (C) for marking text. To the right, 'Directions' are listed: 1. Reread paragraphs 17 and 18 carefully and highlight any places in the text where, as a reader, you don't believe the narrator's description of what is happening. 2. Launch the Tell-Tale Art app and make storyboards of paragraphs 17 and 18 from your perspective as a reader. At the bottom right, there is a 'Hand In' button (D).

17. Click to select a new level of differentiation. Notice how the student activity changes with each level.

- A. Students can listen to an audio sample of the text if they're struggling with the text.
- B. Students get the contextual definition of difficult words by clicking on Reveal words (underlined words in blue font).
- C. Students can highlight words and take notes by clicking and dragging their cursor.
- D. Once students are ready to submit their work, they click the Hand In button.

Global navigation

You can find the Global Navigation menu in the top left corner of your screen. This menu includes many components needed to teach and administer Amplify, including those selected below.



Classwork

Classwork: review students' work and easily add scores and comments all in one place, giving students the immediate feedback they need to further develop their confidence and literacy skills.



Reporting

Reporting: digital tools that provide teachers with reports on student productivity, skill progress, and teacher feedback.



Who Killed Edgar Allan...

Quests: multi-day experiential simulations in which students work together using evidence and ideas they have learned from their reading to solve a problem or experience a narrative.



Tell-Tale Art

Various apps: digital apps that allow students to explore unit-specific texts in visual, collaborative, and creative ways.



Library

Amplify Library: a digital library with more than 700 full-length texts across reading levels of interest to middle-schoolers, including some in Spanish.



Spotlight

Spotlight: an app that allows teachers to project, highlight, and celebrate student writing within the classroom.



Vocab App

Vocabulary app: provides engaging games, repeated encounters with new words across multiple contexts, and an interactive stats page that helps them track their own progress.



Help

Help: search through a database of support articles.

Questions?

Visit amplify.com/support.

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