Overall Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Oral Communication	
By the end of Grade 7, students will:	
1. listen in order to understand and respond	Program and Planning Guide pages 8, 9, 12, 13,
appropriately in a variety of situations for a	64, 86 - 89
variety of purposes;	All Inquiry Units
	All Book Clubs
2. use speaking skills and strategies	Program and Planning Guide pages 86 – 88
appropriately to communicate with different	
audiences for a variety of purposes;	Inquiry Units:
	Behind the Music pages 18, 19, 21, 23, 26, 48, 63,
	68, 71, 84
	Environmental Choices pages 3, 21 – 27, 30, 33,
	68, 70, 72, 74, 78, 79
	Laugh Out Loud pages 34, 57, 76 – 78
	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence page 29
	This Is Who I Am pages 28, 56
3. reflect on and identify their strengths as	Program and Planning Guide page 46
listeners and speakers, areas for	
improvement, and the strategies they found	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
most helpful in oral communication	Behind the Music page 31
situations.	Environmental Choices page 31
	Laugh Out Loud page 78
	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence page 83



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1. Listening to Understand	
By the end of Grade 7, students will:	
Purpose	Program and Planning Guide pages 12, 13, 86
1.1 identify a range of purposes for listening	
in a variety of situations, formal and	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
informal, and set goals appropriate for	Behind the Music pages 27, 30, 31
specific listening tasks (e.g., to analyse the	Environmental Choices pages 16, 17, 21 – 26, 70,
arguments on both sides of a class debate; to	71, 74, 78
create a character sketch based on a sound	Laugh Out Loud pages 18, 23, 25
clip from a film or an audiotape of an	
interview; to synthesize ideas in a literature	Book Club Units:
circle)	Follow the Evidence pages 19, 20, 23, 25, 26, 32,
	33, 36 – 42, 44 – 46, 48, 50, 52
	History Comes Alive pages 20, 27, 31, 33,
	35 – 42, 45 – 49, 51 - 53
	This Is Who I Am pages 18, 19, 27, 28, 31 – 34,
	36 – 39, 41 - 46
Active Listening Strategies	Program and Planning Guide pages 86 - 89
1.2 demonstrate an understanding of	
appropriate listening behaviour by adapting	Inquiry Units:
active listening strategies to suit a wide	Behind the Music pages 18, 19, 25, 71, 84
variety of situations, including work in	Environmental Choices page 21
groups (e.g., take turns without interrupting	Laugh Out Loud page 65
or overlapping during a class debate or	D. J. GL.L. IV.
panel discussion; ask questions to make	Book Club Units:
connections to the ideas of others; use vocal	Follow the Evidence pages 29, 54, 57, 69
prompts in dialogue to express empathy,	History Comes Alive pages 31, 33, 42, 44
interest, and personal regard: After an	This Is Who I Am pages 40, 55, 57, 60
experience like that, I can imagine how you	
felt.)	

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Comprehension Strategies	Program and Planning Guide pages 8, 12, 86, 87
1.3 identify a variety of listening	
comprehension strategies and use them	<u>Inquiry Units</u>
appropriately before, during, and after	Behind the Music page 27
listening in order to understand and clarify	Environmental Choices pages 25, 26, 70
the meaning of increasingly complex or	Laugh Out Loud pages 23, 25
challenging oral texts (e.g., use background	
knowledge about the structure of oral texts	Book Club Units:
such as debates, interviews, speeches,	Follow the Evidence pages 19, 23, 26, 37
monologues, lectures, and plays to make	History Comes Alive pages 33, 42, 46
predictions and identify important ideas	This Is Who I Am pages 27, 28, 31, - 34, 45, 46
while listening; ask questions for	
clarification or further information;	
visualize scenes suggested by evocative or	
descriptive language in a text; use note-	
taking strategies to keep track of or	
summarize important points made by a	
speaker)	
Demonstrating Understanding	Program and Planning Guide page 86
1.4 demonstrate an understanding of the	
information and ideas in increasingly	Book Club Units:
complex oral texts in a variety of ways (e.g.,	Follow the Evidence
briefly outline the main ideas in a text;	History Comes Alive
accurately carry out a procedure or follow	This Is Who I Am
instructions; use a graphic form of	
expression, such as drawing or tableaux, to	Throughout Book Clubs: After the reading of
depict the important ideas in an oral text)	Modelled Text
Making Inferences/Interpreting Texts	Program and Planning Guide page 87
1.5 develop and explain interpretations of	
oral texts using stated and implied ideas	<u>Inquiry Units:</u>
from the texts to support their interpretation	Behind the Music page 9, 31
Teacher prompt: "Explain what evidence	Environmental Choices pages 3 – 7, 16, 68
you used to determine the theme(s) in this	Laugh Out Loud page 5, 6, 9, 16, 24
oral text."	
	Book Club Units:
	This Is Who I Am pages 18, 31, 33, 34



Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Extending Understanding	Program and Planning Guide page 86
1.6 extend understanding of oral texts,	
including increasingly complex texts, by	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
connecting, comparing, and contrasting the	Environmental Choices page 31
ideas and information in them to their own	Laugh Out Loud page 23
knowledge, experience, and insights; to	
other texts, including print and visual texts;	Book Club Units:
and to the world around them (e.g., activate	Follow the Evidence pages 23, 36, 50, 52
prior knowledge in order to assess the	History Comes Alive pages 20, 39, 41
credibility of a speaker's assertions; assess	This Is Who I Am pages 18, 27, 28
the validity of other speakers' ideas in	
relation to their own and modify their own	
ideas if appropriate; compare the	
information or ideas in an oral text to those	
in another text on the same topic)	
Analysing Texts	Program and Planning Guide page 87
1.7 analyse oral texts in order to evaluate	
how effectively they communicate ideas,	Inquiry Units:
opinions, themes, or experiences, and	Behind the Music pages 27, 29 - 31
suggest possible improvements (e.g., listen	Environmental Choices pages 23, 24
to two sides of an argument in a debate,	Laugh Out Loud pages 23, 25
make a judgment, and develop a personal	
position on the topic)	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence pages 23 – 25, 32, 33, 38 -
	41, 44 – 46, 48, 50, 52
	History Comes Alive pages 20, 35, 40, 41, 45, 48,
	49
	This Is Who I Am page 34
Point of View	Program and Planning Guide page 87
1.8 explain the connection between a	
speaker's tone and the point of view or	Inquiry Units:
perspective presented in oral texts (e.g., the	Environmental Choices pages 26, 29
reason why a speaker might employ humour	Laugh Out Loud pages 23, 25, 26
to present a serious theme) Teacher	
prompts: "How does the use of humour in	Book Club Units:
this text influence the audience?" "Why do	History Comes Alive pages 23, 52
you think the speaker uses sarcasm? Is it	This Is Who I Am pages 23, 27, 28, 34, 40
effective? Why, or why not?"	

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Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Presentation Strategies	Program and Planning Guide pages 86, 88
1.9 identify a wide variety of presentation	
strategies used in oral texts and evaluate	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
their effectiveness (e.g., the use of humour,	Behind the Music pages 67, 68
body language, visual aids, vocal effects)	Environmental Choices pages 17, 18
	Laugh Out Loud pages 23 – 27, 46, 51, 78
	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence page 23
	History Comes Alive page 21
	This Is Who I Am page 23
2. Speaking to Communicate	
By the end of Grade 7, students will:	
Purpose	Program and Planning Guide pages 86 - 88
2.1 identify a range of purposes for speaking	
and explain how the purpose and intended	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
audience might influence the choice of	Behind the Music pages 18, 19, 84
speaking strategies (e.g., to present	Environmental Choices page 70
conclusions about a research project through	Laugh Out Loud page 78
dramatization, a role play, or a monologue;	
to interest classmates in a social issue	Book Club Units:
through a debate; to solve problems or	Follow the Evidence page 29
investigate issues and ideas through a group	This Is Who I Am page 28
brainstorming session)	
Interactive Strategies	Program and Planning Guide pages 86 - 88
2.2 demonstrate an understanding of	
appropriate speaking behaviour in most	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
situations, adapting contributions and	Behind the Music pages 19, 48, 63, 68
responses to suit the purpose and audience	
(e.g., ask questions and paraphrase to	Book Club Units:
confirm understanding; request repetition or	Follow the Evidence pages 17, 29, 35, 39, 42
an explanation from other group members	History Comes Alive pages 44, 45
when meaning is unclear; use language and	This Is Who I Am pages 28, 40, 55, 57
forms of address that are appropriate to the	
formality or informality of the situation)	

Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Clarity and Coherence	Program and Planning Guide pages 87, 88
2.3 communicate orally in a clear, coherent	



manner, using a structure and style appropriate to both the topic and the intended audience (e.g., use a formal structure of opening statement, enumeration of points, and summary/conclusion, and a straightforward, impersonal style, to present a position statement on an issue)

Inquiry Units:

Behind the Music page 71 Environmental Choices pages 3, 17, 21 – 26, 68, 70, 72, 74, 78, 79 Laugh Out Loud page 34

Book Club Units: Follow the Evidence page 29

Appropriate Language

2.4 use appropriate words, phrases, and terminology from the full range of their vocabulary, including inclusive and non-discriminatory language, and a range of stylistic devices, to communicate their meaning accurately and engage the interest of their intended audience (e.g., use the technical vocabulary of the subject area during a scientific investigation in a group setting; incorporate literary language and structures into personal anecdotes or imaginative narratives; use emotive language in a persuasive appeal to a large group)

Inquiry Units:

Environmental Choices pages 27, 30, 33 Laugh Out Loud pages 34, 57

Program and Planning Guide pages 87, 88

Book Club Units:

Follow the Evidence page 29

Vocal Skills and Strategies

2.5 identify a range of vocal effects, including tone, pace, pitch, volume, and a variety of sound effects, and use them appropriately and with sensitivity towards cultural differences to communicate their meaning (e.g., use pauses and changes of pace to highlight the introduction of each new point in a speech to the student body)

Program and Planning Guide: pages 87, 88



Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7		
Non-Verbal Cues	Program and Planning Guide pages 86, 87		
2.6 identify a variety of non-verbal cues,			
including facial expression, gestures, and	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :		
eye contact, and use them in oral	Laugh Out Loud page 34		
communications, appropriately and with			
sensitivity to-wards cultural differences, to			
help convey their meaning (e.g., lean into a			
group to make a point; make eye contact			
with the person to whom the			
response/question is directed)			
Visual Aids	Inquiry Units:		
2.7 use a variety of appropriate visual aids	Behind the Music page 23		
(e.g., charts, videos, props, multimedia) to			
support and enhance oral presentations (e.g.,	Book Club Units:		
use a short video clip to support a formal	This Is Who I Am page 56		
presentation)			
3. Reflecting on Oral Communication Skill	3. Reflecting on Oral Communication Skills and Strategies		
By the end of Grade 7, students will:			
Metacognition	Program and Planning Guide page 46		
3.1 identify what strategies they found most			
helpful before, during, and after listening	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :		
and speaking and what steps they can take	Behind the Music page 31		
to improve their oral communication skills	Environmental Choices page 31		
Teacher prompts: "What do you try to find			
out before you begin to listen to an oral			
text?" "How can a partner help you clarify			
your ideas after listening to an oral text?"			
"What steps help you prepare to speak in a			
formal situation?"			
Interconnected Skills	Program and Planning Guide page 46		
3.2 identify how their skills as viewers,			
representers, readers, and writers help them	Inquiry Units:		
improve their oral communication skills	Behind the Music pages 21		
Teacher prompt: "How does reading about	Environmental Choices pages 26, 64, 86		
an issue help you participate in a discussion	Laugh Out Loud page 78		
about it?"			
	Book Club Units:		
	Follow the Evidence page 83		



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Reading		
By the end of Grade 7, students	s will:	
1. read and demonstrate an und	lerstanding of	Program and Planning Guide pages 11, 89
a variety of literary, graphic, an	nd	All Inquiry Units
informational texts, using a ran	ge of	All Book Club Units
strategies to construct meaning	•	
2. recognize a variety of text for		Program and Planning Guide pages 5, 8, 9, 30, 34,
features, and stylistic elements	and	44, 66
demonstrate understanding of l	now they help	All Inquiry Units
communicate meaning;		All Book Club Units
3. use knowledge of words and	cueing	Program and Planning Guide pages 30, 34, 66
systems to read fluently;		All Inquiry Units
		All Book Club Units
4. reflect on and identify their s	_	Program and Planning Guide pages 46 54, 95
readers, areas for improvement		
strategies they found most help	ful before,	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
during, and after reading.		Behind the Music pages 31, 35, 43, 44, 50, 51, 57,
		58, 84
		Environmental Choices pages 26, 31, 67
		Laugh Out Loud pages 26, 33
		Book Club Units:
		Follow the Evidence pages 25
		History Comes Alive pages 19



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1. Reading for Meaning		
By the end of Grade 7, students will:		
Variety of Texts	Program and Planning Guide pages 11, 89	
1.1 read a wide variety of increasingly		
complex or difficult texts from diverse	All Inquiry Units	
cultures, including literary texts (e.g., short	All Book Club Units	
stories, poetry, novels, mysteries, historical		
fiction, autobiographies, scripts, lyrics),		
graphic texts (e.g., graphs and graphic		
organizers, charts and tables, diagrams,		
surveys, maps), and informational texts		
(e.g., print and online encyclopedias,		
manuals, magazine and newspaper articles;		
magazines in their first languages, where		
appropriate; electronic texts, textbooks, and		
non-fiction materials; a variety of		
dictionaries, thesauri, and websites)		
Purpose	Program and Planning Guide pages 14, 45, 46	
1.2 identify a variety of purposes for reading		
and choose reading materials appropriate for	All Inquiry Units	
those purposes (e.g., an electronic database	All Book Club Units	
listing magazines, newspapers, and journals		
to verify information; a national, local, or		
community newspaper for coverage of a		
specific/current issue; scripts and lyrics for		
enjoyment, recreation, and interest; an		
online or print encyclopedia article for		
background information)		
Comprehension Strategies	Program and Planning Guide pages 8 -11, 14, 20,	
1.3 identify a variety of reading	21, 44 – 46, 90 – 92, 94, 95	
comprehension strategies and use them		
appropriately before, during, and after	All Inquiry Units	
reading to understand increasingly complex	All Book Club Units	
texts (e.g., activate prior knowledge on a		
topic through dialogue and discussion; use		
visualization and comparisons with images		
from other media to clarify details of		
characters, scenes, or concepts; ask		
questions to monitor understanding;		
summarize sections of text during reading;		
synthesize ideas to broaden understanding)		



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Demonstrating Understanding	Program and Planning Guide page 11
1.4 demonstrate understanding of	
increasingly complex texts by summarizing	Inquiry Units:
important ideas and citing a variety of details	Behind the Music pages 19, 28, 35, 42, 49, 56,
that support the main idea (e.g., key	63, 64
information in manuals, surveys, graphs,	Environmental Choices pages 57, 59, 71
online and print encyclopedias, websites,	Laugh Out Loud pages 23, 33
tables and charts; theme and related ideas in	
magazine articles, dramatic monologues,	Book Club Units:
television programs)	Follow the Evidence pages 16, 17, 24, 25, 31,
	36, 41, 42, 44, 51, 52
	History Comes Alive pages 31, 33, 36 – 38, 40,
	45, 49
	This Is Who I Am pages 22, 28, 35, 37, 44 - 46
Making Inferences/Interpreting Texts	Program and Planning Guide page 11
1.5 develop and explain interpretations of	
increasingly complex or difficult texts using	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
stated and implied ideas from the texts to	Behind the Music pages 19, 42, 49, 56, 63
support their interpretations	Environmental Choices pages 3 – 7, 9, 16, 40,
Teacher prompts: "How does the information	56, 68
in the graphic influence your interpretation of	
the text?" "What do you think the author	Book Club Units:
wants you to realize about the character's	Follow the Evidence pages 16, 17, 20, 24 – 26,
decision in this scene? How is this	31, 33, 35, 36, 41, 46, 50 – 52, 55
information communicated?"	History Comes Alive pages 21, 24, 38
	This Is Who I Am pages 18 – 20, 22, 24, 31, 32,
	34, 36 – 39, 41 – 46, 52



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Extending Understanding	Program and Planning Guide pages 10, 44, 47, 90,
1.6 extend understanding of texts, including	91
increasingly complex or difficult texts, by	
connecting the ideas in them to their own	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
knowledge, experience, and insights, to	Behind the Music pages 19, 26, 27, 32, 33, 39, 42,
other familiar texts, and to the world around	46, 47, 49, 53, 54, 56, 60, 61, 63
them (e.g., by comparing their own	Environmental Choices pages 3 – 7, 9, 16, 19, 21,
perspective to those of the characters in a	23, 24, 28, 31, 32, 35, 40, 42 – 44, 48, 55, 63, 66
historical novel)	Laugh Out Loud pages 22, 28, 29, 31, 38, 43, 48,
Teacher prompt: "How is the immigration	53
experience of these characters similar to that	
of new arrivals today? How is it different?"	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence pages 14 – 17, 25, 31,
	34 – 36, 39, 41, 42, 44, 55
	History Comes Alive pages 20, 23, 24, 38, 40, 41
	This Is Who I Am pages 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24,
	25, 27, 28, 31, 32, 34, 36, 37 – 39, 41 – 46, 52
Analysing Texts	Program and Planning Guide page 11
1.7 analyse a variety of texts, both simple	
and complex, and explain how the different	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
elements in them contribute to meaning and	Behind the Music pages 19, 33, 41, 43, 49, 56, 57
influence the reader's reaction (e.g.,	Environmental Choices pages 2, 28 – 31, 37, 38,
narrative: having ordinary characters caught	44, 50, 51, 56, 57, 71
up in an exciting plot makes the story seem	Laugh Out Loud pages 23, 26, 33
more real; debate: the formal, balanced	
structure encourages the reader to pay equal	Book Club Units:
attention to both sides of the argument)	Follow the Evidence pages 16, 17, 23, 25, 26, 31,
Teacher prompts: "What does the author do	40, 42, 44, 46, 51, 52
to engage our sympathy for the main	History Comes Alive pages 23, 31, 33, 35, 36,
character? Why do you think the author	39 – 41, 49
makes us wait to find out what happens to	This Is Who I Am pages 23 – 25, 27, 31, 44, 45
this character?" "Does reading about another	
point of view make you think about this	
issue differently?"	

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Responding to and Evaluating Texts	Program and Planning Guide page 11
1.8 evaluate the effectiveness of both simple	
and complex texts based on evidence from	Inquiry Units:



the texts

Teacher prompt: "Did the author's argument convince you? What impressed you the most - the facts themselves or the way they were presented?"

Behind the Music pages 19, 42, 43, 49, 56, 57, 63, 64

Environmental Choices pages 3, 5, 24, 40 Laugh Out Loud pages 26, 33

Book Club Units:

Follow the Evidence pages 16, 17, 20, 23 – 26, 31, 33, 35, 36, 40, 44, 46, 50, 51, 55, 57 History Comes Alive pages 23, 24, 35, 39, 45, 49 This Is Who I Am pages 18 – 25, 27, 28, 31, 32, 37, 39, 44, 45, 52

Point of View

1.9 identify the point of view presented in texts, including increasingly complex or difficult texts; give evidence of any biases they may contain; and suggest other possible perspectives (e.g., determine whether an author's choice of voices to include seems justified and suggest how the meaning would change if different voices were chosen)

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Inquiry Units:

Behind the Music page 31 Environmental Choices pages 26, 29, 74 Laugh Out Loud pages 23, 44

Book Club Units:

History Comes Alive pages 30, 31, 39

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Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7 **Specific Expectations** 2. Understanding Form and Style By the end of Grade 7, students will: **Text Forms** Program and Planning Guide page 5 2.1 analyse a variety of text forms and explain how their particular characteristics All Inquiry Units help communicate meaning, with a focus on literary texts such as a novel (e.g., the All Book Club Units realistic portrayal of imagined characters and actions helps the reader become involved in the story), graphic texts such as a photo essay (e.g., the pictures and captions together communicate much more than they could separately), and informational texts such as a manual (e.g., the use of headings, numbered steps, and illustrations makes the



procedures easy to follow)

Text Patterns

2.2 analyse increasingly complex texts to identify organizational patterns used in them and explain how the patterns help communicate meaning (e.g., a question-and-answer format in a report or article; groups and subgroups in a table or web) Teacher prompt: "How does the organizational pattern make it easy for you to find the information you need?"

Inquiry Units:

Behind the Music pages 26, 27, 32, 47, 54, 60 - 62

Environmental Choices pages 36, 43, 49, 56 Laugh Out Loud pages 28, 29, 38, 39, 43, 44, 48, 49, 54

Book Club Units:

Follow the Evidence pages 16, 23, 49, 50 History Comes Alive pages 20, 57 This Is Who I Am pages 24, 49, 50



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Text Features	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
2.3 identify a variety of text features and	Behind the Music pages 27, 32, 33, 40, 47, 54, 61
explain how they help communicate	Environmental Choices pages 29, 36, 37, 43, 49,
meaning (e.g., a task bar, hyperlinks, margin	56
notes, "Works Cited" or "References" lists)	Laugh Out Loud pages 29, 31, 34, 39, 44, 48, 49,
,	54
	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence pages 16, 22, 23, 49, 50, 52
	History Comes Alive pages $18 - 20, 57$
	This Is Who I Am pages 18, 22
Elements of Style	
2.4 identify various elements of style -	Inquiry Units:
including foreshadowing, metaphor, and	Laugh Out Loud pages 41, 46, 55
symbolism - and explain how they help	
communicate meaning and enhance the	Book Club Units:
effectiveness of texts (e.g., a metaphor	History Comes Alive pages 21, 27, 31, 36, 37, 40
creates vivid, striking pictures in the reader's	This Is Who I Am pages 34, 36, 54, 55, 62
mind by suggesting an unexpected analogy	
between one type of object or idea and a	
different object or idea: a budding poet)	



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3. Reading With Fluency	
By the end of Grade 7, students will:	
Reading Familiar Words	Program and Planning Guide pages 30, 34, 66
3.1 automatically read and understand most	
words in a wide range of reading contexts	All Inquiry Units
(e.g., words from grade-level texts;	
terminology used in discussions and posted	All Book Club Units
on anchor charts; words from shared-,	
guided-, and independent-reading texts,	
electronic texts, and resource materials in	
the curriculum subject areas)	
Reading Unfamiliar Words	Program and Planning Guide pages 34, 39, 40, 55
3.2 predict the meaning of and rapidly solve	
unfamiliar words using different types of	Inquiry Units:
cues, including:	Behind the Music pages 28, 36 - 38
• semantic (meaning) cues (e.g., prefixes,	Environmental Choices pages 27, 31 – 34, 80, 81
suffixes, base words, phrases, sentences, and	Laugh Out Loud pages 35 – 37, 39
visuals that activate existing knowledge of	
oral and written language);	Book Club Units:
• syntactic (language structure) cues (e.g.,	Follow the Evidence pages 26 – 28, 52 - 54
word order, language patterns, punctuation);	History Comes Alive pages 15, 16, 23 – 26, 71,
• graphophonic (phonological and graphic)	72
cues (e.g., familiar words within larger	This Is Who I Am pages 25, 26, 54, 55
words, syllables within longer words,	
similarities between words with known	
spelling patterns and unknown words)	
Reading Fluently	All Inquiry Units
3.3 read appropriate texts with expression	
and confidence, adjusting reading strategies	All Book Club Units
and reading rate to match the form and	
purpose (e.g., read in role with suitable	
emphasis and phrasing to dramatize a text	
for an audience)	



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4. Reflecting on Reading Skills and Strateg	ies
By the end of Grade 7, students will:	
Metacognition	Program and Planning Guide page 54
4.1 identify a range of strategies they found	
helpful before, during, and after reading and	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
explain, in conversation with the teacher	Behind the Music pages 31, 35, 43, 44, 50, 51, 57,
and/or peers or in a reader's notebook, how	58, 84
they can use these and other strategies to	Environmental Choices page 31
improve as readers	Laugh Out Loud page 33
Teacher prompts: "What strategies helped	
you to synthesize ideas while reading a	Book Club Units:
longer text?" "What kind of graphic	Follow the Evidence page 25
organizers helped you to represent your	History Comes Alive page 19
understanding of the text after reading?"	
"What strategy works best for you when you	
come to a word or concept that is	
unfamiliar?" "What questions do you ask	
yourself that help you monitor your	
reading?" "What is the most effective use of	
your reader's notebook?"	
Interconnected Skills	Program and Planning and Planning Guide pages
4.2 explain, in conversation with the teacher	46, 95
and/or peers or in a reader's notebook, how	
their skills in listening, speaking, writing,	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
viewing, and representing help them make	Behind the Music page 43
sense of what they read	Environmental Choices pages 26, 67
Teacher prompts: "How has your experience	Laugh Out Loud page 26
of writing influenced the way you read?"	
"How do you think a literature circle	
discussion helps you to understand a text?"	
"How does writing about what you read in	
your reader's notebook help you as a	
reader?"	



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Writing	
By the end of Grade 7, students will:	
1. generate, gather, and organize ideas and	Program and Planning Guide pages 16, 17, 96
information to write for an intended purpose	
and audience;	Inquiry Units:
	Behind the Music pages 7, 18 – 24, 31, 69 - 71
	Environmental Choices pages 12, 72 - 76
	Laugh Out Loud pages 18 – 21, 27, 64 – 66, 68
	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence pages 61 – 64, 67
	History Comes Alive pages 61 - 64
	This Is Who I Am pages 59, 60
	This is who i'm pages by, oo
	The Writer's Handbook pages 4, 7 - 12
2. draft and revise their writing, using a	Program and Planning Guide pages 17, 96, 97, 99
variety of informational, literary, and	
graphic forms and stylistic elements	Inquiry Units:
appropriate for the purpose and audience;	Behind the Music pages 62, 69 - 76
	Environmental Choices pages 19, 70 - 79
	Laugh Out Loud pages 61 - 74
	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence pages 64 - 66
	History Comes Alive pages 62 – 65, 70
	This Is Who I Am pages $61 - 63$
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	The Writer's Handbook pages 13 - 30



Overall Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Writing	
By the end of Grade 7, students will:	
3. use editing, proofreading, and publishing	Program and Planning Guide pages 17, 30 – 36,
skills and strategies, and knowledge of	109, 110
language conventions, to correct errors,	
refine expression, and present their work	Inquiry Units:
effectively;	Behind the Music pages 74 - 78
	Environmental Choices pages 77 - 81
	Laugh Out Loud pages 73 – 75,
	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence pages 26 – 29, 42, 46,
	52 – 54, 68 - 72
	History Comes Alive pages 15, 16, 25, 26, 69 - 72
	This Is Who I Am pages 25, 26, 54, 55, 67, 68
	The Writer's Handbook pages 16, 19, 31 - 39
4. reflect on and identify their strengths as	Program and Planning Guide page 108
writers, areas for improvement, and the	
strategies they found most helpful at	Inquiry Units:
different stages in the writing process.	Behind the Music pages 75, 76, 82, 83
	Environmental Choices pages 78, 79
	Laugh Out Loud pages 74, 77
	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence pages 69, 60, 82
	History Comes Alive pages 70, 71, 75
	This Is Who I Am pages 64, 65



Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
1. Developing and Organizing Content	
By the end of Grade 7, students will:	
Purpose and Audience	Program and Planning Guide pages 16, 17, 96
1.1 identify the topic, purpose, and audience	
for more complex writing forms (e.g., a rap	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
poem or jingle, to express a personal view to	Behind the Music pages 20, 69
the class; a report for a community	Environmental Choices pages 72 - 74
newspaper about a public meeting on an	Laugh Out Loud page 65
environmental issue affecting local	
neighbourhoods; an autobiography for a	Book Club Units:
youth magazine, web page, blog, or zine)	Follow the Evidence pages 61, 63, 64
	History Comes Alive page 61
	This Is Who I Am pages 59, 60
	The Writer's Handbook page 4
Developing Ideas	Program and Planning Guide pages 16, 17, 96
1.2 generate ideas about more challenging	
topics and identify those most appropriate	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
for the purpose	Behind the Music pages 69, 70
	Environmental Choices page 72
	Laugh Out Loud page 64
	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence pages 61, 62
	History Comes Alive page 61
	This Is Who I Am page 59
	The Writer's Handbook pages 7 - 12



Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Research	Program and Planning Guide page 17
1.3 gather information to support ideas for	
writing, using a variety of strategies and a	Inquiry Units:
wide range of print and electronic resources	Behind the Music pages 69, 70
(e.g., use a timeline to organize research	Environmental Choices pages 72, 73
tasks; interview people with knowledge of	Laugh Out Loud pages 64, 65
the topic; identify and use appropriate	
graphic and multimedia resources; record	Book Club Units:
sources used and information gathered in a	Follow the Evidence page 62
form that makes it easy to understand and	History Comes Alive page 62
retrieve)	This Is Who I Am page 59
	<u>The Writer's Handbook</u> pages 7 - 12
Classifying Ideas	Program and Planning Guide page 101
1.4 sort and classify ideas and information	
for their writing in a variety of ways that	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
allow them to manipulate information and	Behind the Music pages 18 – 24, 31, 71
see different combinations and relationships	Environmental Choices pages 72, 73
in their data (e.g., by underlining or	Laugh Out Loud pages 18 – 21, 27 65
highlighting key words or phrases; by using	
a graphic organizer such as a	Book Club Units:
"Plus/Minus/Interesting" chart)	Follow the Evidence page 63
	History Comes Alive pages 62, 63
	This Is Who I Am page 60
	The Writer's Handbook page 9



Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Organizing Ideas	Program and Planning Guide page 17
1.5 identify and order main ideas and	
supporting details and group them into units	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
that could be used to develop a multi-	Behind the Music page 70
paragraph piece of writing, using a variety	Environmental Choices pages 72, 73
of strategies (e.g., making jot notes;	Laugh Out Loud pages 64, 65
grouping according to key words; making	
charts; drawing webs) and organizational	Book Club Units:
patterns (e.g., combined/multiple orders	Follow the Evidence pages 62, 63
such as comparison and cause and effect)	History Comes Alive pages 62, 63
	This Is Who I Am page 60
	<u>The Writer's Handbook</u> pages 9 - 12
Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Review	Program and Planning Guide page 17
1.6 determine whether the ideas and	
information they have gathered are relevant,	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
appropriate, and sufficiently specific for the	Behind the Music page 71
purpose, and do more research if necessary	Environmental Choices pages 75, 76
(e.g., check for errors or omissions in	Laugh Out Loud page 68
information using a T-chart)	
	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence pages 64, 67
	History Comes Alive page 64
	This Is Who I Am page 60
	The Writer's Handbook pages 17 - 19



Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
2. Using Knowledge of Form and Style in V	Vriting
By the end of Grade 7, students will:	
Form	Program and Planning Guide pages 16, 17
2.1 write complex texts of different lengths	
using a wide range of forms (e.g., a	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
description of the procedure for growing	Behind the Music pages 69 - 76
rice or coffee; an explanation of multiple	Environmental Choices pages 70 - 79
ways to solve a mathematical problem or	Laugh Out Loud pages 61 - 74
investigation; an argument stating the	
opposing points of view on a community	Book Club Units:
issue, including the response of each side to	Follow the Evidence pages 58 - 70
the points made by the other side, for a	History Comes Alive pages 60 - 71
class/school debate, or to report on the	This Is Who I Am pages 58 - 65
debate in a newsletter; a fictional narrative	
about a historical event to dramatize	The Writer's Handbook pages 5, 6
material studied; a mystery story modelled	
on the structures and conventions of the	
genre)	
Voice	Program and Planning Guide page 17
2.2 establish a distinctive voice in their	
writing appropriate to the subject and	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
audience (e.g., use language that	Behind the Music page 72
communicates their "stance" or point of	Environmental Choices pages 74, 75
view on an issue and identify the words	Laugh Out Loud pages 68 - 70
and/or phrases that help them achieve this	
goal)	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence pages 64, 65
	History Comes Alive pages 64, 65
	This Is Who I Am page 61
	The Writer's Handbook pages 13 - 15



Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Word Choice	Program and Planning Guide page 99
2.3 regularly use vivid and/or figurative	
language and innovative expressions in their	Inquiry Units:
writing (e.g., a wide variety of adjectives	Behind the Music page 73
and adverbs; similes, metaphors, and other	Environmental Choices pages 74, 75
rhetorical devices such as exaggeration or personification)	Laugh Out Loud page 71
Teacher prompt: "Identify three language	Book Club Units:
choices you have made and explain the	Follow the Evidence page 65
effect they will have on a reader."	This Is Who I Am page 62
erroet they was nave on a reader.	Time is who i'im page 62
	The Writer's Handbook page 15
Sentence Fluency	Program and Planning Guide page 17
2.4 vary sentence structures to give their	
writing rhythm and pacing by using a	Inquiry Units:
variety of connecting and/or introductory	Behind the Music page 73
words and phrases (e.g., however, for	Environmental Choices page 76
example, therefore, as a result) to help	Laugh Out Loud page 72
combine short, simple sentences into longer,	
more complex sentences	Book Club Units:
_	This Is Who I Am pages 62, 63
	The Writer's Handbook pages 28 - 30
Point of View	Program and Planning Guide pages 96, 97
2.5 identify their point of view and other	
possible points of view, evaluate other	Inquiry Units:
points of view, and find ways to	Environmental Choices pages 19, 70, 71, 73, 74
acknowledge other points of view, if	
appropriate	
Teacher prompt: "How could you let your	
audience know you have thought about	
other points of view?"	



Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Preparing for Revision	Program and Planning Guide page 17
2.6 identify elements in their writing that	
need improvement, selectively using	Inquiry Units:
feedback from the teacher and peers, with a	Behind the Music page 74
focus on voice, diction, and an effective	Environmental Choices pages 75, 76
beginning and ending Teacher prompts:	Laugh Out Loud pages 62, 72
"Would your audience understand your	
feelings about your topic?" "Could you add	Book Club Units:
one figurative expression or rhetorical	Follow the Evidence pages 65, 66
device that would strengthen your work?"	History Comes Alive page 65
"Will your opening sentence engage the	This Is Who I Am page 61
interest of your audience?"	
	The Writer's Handbook page 17
Revision	Program and Planning Guide page 17
2.7 make revisions to improve the content,	
clarity, and interest of their written work,	Inquiry Units:
using a variety of strategies (e.g., use mar-	Behind the Music page 74
gin notes or sticky notes while rereading to	Environmental Choices pages 75, 76
record ideas for additions or changes; add or	Laugh Out Loud pages 73, 74
substitute words and phrases, including	
vocabulary from other subjects; use	Book Club Units:
rhetorical devices such as understatement to	Follow the Evidence pages 65, 66
achieve particular effects; adjust sentence	History Comes Alive pages 62, 63
length, type, and complexity to suit the	This Is Who I Am pages 62, 63
audience and purpose; use patterns such as	
repetition of key phrases for emphasis and	The Writer's Handbook pages 17 - 27
to engage the attention of the audience)	
Teacher prompt: "Would a variety of	
sentence types and lengths help to create	
suspense?"	



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Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Producing Drafts	Literacy Support Guide page 17
2.8 produce revised draft pieces of writing	
to meet identified criteria based on the	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
expectations (e.g., adequate development	Behind the Music page 75
of information and ideas, logical	Environmental Choices pages 74, 75
organization, appropriate use of form and	Laugh Out Loud page 74
style, appropriate use of conventions)	
	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence pages 64, 65
	History Comes Alive page 70
	This Is Who I Am page 61
	The Writer's Handbook pages 13 - 16
	entions and Presenting Written Work Effectively
By the end of Grade 7, students will:	
Spelling Familiar Words	Program and Planning Guide pages 17, 30 - 36
3.1 spell familiar words correctly (e.g.,	
words from their oral vocabulary, anchor	Inquiry Units:
charts, and shared-, guided-, and	Behind the Music pages 77, 78
independent- reading texts; words used	Environmental Choices pages
regularly in instruction across the	Laugh Out Loud page 75
curriculum)	
	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence pages 71, 72
	History Comes Alive page 25
	This Is Who I Am pages 67, 68
	The Writer's Handbook page 16



Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Spelling Unfamiliar Words	Program and Planning Guide pages 17, 32, 33, 36
3.2 spell unfamiliar words using a variety of	
strategies that involve understanding sound-	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
symbol relationships, word structures, word	Behind the Music pages 76, 77
meanings, and generalizations about	Environmental Choices pages 80, 81
spelling (e.g., write words syllable by	Laugh Out Loud page 75
syllable; sort words by visual patterns;	
highlight tricky letters or groups of letters;	Book Club Units:
cluster root words and related forms: beauty,	Follow the Evidence pages 26 – 29, 70, 71
beautiful, beautician; apply knowledge of	History Comes Alive pages 15, 16, 25, 26, 71, 72
vowel and consonant patterns and rules for	This Is Who I Am pages 25, 26, 65, 66
forming possessives, contractions, and	
plurals)	The Writer's Handbook pages 15, 35
Vocabulary	Program and Planning Guide page 17
3.3 confirm spellings and word meanings or	
word choice using a variety of resources	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
appropriate for the purpose (e.g., locate	Behind the Music page 28
syllables, stress patterns, inflected forms,	Environmental Choices pages 27, 81
multiple meanings, and information about	Laugh Out Loud page 86
word origins in online and print dictionaries,	
including thematic dictionaries such as a	Book Club Units:
medical dictionary, bilingual dictionary, or	Follow the Evidence pages 46, 47, 52 - 54
dictionary of idioms; use a thesaurus to	History Comes Alive page 15
explore alternative word choices)	This Is Who I Am pages 54, 55
	The Writer's Handbook pages 32 - 33

Punctuation	Program and Planning Guide page 110
3.4 use punctuation appropriately to	
communicate their intended meaning in	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :



more complex writing forms, including forms specific to different subject areas, with a focus on the use of: periods after initials, in abbreviations, and in decimal numbers; parentheses; punctuation to indicate intonation, pauses, or gestures Behind the Music pages 74, 75 Environmental Choices page 77 Laugh Out Loud page 73

Book Club Units:

Follow the Evidence page 68 History Comes Alive pages 69, 70 This Is Who I Am pages 63, 64

The Writer's Handbook pages 31, 32 - 36

Program and Planning Guide page 109

Grammar

3.5 use parts of speech correctly to communicate their meaning clearly, with a focus on the use of: relative pronouns (e.g., who, whose, which, that); prepositions, including prepositional phrases; adjectives; conjunctions; adverbs; present, past, and future verb tenses; present and past participles (e.g., I am reading, I have read)

Inquiry Units:

Behind the Music pages 74, 75 Environmental Choices page 77 Laugh Out Loud page 73

Book Club Units:

Follow the Evidence page 68 History Comes Alive pages 69, 70 This Is Who I Am pages 63, 64

The Writer's Handbook pages 19, 25, 31, 37



Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Proofreading	Program and Planning Guide page 75
3.6 proofread and correct their writing using	
guidelines developed with peers and the	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
teacher (e.g., an editing checklist specific to	Behind the Music page 75
the writing task)	Environmental Choices page 77
	Laugh Out Loud pages 73, 74
	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence page 69
	History Comes Alive page 70
	This Is Who I Am page 64
	The Writer's Handbook pages 17 - 19
Publishing	Program and Planning Guide page 110
3.7 use a wide range of appropriate elements	
of effective presentation in the finished	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
product, including print, script, different	Behind the Music page 75
fonts, graphics, and layout (e.g., use legible	Environmental Choices pages 78, 79
printing and cursive writing; supply a time-	Laugh Out Loud page 74
line; supply captions and text boxes to	
accompany the photographs in a photo	Book Club Units:
essay; use a bulleted or point-form layout in	Follow the Evidence page 69
a summary of key points for a debate)	History Comes Alive page 70
	This Is Who I Am page 64
	The Writer's Handbook pages 38, 39



Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Producing Finished Works	Program and Planning Guide pages
3.8 produce pieces of published work to	
meet identified criteria based on the	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
expectations (e.g., adequacy of information	Behind the Music page 75
and ideas, logic and effectiveness of	Environmental Choices pages 78, 79
organization, effective use of form and	Laugh Out Loud page 74
stylistic elements, appropriate use of	
conventions, effective presentation)	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence page 69
	History Comes Alive page 70
	This Is Who I Am page 64
	The Writer's Handbook pages 38, 39
4. Reflecting on Writing Skills and Strategi	es
By the end of Grade 7, students will:	
Metacognition	Program and Planning Guide page 108
4.1 identify a variety of strategies they used	
before, during, and after writing, explain	Inquiry Units:
which ones were most helpful, and suggest	Behind the Music pages 75, 76, 82, 83
future steps they can take to improve as	Environmental Choices pages 78, 79
writers (e.g., use a three-column reflection	Laugh Out Loud pages 74, 77
journal to monitor the writing process: What	
I did/What I learned/How I can use it)	Book Club Units:
Teacher prompt: "Explain how you used	Follow the Evidence pages 69, 70, 82
your writer's notebook to help you identify	History Comes Alive pages 70, 71, 75
your strengths as a writer and your next	This Is Who I Am pages 64, 65
steps for writing."	



Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Interconnected Skills	Program and Planning Guide page 108
4.2 describe how their skills in listening,	
speaking, reading, viewing, and representing	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
help in their development as writers	Behind the Music pages 75, 76, 82, 83
Teacher prompt: "In what way have your	Environmental Choices pages 78, 79
experiences with reading, viewing, and	Laugh Out Loud pages 74, 77
listening to texts changed the way you think	
about the audience for your writing?"	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence pages 69, 70, 82
	History Comes Alive pages 70, 71, 75
	This Is Who I Am pages 64, 65, 73
Portfolio	Book Club Units:
4. 3 select pieces of writing that they think	Follow the Evidence page 69
reflect their growth and competence as	History Comes Alive page 71
writers and explain the reasons for their	This Is Who I Am page 64
choices	



Overall Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Media Literacy	
By the end of Grade 7, students will:	
1. demonstrate an understanding of a variety	Program and Planning Guide pages 106, 107
of media texts;	
	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
	Behind the Music pages 31 – 35, 40, 42 – 44, 46, 47, 49, 51, 55 – 58, 63
	Environmental Choices pages 22 – 26, 29, 30, 36,
	38 – 40, 43, 45, 49 – 53, 56 – 59, 64 – 68, 72 – 79, 86
	Laugh Out Loud pages 22 – 24, 29, 33
	Book Club Units:
	Follow the Evidence pages 51, 52
	History Comes Alive page 54
2. identify some media forms and explain	Program and Planning Guide pages 107, 108
how the conventions and techniques	
associated with them are used to create	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
meaning;	Behind the Music pages 33, 34, 40, 47
	Environmental Choices pages 45, 65
	Laugh Out Loud pages 31, 33
3. create a variety of media texts for different	Program and Planning Guide page 107
purposes and audiences, using appropriate	
forms, conventions, and techniques;	Inquiry Units:
	Environmental Choices pages 17, 18, 38, 51, 58,
	68, 72 – 75, 79, 86
4. reflect on and identify their strengths as	Program and Planning Guide page 108
media interpreters and creators, areas for	
improvement, and the strategies they found	Inquiry Units:
most helpful in understanding and creating	Behind the Music pages 75, 76, 82
media texts.	



Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
1. Understanding Media Texts	
By the end of Grade 7, students will:	
Purpose and Audience	Program and Planning Guide page 106
1.1 explain how various media texts address	
their intended purpose and audience (e.g.,	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
this sports team uniform uses school colours	Behind the Music pages 32 – 35, 40, 44, 46, 51,
and an image of the school's mascot to give	57, 58
the team a "brand" or "identity" to	Environmental Choices pages 22 -24, 52, 66, 67
encourage fan loyalty; this music group's	Laugh Out Loud page 29
web page uses electronic graphics and	
intense colours to reflect the group's style	Book Club Units:
and to encourage fans to buy its new CD)	Follow the Evidence page 52
Teacher prompt: "Why do companies and	
organizations consider it important to have a	
logo that gives them an 'identity' or 'brand'?"	
Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Making Inferences/ Interpreting	Program and Planning Guide page 106
Messages	
1.2 interpret increasingly complex or	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
difficult media texts, using overt and	Behind the Music pages 34, 35, 43, 49, 51, 56
implied messages as evidence for their	Environmental Choices pages 22 – 25, 29, 36, 38
interpretations (e.g., identify the editorial	-40, 43, 49 - 53, 56, 57, 59, 67
positions of two different newspapers by	
comparing the selection of stories and the	
composition of elements [photos, images,	
text] on their front pages; identify the	
themes in a contemporary action movie or	
comedy and explain how these themes	
contribute to the popularity of the film;	
explain how standards of beauty are	
established in advertising)	
Teacher prompts: "What are the differences	
in the way these sources cover this event?	
What do the differences tell you about each	
news source?" "What standards of beauty	
are projected in movies and advertisements?	
How do these standards affect students?"	



Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Responding to and Evaluating Texts	Program and Planning Guide page 106
1.3 evaluate the effectiveness of the	1 0
presentation and treatment of ideas,	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
information, themes, opinions, issues,	Behind the Music pages 33, 34, 42 – 44, 49, 56,
and/or experiences in media texts (e.g.,	57, 63
explain why the editorial/photo essay in this	Environmental Choices pages 25, 26, 30, 39, 56,
e-zine did or did not convince you of its	64
position; debate whether violence in	Laugh Out Loud pages 29, 33
televised professional sporting events adds	
to or detracts from their appeal)	Book Club Units:
Teacher prompts: "How was this theme	Follow the Evidence page 51
developed as the movie unfolded? Did the	
use of suspense enhance the effectiveness of	
the message?" "Did this video game deliver	
the excitement that was promised in the	
advertisement? What made it succeed/fail?"	
"Do the sports you see on television affect	
your decision about participating in	
particular sports?"	
Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Audience Responses	Program and Planning Guide page 106
1.4 explain why different audiences (e.g.,	
with respect to gender, age, nationality,	
ability/disability income level) might have	
different responses to a variety of media	
texts (e.g., messages in chat rooms,	
television broadcasts of international news	
stories, music, documentaries, clothing)	
Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Point of View	Program and Planning Guide pages 106, 107
1.5 demonstrate understanding that different	
media texts reflect different points of view	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
(e.g., compare pictures of the same character	Behind the Music page 31
and/or event in media texts aimed at	Environmental Choices pages 20, 26, 39, 44, 58
different audiences and identify the different	
perspectives represented)	
Teacher prompt: "What differences can you	
identify in the way the character is	
represented in the different texts? Which	
representation seems most/least fair? Why?	
What explanation can you suggest for the	
differences in the representations?"	



Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Production Perspectives	Program and Planning Guide
1.6 identify who produces various media	
texts and determine the commercial,	Inquiry Units:
ideological, political, cultural, and/or artistic	Behind the Music page 46
interests or perspectives that the texts may	Environmental Choices page 36
involve (e.g., films may be classified as	Laugh Out Loud pages 22 - 24
"artistic", "commercial", "documentary",	
and so on, reflecting the different	
perspectives and approaches they take; one	
magazine contains a majority of pieces	
offering a political perspective, whereas	
another features various pieces written from	
different perspectives) Teacher prompt:	
"Identify two or more perspectives evident	
on a cereal box. What makes these	
perspectives apparent? Are different kinds	
of graphics used for each? Are there	
differences in the positioning of elements?	
Is one perspective more dominant than the	
other? Explain why this might be the case."	
Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
2. Understanding Media Forms, Conventio	ns, and Techniques
By the end of Grade 7, students will:	
Form	Program and Planning Guide page 108
2.1 explain how individual elements of	
various media forms combine to create,	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
reinforce, and/or enhance meaning	Behind the Music pages 40, 47
Teacher prompt: "Explain how different	
elements of maps, such as colour (used to	
show different topographical features) and	
legends (used to show scale and compass	
orientation), are used in combination to	
make maps meaningful." "Describe the	
interrelationship of instrumentals, lyrics,	
and vocals in a favourite song."	



Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Conventions and Techniques	Program and Planning Guide page 107
2.2 identify the conventions and techniques	
used in a variety of media forms and explain	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
how they help convey meaning and	Behind the Music pages 33, 34, 40, 47
influence or engage the audience (e.g.,	Environmental Choices pages 45, 65
fashion magazine conventions: fashion and	1 6
cosmetics advertisements are more	
prominent than editorial content; fashion	
magazine techniques: "themed" presentation	
of clothing in photo spreads, dramatic	
modelling poses to display novel features of	
the clothing) Teacher prompts: "What does	
the placement of the advertisements tell you	
about a magazine?" "Identify different	
camera angles used for the photographs in	
the advertisements and explain their effect."	
Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
3. Creating Media Texts	
By the end of Grade 7, students will:	
Purpose and Audience	Program and Planning Guide page 107
3.1 explain why they have chosen the topic	
for a media text they plan to create (e.g., a	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
class newspaper or pamphlet to inform	Environmental Choices page 51
parents about the achievements and	
activities of students in the class), and	
identify challenges they may face in	
engaging and/or influencing their audience	
Teacher prompt: "Parents are very busy	
people. What in your pamphlet will succeed	
in capturing their attention?"	
Form	Program and Planning Guide page 107
3.2 identify an appropriate form to suit the	
specific purpose and audience for a media	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
text they plan to create (e.g., a website or	Behind the Music page 70
multimedia presentation about a unit of	Environmental Choices page 86
study to present research findings to the	
class), and explain why it is an appropriate	
choice	
Teacher prompt: "What makes this form an	
effective way to present your message to	
this particular audience?"	



Specific Expectations	Scholastic Stepping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
Conventions and Techniques	Program and Planning Guide page 107
3.3 identify conventions and techniques	
appropriate to the form chosen for a media	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
text they plan to create, and explain how	Environmental Choices pages 73 - 75
they will use the conventions and techniques	
to help communicate their message (e.g.,	
movie poster conventions: title, images of	
the actors "in role", positive quotations from	
reviewers; movie poster techniques:	
distinctive lettering, arresting or unusual	
layout or treatment of images)	
Producing Media Texts	Program and Planning Guide page 107
3.4 produce a variety of media texts of some	
technical complexity for specific purposes	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
and audiences, using appropriate forms,	Environmental Choices pages 17, 18, 38, 51, 58,
conventions, and techniques (e.g.,	68, 72, 79
• a class newspaper for parents	
• a class magazine for students in a lower	
grade	
• a multimedia report on a unit of study for	
geography	
• a website about the school for new	
students	
• a movie poster	
• an advertisement for a new product	
• a theatre review with commentary on the	
use of conventions and techniques for a	
class/school newspaper	
• a scene for a film based on a prose	
narrative	
• two media texts on the same subject using	
different media forms)	



Specific Expectations Scholastic Step	pping Up with Literacy Place, Grade 7
4. Reflecting on Media Literacy Skills and Strategies	
By the end of Grade 7, students will:	
Metacognition	Program and Planning Guide page 108
4.1 identify what strategies they found most	
helpful in making sense of and creating	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
media texts, and explain how these and	Behind the Music pages 75, 76, 82
other strategies can help them improve as	Environmental Choices page 78
media viewers/listeners/producers	
Teacher prompt: "What aspects of the	
planning process were most important to the	
success of your media text?"	
Interconnected Skills	Program and Planning Guide page 108
4.2 explain how their skills in listening,	
speaking, reading, and writing help them to	<u>Inquiry Units</u> :
make sense of and produce media texts	Behind the Music pages 75, 76, 82
Teacher prompts: "How do reading skills	
help you judge the effectiveness of your	
own media texts?" "What writing skills	
might help you improve the effectiveness of	
your own media texts?"	

