

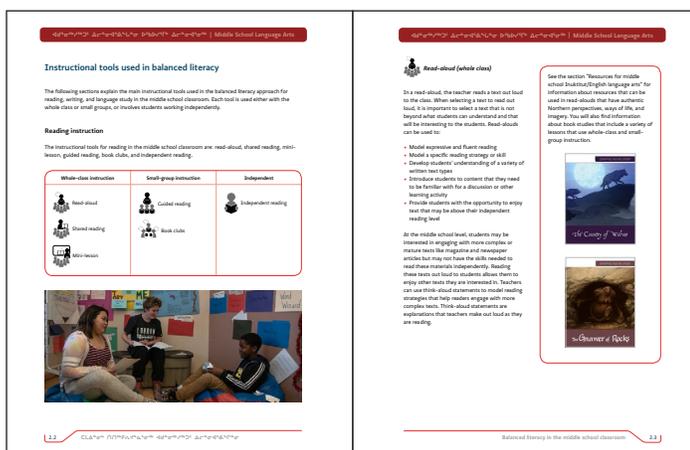
What is it?

The Middle School Language Arts Binder supports Nunavut educators who teach language arts in Inuktitut or English at the middle school level. The binder provides a guide to the balanced literacy approach to instruction at the middle school level and contains a guide to available literacy resources in Inuktitut and English. In addition, the binder provides teaching strategies and reproducible resources for effective and engaging language instruction in middle school classrooms.



The Middle School Language Arts Binder contains the following sections:

- **Balanced literacy in the middle school classroom:** This section gives a description of the balanced literacy approach and the different components of balanced literacy, with a focus on the middle school classroom.
- **Resources for middle school Inuktitut language arts:** This section provides a guide to resources for teaching Inuktitut language arts at the middle school level.
- **Resources for middle school English language arts:** This section provides a guide to resources for teaching English language arts at the middle school level.
- **Teaching Inuktitut as a second language:** This section contains useful strategies for teaching Inuktitut as a second language and includes a list of resources to support instruction.
- **Oral communication:** This section describes strategies to help make oral communication a part of daily learning in ways that are engaging for middle school students.
- **Encouraging literacy at home:** This section provides strategies for involving parents and guardians in students' learning and for creating opportunities for literacy learning at home.
- **Frequently asked questions:** This section answers questions that teachers may have about balanced literacy and language instruction at the middle school level.
- **Glossary:** This section defines some of the vocabulary relating to balanced literacy.
- **Reproducible resources:** This section contains the reproducible resources referenced throughout the binder, including lessons about Inuktitut dialects and reading response activities designed to engage middle school students in literacy learning.



How can this resource be used?

Teachers can use the binder as a guide to setting up a balanced literacy approach to instruction in their classrooms. Language arts teachers who teach Inuktitut or English as a first or second language will find a number of teaching strategies, resources, and reproducible handouts that can be used as part of effective and engaging literacy instruction for middle school students. Teachers may also use the binder to support their professional learning about balanced literacy principles.



Why use this resource?

Middle school classrooms present teachers with unique challenges, especially with regard to language and literacy instruction. The Middle School Language Arts Binder was developed in collaboration with a Nunavut-based advisory group made up of teachers and administrators working in the middle school grades. The binder supports teachers in using a balanced literacy approach to instruction that can support the learning needs of students working at many different reading and writing levels. The binder also contains information about teaching strategies and resources that can help teachers provide language arts instruction that is both engaging and authentic for students in Nunavut classrooms. The dialect lessons and reproducible resources included in the binder are designed to promote student engagement with literacy learning.

USB drive

The USB drive contains a number of resources that support effective language arts instruction in middle school, including:

- Inuktitut Titiqqiriniq resources that can support first- and second-language instruction in Inuktitut
- Digital versions of resources for easy printing and photocopying
- Digital versions of engaging middle school resources, such as book studies and issues of *Takuttalirilli!* magazine
- Additional resources to accompany the book studies, such as animated videos of traditional stories



Where can I find out more?

For more information, see the Middle School Language Arts USB drive or email EDUResources@gov.nu.ca.

