

ARTS FOR LEARNING

Arts for Learning Literacy Units (A4L): A ground-breaking supplemental literacy program that blends the creativity and discipline of the arts while raising student achievement in reading and writing.

Working with a design team from the University of Washington led by cognitive scientist Dr. John Bransford, Young Audiences - Arts for Learning - Virginia crafted A4L Units for use by grades 3-6 classroom teachers. Young Audiences - Arts for Learning - Virginia and collaborating teachers have adapted the Units for use in grades 7-8 and have modified them substantially for use in grades K-2, allowing an entire school to participate. The A4L Units have also been adapted for after-school and summer school programs.



Anyone can learn these dynamic arts-integration techniques! A4L Units are designed for teachers with little or no arts experience or background.

- Six units address specific literacy skills and can be adapted to grades K-8.
- Teachers can be trained in each unit in as little as 3 in-service hours. Select only the units you want!
- Teacher training provided by experienced Young Audiences - Arts for Learning - Virginia staff in conjunction with your district's literacy or curriculum specialists.
- Embedded assessment allows teachers to monitor student improvement.

The Framework includes:

- Instruction
- Guided Practice
- Independent Practice
- Reflection & Revision
- Opportunities to Perform & Inform



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Teacher Support Materials:

- Teachers Guide
- Literary Texts & Approved Excerpts
- Student Handouts
- A Music CD (Units 4 & 5)
- Assessment Tools



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