

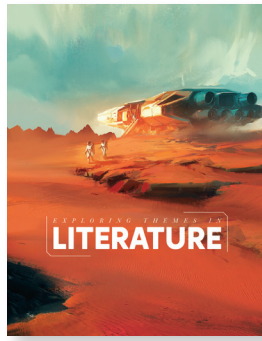
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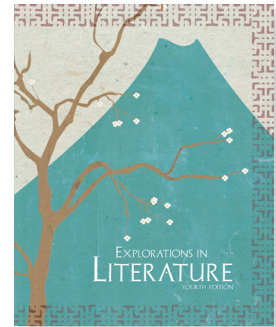
COMPARISON CHART

Updates

Exploring Themes in Literature (5th edition) replaces *Explorations in Literature* (4th edition) for the 2021 school year. This new edition includes many new selections and the materials are not compatible with the previous edition.



5th Edition



4th Edition

Basic Features

Student Edition Page Count Numbers	586	544
Units	6	6
Pedagogical Approach	Reading Process Approach	Reading for Enjoyment

Scope & Sequence Updates

- Units have been changed from courage, nature and man, generosity, our land, humility, and family to love, community, transformation, justice, perseverance, and purpose.
- New genres represented: biblical narrative, comic strip, coming-of-age story, dramatic dialogue, fantasy, folktale (fairy tale, myth, tall tale), informational text, interview, legend, letter, narrative nonfiction, nonsense literature, verse novel excerpt, opinion piece, science fiction, and speech.
- New cultures represented: Hispanic American, Chinese, and Vietnamese
- A novel study on C. S. Lewis's *The Last Battle* has been added to the teacher edition.

Textbook Snapshot



Pedagogical Approach Updates

- Exploring Themes in Literature* uses a reading process approach to equip teachers and students with reading strategies to become better readers, rather than an approach that merely encourages reading for enjoyment. Students will explore relevant background information before reading each selection, they will find guiding questions helping with reading comprehension during reading, and they will find questions encouraging critical thinking after reading.
- An Essential Question has been added to each unit to guide analysis of each unit theme.
- Each selection now features a Big Question to help students connect each selection to the unit's theme.
- Writing assignments have been added to the beginning and to the end of most units.
- Oral presentations have been added to most units in the teacher edition.
- Additional pedagogical techniques added: whole-class instruction, collaborative learning, gradual release of responsibility

Selection Updates

- 44 new selections have been added to accommodate greater variety of genres and cultures.
- 69 selections have been removed to accommodate new selections and the novel study.