

## CATHOLIC CURRICULAR STANDARDS AND DISPOSITIONS IN ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS K-6<sup>1</sup>

*Literature and the arts are also, in their own way, of great importance to the life of the Church. They strive to make known the proper nature of man, his problems and his experiences in trying to know and perfect both himself and the world. They have much to do with revealing man's place in history and in the world; with illustrating the miseries and joys, the needs and strengths of man and with foreshadowing a better life for him. Thus they are able to elevate human life, expressed in multifold forms according to various times and regions.*

*Gaudium et Spes, 1965, #62*

<i>General Standards</i>			
CS	ELA.K6	GS1	Analyze literature that reflects the transmission of a Catholic culture and worldview.
CS	ELA.K6	GS2	Analyze works of fiction and non-fiction to uncover authentic Truth.
CS	ELA.K6	GS3	Analyze carefully chosen selections to uncover the proper nature of man, his problems, and his experiences in trying to know and perfect both himself and the world.
CS	ELA.K6	GS4	Share how literature can contribute to strengthening one's moral character.
<i>Intellectual Standards</i>			
CS	ELA.K6	IS1	Demonstrate how literature is used to develop a religious, moral, and social sense.
CS	ELA.K6	IS2	Articulate how spiritual knowledge and enduring truths are represented and communicated through fairy tales, fables, myths, parables, and stories.
CS	ELA.K6	IS3	Recognize Christian and Western symbols and symbolism.
CS	ELA.K6	IS4	Explain how Christian and Western symbols and symbolism communicate the battle between good and evil and make reality visible.
CS	ELA.K6	IS5	Recite poems of substance that inform the human soul and encourage a striving for virtue and goodness.
CS	ELA.K6	IS6	Identify examples of noble characteristics in stories of virtuous heroes and heroines.
CS	ELA.K6	IS7	Identify the causes underlying why people do the things they do.
CS	ELA.K6	IS8	Identify how literature develops the faculty of personal judgment.
CS	ELA.K6	IS9	Analyze how literature assists in the ability to make judgments about what is true and what is false and to make choices based on these judgments.
CS	ELA.K6	IS10	Analyze literature to identify, interpret, and assimilate the cultural patrimony handed down from previous generations.
CS	ELA.K6	IS11	Summarize how literature can reflect the historical and sociological culture of the time period in which it was written to help us better understand ourselves and other cultures and times.
CS	ELA.K6	IS12	Use imagination to create dialogue between the readers and the characters in a story.
CS	ELA.K6	IS13	Determine how literature cultivates the human intellectual faculties of contemplation, intuition, and creativity.
CS	ELA.K6	IS14	Analyze the author's reasoning and discover the author's intent.

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix C for English Language Arts resources and a recommended reading list for Catholic schools in the United States.

<i>Writing Standards</i>			
CS	ELA.K6	WS1	Use language as a bridge for communication with one's fellow man for the betterment of all involved.
CS	ELA.K6	WS2	Write in various ways to naturally order thoughts, align them with truth, and accurately express intent, knowledge, and feelings.
CS	ELA.K6	WS3	Use grammar as a means of signifying concepts and the relationship to reason.
<i>Dispositional Standards</i>			
CS	ELA.K6	DS1	Accept and value how literature aids one to live harmoniously with others.
CS	ELA.K6	DS2	Accept and value how literature can assist in interpreting and evaluating all things in a truly Christian spirit.
CS	ELA.K6	DS3	Share how literature cultivates the aesthetic faculties within the human person.
CS	ELA.K6	DS4	Share beautifully told and well-crafted works, especially those with elements of unity, harmony, and radiance of form.
CS	ELA.K6	DS5	Share how literature ignites the creative imagination in healthy ways.
CS	ELA.K6	DS6	Share how literature assists in identifying, interpreting, and assimilating the cultural patrimony handed down from previous generations.
CS	ELA.K6	DS7	Delight and wonder through the reading of creative, sound, and healthy stories, poems, and plays.
CS	ELA.K6	DS8	Recognize literary characters possessing virtue and begin to exhibit these virtuous behaviors, values, and attitudes.
CS	ELA.K6	DS9	Share how the beauty and cadence of poetry impacts human sensibilities and forms the soul.