

TEACHER LEADERS

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I am Steven Guillory, and I currently teach English II and English III at Sulphur High School in Calcasieu Parish. This school year, I am also working as a [Teacher Leader Advisor](#), supporting the development of the new [ELA Guidebooks 9-12 \(2020\)](#).

My interest in the new ELA Guidebooks 9-12 (2020) began during the 2018-2019 school year when I piloted the *Things Fall Apart* unit. While piloting the unit, I was excited to see changes embedded in this new version of Guidebooks. The new units have a more consistent and clear method of assessment, including section diagnostics that allow teachers to monitor student progress toward one culminating task. These units are also more flexible for teachers. They contain both core and optional activities, allowing me to customize my lessons to meet the needs of my students. Finally, the text list for this new program offers more diversity. The new program still contains some of the classic units that I love to teach like *Hamlet* and *The Great Gatsby*, but also adds new units on texts and topics that my students will love. Units such as *Hamilton*, *Life of Pi*, Artificial Intelligence, and Photojournalism are sure to increase student interest and engagement.

As a pilot teacher and now as a Teacher Leader Advisor, I've been able to see the substantial benefits of the ELA Guidebooks 9-12 (2020). I look forward to seeing these units used in districts around Louisiana during the 2020-2021 school year.

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ELA RESOURCES

ELA Guidebooks: Grades 3–5 Foundation of Reading Supports

The foundational skills supports aligned to the 3–5 ELA Guidebooks are being released on a rolling basis this year. These support documents will include foundational skills mini-lessons, decodable texts, and practice aligned to the Guidebook anchor text. The materials will be located in the Section 1 “Additional Materials” folder for each unit.

Release	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Available Now!	Cajun Folktales Because of Winn-Dixie Louisiana Purchase	American Revolution Lightning Thief	The Birchbark House The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
Coming: February	Treasure Island	Hurricanes	Wonderstruck
Coming: April	Stories Julian Tells	Pushing Up the Sky	Shutting Out the Sky
Coming: June		Whipping Boy	The Making of a Scientist

Please contact elaguidebooks@la.gov with questions.

Louisiana ELA Guidebooks 9–12 (2020)

At the [2020 Teacher Leader Summit](#), the Department will offer professional development specific to the new Louisiana ELA Guidebooks 9–12 (2020).

Please see the updated [Louisiana ELA Guidebooks 9–12 \(2020\) Overview](#) for the most up-to-date information related to

- draft text lists for each unit;
- draft Culminating Tasks for each unit;
- Louisiana’s open source platform launch;
- text access and purchasing; and
- professional development opportunities.

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MATH RESOURCES

Enhanced Grade 6 Eureka Remediation Tools

The Department is currently working to enhance the [Grade 6 Eureka Remediation Tools](#). These enhancements will provide teachers with additional resources for supporting students who have unfinished learning in accessing grade-level content. Updated versions of [Grade 6 Eureka Remediation Tools](#) with targeted mini lessons and student activity sheets are now available for select topics. The schedule for additional updates is outlined in the table below.

Grade 6 Eureka Remediation Tool	Projected Material Updates
Module 2, Topic A	Available now
Module 2, Topic B	Available now
Module 2, Topic C	Available now
Module 4, Topic A	Available now
Module 4, Topic D	Available now
Module 4, Topic G	January 16

For additional information on helping students access grade-level content using the newly enhanced Eureka Remediation tools, consult [this video](#).

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

SOCIAL STUDIES RESOURCES

Social Studies Professional Development

The fall social studies professional development sessions are complete. Additional sessions will be offered at the 2020 Teacher Leader Summit. The [session slides from the professional development](#) are now available.

Please contact classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov with questions.

EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITIES

State Teacher/Principal of the Year

State Teacher/Principal of the Year applications are due on **January 15**.

Candidates are to submit applications in the [Teacher and Principal of the Year Candidate's Online Application Portal](#).

All applications and materials are posted in the [Resources Library](#). For more information on the Teacher and Principal of the Year programs, visit the [Award's page](#).

Please contact excellenteducators@la.gov with questions.

AP Teacher Fellow Applications

The AP® Fellows - AP® Summer Institute scholarship application window for AP teachers serving underserved, rural, and low income populations is now open.

Scholarships cover tuition and eligible travel expenses. Learn more about the [AP Fellows program and the application process](#). The deadline for applying is **February 11**.

Please contact collegereadiness@la.gov with questions.

Teacher Leader Summit 2020 Registration

The 2020 Teacher Leader Summit will take place May 27-29 at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. The Department has published an [overview document](#) to address the most frequently asked questions.

- Early bird registration (**January 10 through March 1**)
- Regular registration (March 2 through May 11)
- On-site registration for those who do not register by May 11

To help offset the cost of running a high-quality, multi-day event for thousands of Louisiana educators, the Department will charge a small registration fee for the 2020 Teacher Leader Summit. This fee will cover

- admission to conference,
- conference sessions, and
- lunch May 27 and May 28.

Description	1-Day Ticket	3-Day Ticket
Early Bird Registration (January 10-March 1)	\$35	\$80
Regular Registration (March 2-May 11)	\$45	\$100
On-site Registration (May 27-29)	\$60	N/A

Educators can receive a discount by registering early and registering for all three days at once. Educators

can choose to not eat the lunch provided but may not opt-out of the registration fee.

New for 2020 - Group Registration: School system supervisors may now purchase tickets for up to 10 of their educators in one transaction. School system supervisors who elect this option should be prepared to answer questions specific to each registrant (e.g. email address, content area) at the time of purchase. The supervisor will receive a receipt showing 10 ticket purchases, and each individual registrant will receive an email confirmation with their ticket information.

Please contact ldoeevents@la.gov with questions.

Apply to Lead a Session at the 2020 Teacher Leader Summit

The Department is looking for knowledgeable educators to share resources and best practices with others around the state by designing and facilitating sessions at the 2020 Teacher Leader Summit. This is a great way to expand your impact and showcase the great work you are doing in your classrooms, schools, and school systems.

All types of Louisiana educators – classroom teachers, school/childcare center administrators, LEA/lead agency administrators – are welcome to apply to lead sessions at the Summit.

Interested parties must submit their [application](#) online by **January 13**.

Note: The Department will waive the Summit registration fee for up to three presenters per session.

Please contact louisianateacherleaders@la.gov With questions.

2020 Teacher Leader Summit T-shirt Contest

The Department is seeking inspiration for the 2020 Teacher Leader Summit t-shirt design! Educators with an artistic flair are encouraged to submit their design for consideration by **February 7** to ldoecommunications@la.gov. The winning school will receive \$1 per shirt sold. Last year's school, Montegut Middle, was awarded \$968 from The Inkwell Press.

The winning design will be announced in the March edition of the Teacher Leader newsletter.

Reference the [contest rules](#) for details or contact louisianateacherleaders@la.gov with questions.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship Opportunities for AP Computer Science Students

The College Board has teamed up with industry leaders such as Amazon, Facebook, and Google to alert students of summer apprenticeships and scholarships utilizing existing AP program accounts. Students are already receiving these email messages. If interested, they should simply follow the links in the email announcements to apply.

Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship Program
Deadline to apply: **January 17** at 3:00 p.m.

Amazon is offering a scholarship for high school seniors that have completed an advanced placement computer science course or who have taken a computer science test and plan to attend college majoring in computer science, software engineering, computer engineering, or other computer related fields of study. [View](#) a short clip detailing the story of a previous winner.

Additional information related to this scholarship and its eligibility requirements is [available](#).

Please contact collegereadiness@la.gov with questions.

Science Camp Opportunity for Graduating Seniors

The [National Youth Science Camp](#) (NYSCamp) is a residential science education program available to STEM enthusiasts graduating between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. Students from around the country are challenged academically in exciting lectures and hands-on studies. Two students are selected to represent each state and Washington, D.C. *at no cost to the students, schools, or districts*. There are also optional opportunities to participate in an outdoor adventure program, gain a new and deep appreciation for the great outdoors, and establish friendships that last a lifetime. Students may [apply](#) through **February 28**.

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

LEEC Art and Language Arts Contest

The 2020 LEEC Student Environmental Awareness Art and Language Arts Contest will feature the theme "Take It Outside! Explore Nature's Classroom." Entries should be student works of visual and language arts that demonstrate the important role nature plays in education.

Sample Instructions for Students: Does your teacher have an outdoor classroom? Have you ever taken a field trip to a natural area? Do you participate in scouting, camping, or other outdoor recreational activities? Write a story or draw a picture about something you have learned from being outside!

Winners will be selected from four age groups in both categories. First, second, and third place winners will receive a cash prize and will be honored at a special ceremony in summer of 2020 in Baton Rouge. Winning pieces will be featured in the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission 2021 calendar, which is printed and distributed around the state.

The deadline for the contest is **April 24**. Download the contest [brochure and entry form](#).

Please contact environmentaleducation@la.gov with questions.

George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts Contest

Please share with teachers of juniors and seniors.

The George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts has opened [submission portals](#) for both its [Art and Songwriting competitions](#)! The deadline for both contests is **January 17**. In addition to the organization’s Annual Scholarship Art Contest, the Songwriting Competition will provide a platform for high school songwriters (juniors and seniors) across Louisiana to showcase their work. Three young songwriters will be awarded \$10,000 in college scholarships, a chance to record their winning songs in a state-of-the-art professional recording studio under the mentorship of Grammy winning producers and engineers, and the opportunity to perform their songs on stage during the Trombone Shorty Foundation’s annual “Shorty Fest” benefit concert during the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival. The award ceremony will take place on Saturday, March 21 at the Sheraton in New Orleans.

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