



Public Schools of North Carolina

*Response to COVID-19*  
**Remote Learning Resources  
for AIG Learners**  
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# Advanced Learning Labs

*Developed in partnership with Duke TIP*  
*Released weekly for 7 weeks!*

**Each Advanced Learning Lab contains 8 categories of learning tasks:**

- Logic Puzzles
- Field Studies
- Research Explorations
- Mindfulness
- Literacy
- Social Studies
- Mathematics
- Science

**Grade spans:**

K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-12


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## ADVANCED LEARNING LABS

A partnership between the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and Duke TIP  
TO ENGAGE, ACTIVATE, AND GROW OUR STUDENTS


**GRADES 4-5**

### Lab 1 • Change




#### ELA

An acrostic poem is a poem where certain letters in each line spell out a word or phrase. Typically, the first letters of each line are used to spell a message. Choose a character from your favorite fiction book. Create an acrostic poem using the character's name to explain the setting of the story, what motivated or changed that character throughout the story, and details about the character's actions. See the link below for an example.  
[Link: poetry4kids.com/lessons/how-to-write-an-acrostic-poem](https://poetry4kids.com/lessons/how-to-write-an-acrostic-poem)




#### SOCIAL STUDIES

Mount Rushmore, built 1927-1941, features the faces of four great American leaders. Your task is to design a new monument, choosing the historical figures who are models of American democracy. Prepare a detailed drawing of your monument, name the Americans you will include, and design a memorial plaque with inscription to describe why you have chosen to include these Americans.  
[Link: nps.gov/moru/learn/historyculture/why-these-four-presidents.htm](https://nps.gov/moru/learn/historyculture/why-these-four-presidents.htm)



#### SCIENCE

In these times with people staying home there are many changes. Deer are exploring and walking into areas they normally don't go because fewer people are there. Additionally, more people are starting gardens. How do these two phenomena impact each other? What will be the impact once people begin moving around more? Have a discussion about this topic with a friend or family member.



#### MINDFULNESS

Create a sound map! On a piece of paper, mark the center of it with a picture of something that represents you. Find a spot where you can sit comfortably. Close your eyes. Quietly focus on what you hear around you for 5 minutes. Draw, write, or color the sounds you can hear on the paper and where they are coming from. Create a sound map at a new location each day this week.  
[Link: sensorytrust.org.uk/information/creative-activities/sound-maps.htm](https://sensorytrust.org.uk/information/creative-activities/sound-maps.htm)



# Advanced Learning Labs

## Ideas for use:

- Direct instruction through remote learning
- Learning packets for students/families
- Follow up with students through remote learning
- [NCDPI website link](#) to Advanced Learning Labs



# Virtual Resource Project

[www.ncagt.org](http://www.ncagt.org);



## 3 Components:

- Easy to locate resource links (*featuring trusted partners in gifted community*)
- Resources compiled and curated for parents/families, student use
- Resources compiled and curated for educators' use

*In collaboration with the  
NC Association for Gifted & Talented (NCAGT)*



**Close attention to:**

# **Virtual Enrichment and Extension Resources for Students**

- **Organized by grade span**
- **Categorized by area/topic**

General	Critical Thinking
English Language Arts	Languages
Social Sciences	The Arts
STEM	*Test Prep



# Virtual Enrichment and Extension Resources for Students

## RESOURCES FOR GRADES K-5

Category	Link	Description
Critical Thinking	<a href="#">Breakout Puzzles</a>	Grade-span specific digital games organized in a breakout format
Critical Thinking	<a href="#">ChessKid Academy</a>	Learn and play chess with others or with the computer
Critical Thinking	<a href="#">MENSA for kids</a>	TED connections, activity plans, and other resources offered by MENSA, the high IQ society
Critical Thinking	<a href="#">MENSA games</a>	Critical thinking games offered by MENSA, the high IQ society
English Language Arts	<a href="#">Common Lit</a>	A free collection of fiction and non-fiction texts for grades 3-12
English Language Arts	<a href="#">Storyline Online</a>	Picture books read out loud by members of the Screen Actors Guild of America
English Language Arts		Picture books read out loud by members of the Screen



# Questions





