

3rd Grade — Pacing Calendars

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Same rigor, three schedules. The nine clusters (Prepare + Clusters 1-8) and their four modules never change. What changes across calendar lengths is only how the same GRADUATE content is distributed — never what is taught. **No cluster, module, game, passage, writing task, or standard is cut.**

165-Day (Compressed)

For 4-day weeks or a shorter year. Keep all five GRADUATE stages and all content, but combine the two lightest reflective stages — Award/Target (Day 4) and Educate/Explain (Day 5) — into one session in **15 of the 36 modules**. Recovers 15 days (180-15=165); nothing cut.

180-Day (Standard)

The natural fit: **9 clusters × 4 modules × 5 GRADUATE days = 180**. One module per week for 36 weeks; all five stages (Gather/Reveal, Attempt, Discuss/Use, Award/Target, Educate/Explain) run in full.

210-Day (Extended)

For a longer year. Add an optional sixth **'Apply & Extend' day** (enrichment, revision, publication, transfer) to 30 of 36 modules, plus periodic review/assessment days. Depth added; rigor rises, never drops.

CLUSTER	165-DAY	180-DAY	210-DAY
Prepare	~18-19 days	20 days	~23-24 days
Cluster 1	~18-19 days	20 days	~23-24 days
Cluster 2	~18-19 days	20 days	~23-24 days
Cluster 3	~18-19 days	20 days	~23-24 days
Cluster 4	~18-19 days	20 days	~23-24 days
Cluster 5	~18-19 days	20 days	~23-24 days
Cluster 6	~18-19 days	20 days	~23-24 days
Cluster 7	~18-19 days	20 days	~23-24 days
Cluster 8	~18-19 days	20 days	~23-24 days
TOTAL	165 days	180 days	210 days