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## Pacing

- September - October

## Essential Questions

- How do we determine and cite valid and sufficient evidence to prove what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it?
- How do we identify and determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text?
- How does point of view or author's purpose help shape the overall understanding of a text?
- What is the purpose of analyzing how elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot)?
- How can we produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience while using effective techniques, well chosen details, and structured event sequences?
- How can we prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners?
- How can we demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when punctuating, capitalizing, spelling, speaking or developing and strengthening writing?

## Content

- Elements of Fiction
- Reading for a variety of purposes
- Reading strategies
- Structural Analysis of Literature
- Writing Conventions (punctuation, capitalization, parts of speech, sentence structure, paragraph form, essay form)
- Grammar skills
- Vocabulary
- Narrative, Expository, Persuasive, and/or Analytical Writing

## Skills

- Analytical Writing (Short Constructed Response)
- Identify and Analyze Elements of Literature: theme, characters, conflict, point-of-view, plot, exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, inferencing,
- Organize internal and external elements of text to build comprehension: summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
- Analyze and draw evidence from literary texts to support analysis and reflection of text
- Construct a response to literature through writing arguments that support claims using cited textual evidence: short constructed responses
- Develop and write real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
- Demonstrate understanding of and apply a variety of sentence structures to writing: simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex.
- Demonstrate understanding of and apply punctuation when writing: use commas to separate ideas in a series.
- Exchange information, understand feedback from others (both verbal and non-verbal), respond to questions, use feedback to evaluate contributions, and explain the main idea in a group discussion by relating and retelling information.

## Assessments

- STAR Reading Assessment
- Accelerated Reader Assessments
- Comprehension Tests
- Vocabulary tests
- Illustrating text ideas
- Graphic Organizers
### Interventions/Differentiated Instruction
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- Integration of Knowledge and Ideas  
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- Text Types and Purposes

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- L.7: 2.a,b  
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- Knowledge of Language
- Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

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- How do we analyze and reflect on (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) how two or more authors writing about the same topic shape their presentations of key information by emphasizing different evidence or advancing different interpretations of facts?
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### Skills
- Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach
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- Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims.
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- How do we apply, transfer, and build upon skills addressed/mastered in prior units to demonstrate full comprehension of literature at grade level text-complexity?
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## Skills
- Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
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- Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., refined, respectful, polite, diplomatic, condescending).
- Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy
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