

Topics &	Unit 1: Facing Fear
Standards	Reading: Literature/Informational Text
Stattaaras	RL/RI.6.1: Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text/Cite textual
	evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
Q1	RL/RI.6.2: Analyze literary text development.
	a. Determine a theme of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details.
	b. Incorporate a theme and story details into an objective summary of the text/Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed
	through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
	RL/RI6.3: Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.
	Craft And Structure:
	RL/RI.6.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone
	RL/RI.6.5: Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot./Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas.
	RL/RI.6.10: By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
	Writing: Informative/Explanatory
	W.6.2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
	 A: Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

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- **B:** Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
- C: Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
- **D:** Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
- E: Establish and maintain a formal style.
- F: Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

W.6.3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

- **A:** Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
- **B:** Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
- **C:** Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
- **D:** Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
- E: Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

W.6.4: Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

W.6.5: With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

W.6.9: Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

W.6.10: Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

Production and Distribution of Writing:

W.6.4: Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

W.6.5: With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 6 here.)



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	W.6.6: Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate					
	sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of three pages in a single sitting.					
	Language					
	L.6.1: Demonstrate command	of the conventions of standard En	glish grammar and usage when writing o	r speaking.		
	L.6.2: Demonstrate command	l of the conventions of standard En	glish capitalization, punctuation, and spe	lling when writing.		
	L.6.3: Use knowledge of langu	uage and its conventions when writ	ing, speaking, reading, or listening.			
	L.6.5: Demonstrate understar	nding of figurative language, word r	elationships, and nuances in word meani	ngs.		
	•	, , , , , ,	demic and domain-specific words and ph	rases; gather vocabulary knowledge		
	when considering a word or p	hrase important to comprehension	or expression.			
Time	Types of	Balanced Literacy	Resources	Writing Across The		
Frame	Assessment	Integration	(Curriculum	Curriculum		
	(Evidence)		/Textbook)			
4-5 Weeks	Illuminate	Below Grade Level:	Resources	Performance Tasks		
	-Weekly Common	Vocabulary contained	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write a Short Story – pg. 63		
	Formatives	within texts	Collections Series	Write an Expository Essay – pg. 67		
		Skill focused small group	pgs. 1 – 71	Additional Tasks:		
	-Common Summative	assignments	Anchor Texts	Journal writing		
	-2-4 performance tasks	Audio assistance	Short stories	Comparison and contrast writings		
	·	Small group discussions	The Ravine by Graham Salisbury – pg.	from graphic organizers or other		
	that reach DOK level 4	Graphic organizers to	3	means of brainstorming		
	or 2 F FATDs / DAFTs	demonstrate content	Fine? by Margaret Peterson Haddix –	Identify themes and patterns in		
	or 3-5 FATPs / RAFTs	understanding	pg. 17	reading using graphic organizers		
	-At least 1 GRASP per	Basic comprehension	Poem	Student-supported readings using		
	Quarter	questions	Life Doesn't Frighten Me by Maya	RACE; restate, answer,		
	1-	At or Above Grade Level	Angelou –	cite evidence,		
	- At least 1 Common	Extended responses	pg. 37	explain		
	Short Cycle per quarter	Analytical assessments	Online Article	Figurative language activities		



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Academic Vocabulary	of texts	Fear and Phobias – kidshealth.org	Vocabulary; simile, metaphor,
-Plot	Comparison and	Informational Texts	personification, idiom, hyperbole
-Exposition	contrast to	In the Spotlight from Stuff That	Event maps using the Retell Model
-Inciting Incident	supplemental or	Scares Your	Academic Vocabulary
-Rising Action	companion texts	Pants Off! By Glenn Murphy	
Climax	Use of grade	Close Reader (Short Stories)	
-Falling Action	appropriate vocabulary	from The Jumping Tree – Rene	
-Resolution	Independent research	Saldana Jr. –	
-Setting	using an aspect of the	pg. 16 c	
-Character	readings		
-Character Development	Study of related		
-Motivations	informational text		
-Traits	Discussions surrounding		
-Narration	themes and author's		
-Point of view	purpose		
-First-person point of view	Socratic seminars		
Third-person point of view	Journal writing or		
-Third-person omniscient	reflective writing		
-Dialect			
-Inference			
-Development			
-Factors			
-Indicate			
-Repetition			
-Simile			
-Summarize			
-Flashback			
-Suspense			
-Sensory details			



-Prediction		
-Diction		
-Tone		
-Purpose		

.Topic &	Unit 2 : Animal Intelligence					
Standards	Reading: Informational Text/Literary Text					
Startaaras	RI/RL.6.1: Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text/ Cite textual					
	evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text					
Q1	RI/RL.6.2: Analyze informational text development.					
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	b. Provide an objective summary of the text that includes the central ideas and their development/Determine a central idea of a text and how					
	it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.					
	RI/RL.6.3: Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or					
	anecdotes)/ Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change					
	the plot moves toward a resolution.					
	RI/RL.6.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings/					
	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a					
	specific word choice on meaning and tone.					
	RI/RL.6.5: Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the					
	development of the ideas/Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes					
	to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.					



RI/RL.6.6: Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text/Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.

RI/RL.6.10: By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

Writing: Informative/Explanatory

W.6.2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

- A: Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
- **B:** Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
- C: Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
- D: Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
- E: Establish and maintain a formal style.
- **F:** Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

Production and Distribution of Writing:

W.6.4: Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

W.6.5: With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

W.6.6: Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others, while demonstrating sufficient command of keyboarding skills.

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

W.6.8: Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others, while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.

W.6.9: Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

W.6.10: Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audience



	 Language L.6.1: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. L.6.2: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. L.6.3: Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening. L.6.4: Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from arrange of strategies. L.6.6: Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. 				
Time	Types of	Balanced	Resources	Writing Across The	
Frame	Assessment	Literacy	(Curriculum /Textbook)	Curriculum	
	(Evidence)	Integration			
4-5 Weeks	Illuminate	Below Grade Level:	Resources	Performance Tasks	
	Weekly Common Formatives	Vocabulary contained within texts	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections Series pgs. 71 - 136	Write a Literary Analysis – pg. 129	
	Common Summative	Skill focused small group assignments	Anchor Texts Short stories	Write an Expository Essay – pg. 133	
	2-4 performance tasks	Audio assistance	The Mixer by P.G. Wodehouse – pg. 73	Additional Tasks:	
	that reach DOK level 4	Small group discussions Graphic organizers to	Tribute to the Dog by George Graham Vest – pg. 93	Discussions Journal writing	
	or 3-5 FATPs / RAFTs	demonstrate content understanding	How Smart Are Animals? By Dorothy Hinshaw Patent – pg. 105	Media presentations Summary writings	
	At least 1 GRASP per	Basic comprehension questions	Poems Animal Wisdom by Nancy Wood – pg. 99	Independent research Writing extended responses	
	Quarterly Academic	At or Above Grade Level	The Last Wolf by Mary Tall Mountain – pg.	Comparing and contrasting using	
	Vocabulary	Extended responses	102	graphic organizers	
	-Character	Analytical assessments	Informational Texts	Vocabulary games	
	-Plot	of texts	Can Animals Feel and Think by DeShawn	, 5	
	-Narrator	Comparison and	Jones – pg. 116 c		



-First-	-person point of view	contrast to	from Animal Snoops: The Wondrous World	
-Irony	y	supplemental or	of Wildlife Spies by Peter Christie – pg. 117	
-Unre	eliable narrator	companion texts	Close Reader (Short Stories)	
-Figui	rative language	Use of grade	The Pod by Maureen Crane Wartski – pg. 92	
-Perso	onification ap	propriate vocabulary	С	
-Imag	gery lı	ndependent research	Bats by Mary Kay Carson – pg. 128 c	
-Spee	e <i>ch</i> u	ising an aspect of the		
-Argu	ıment	readings		
-Clain	n	Study of related		
-Reas	sons	informational text		
-Evide	<i>ence</i> Di	scussions surrounding		
-Cour	nterargument t	themes and author's		
-Evalu	uate	purpose		
-Persi	uasive techniques	Socratic seminars		
-Emo:	tional appeal	Journal writing or		
-Para	aphrase	reflective writing		
-Sumi	marize			
-Cent	tral ideas			
-Deta	nils			
-Conc	clusion			

Topic &	Unit 3 : Dealing With Disaster			
Standards	Reading: Literature/Informational Text			
Q2	 RL/RI.6.1: Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text/Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. RL/RI.6.2: Analyze literary text development. Determine a theme of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details. 			



• b. Incorporate a theme and story details into an objective summary of the text/ Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

RL/RI.6.3: Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes)/Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).

RL/RI.6.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings/ Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.

RL/RI.6.6: Explain how an author uses the point of view to develop the perspective of the narrator or speaker in a text/Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text.

RL/RI.6.7: Compare and contrast the experience of reading a story, drama, or poem to listening to or viewing an audio, video, or live version of the text, including contrasting what they "see" and "hear" when reading the text to what they perceive when they listen or watch/ Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.

RL/RI.6.10: By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

Writing: Argument

W.6.1: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

W.6.4: Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

W.6.5: With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

W.6.7: Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.

W.6.8: Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others, while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.

W.6.9: Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

W.6.10: Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

Language

L.6.1: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

L.6.2: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.



	L.6.5: Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. L.6.6: Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.					
Time Frame	Types of Balanced Literacy Resources Writing Across The					
	Assessment	Integration	(Curriculum /Textbook)	Curriculum		
	(Evidence)	3				
4-5 Weeks	Illuminate	Below Grade Level:	Anchor Texts	Task B Write Narrative Non-Fiction –		
	Weekly Common	Vocabulary contained	Short stories	pg.		
	Formatives	within texts	The Banana Tree by James Berry – pg. 171	205		
		Skill focused small group	Poems	Additional Tasks:		
	Common Summative	assignments	from After the Hurricane by Rita Williams	Journal writing		
	2-4 performance tasks	Audio assistance	Garcia	Comparison and contrast writings		
	2-4 performance tasks	Small group discussions	– pg. 157	from graphic organizers or other		
	that reach DOK level 4	Graphic organizers to	Watcher: After Katrina, 2005 by Natasha	means of brainstorming		
		demonstrate content	D.	Identify themes and patterns in		
	or 3-5 FATPs / RAFTs	understanding	Threthewey – pg. 166	reading using graphic organizers		
	At least 1 GRASP per	Basic comprehension	Newspaper Article	Student-supported readings using		
	At least 1 divisit per	Questions	On The Titanic, Defined by What They	RATS; restate, answer, text		
	Quarterly Academic	At or Above Grade Level	Wore	example (cited evidence),		
	Vocabulary	Extended responses	by Guy Tre bay – pg. 196 c	summarize		
	-Diagram	Analytical assessments	Informational Texts	Figurative language activities		
	-Integrate	of texts	Mammoth Shakes and Monster Waves,	Vocabulary; simile, metaphor,		
	-Simile	Comparison and	Destruction in 12 Countries by Brenda Z.	personification, idiom, hyperbole		
	-Alliteration	contrast to	Guiberson – pg. 139	Event maps using the Retell Model		
	-Dialect	supplemental or	Close Reader (Short Stories)	Academic Vocabulary		
	-Dialogue	companion texts	There will Come Soft Rains by Ray	Read and discuss narratives		
	-Imagery	Use of grade	Bradbury			
	-Metaphor	appropriate vocabulary	– pg. 184 c			



-Diction	Independent research	Moby Duck by David Holahan – pg. 156 c	
-Tone	using an aspect of the	from A Night to Remember by Walter Lord	
-Form	readings	_	
-Free verse	Study of related	pg. 185	
-Repetition	informational text	Documentary	
-Rhythm	Discussions surrounding	From Titanic at 100: Mystery Solved by	
-Stanza	themes and author's	James Cameron – pg. 197	
-Line	purpose		
-Line break	Socratic seminars		
-Non-fiction	Journal writing or		
-Informational text	reflective writing		
-Multi-media			

Topic &	Unit 4 : Making Your Voice Heard				
Standards	Reading: Informational Text/Literary Text				
Startaaras	RI/RL.6.1: Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text/ Cite textual				
	evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text				
Q2	RI/RL.6.2: Analyze informational text development.				
•	Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text.				
	b. Provide an objective summary of the text that includes the central ideas and their development/Determine a central idea of a text				
	and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.				



RI/RL.6.3: Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes)/ Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

RI/RL.6.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings/ Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.

RI/RL.6.5: Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas/Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.

RI/RL.6.6: Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text/Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.

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Language

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L.6.4: Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

L.6.6: Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain

Comprehension and Collaboration:

SL.6.1: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

- **A:** Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
- B: Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
- C: Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
- D: Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

SL.6.2: Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.

Time Frame	Types of Assessment (Evidence)	Balanced Literacy Integration	Resources (Curriculum /Textbook)	Writing Across The Curriculum
4-5 Weeks	Illuminate	Below Grade Level:	Resources	Additional Tasks:
	Weekly Common Formatives	Vocabulary contained	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Discussions
	Common Summative 2-4 performance tasks that reach DOK level 4	within texts Skill focused small group assignments Audio assistance Small group discussions	Collections Series pgs. 211 – 247 Anchor Texts Short stories	Journal writing Media presentations Summary writings Independent research Writing extended responses



or 3-5 FATPs / RAFTs	Graphic organizers to	My Wonder Horse by Sabine U.	Comparing and contrasting using
At least 1 CDACD as a	demonstrate content	Ulibarri – pg.	graphic organizers
At least 1 GRASP per	understanding	211	Vocabulary games
	Basic comprehension	Eleven by Sandra Cisneros – pg. 233	Impromptu speaking (2 minutes)
Quarterly	Questions	Poems	Oral presentation strategies
Academic Vocabulary	At or Above Grade Level	A Voice by Pat Mora – pg. 241	
-Theme	Extended responses	Words Like Freedom by Langston	
-Symbol	Analytical assessments	Hughes –	
-Conflict	of texts	pg. 244	
-Internal conflict	Comparison and	Editorials	
-External conflict	contrast to	Wild Animals Aren't Pets (USA	
-Figurative language	supplemental or	Today) – pg.	
-Dialogue	companion texts	233	
-Plot	Use of grade	Commentary	
-Traits	appropriate vocabulary	Let People Own Exotic Animals by	
-Sensory details	Independent research	Zuzana	
-Simile	using an aspect of the	Kukol – pg. 227	
-Metaphor	readings	Informational Texts found in the	
-Inferences	Study of related	Close Reader (Short Stories)	
-Theme	informational text	Views on Zoos – pg. 232 c	
-Trace (argument)	Discussions surrounding	Functions of a Zoo – pg. 232 c	
-Counterargument	themes and author's	Sonia's Blog: Who I Am, What I Do	
-Paraphrase	purpose	– Every	
-Evaluate	Socratic seminars	Day – pg. 232 d	
-Authority	Journal writing or	Association of Zoos and Aquariums	
-Legal	reflective writing	– pg. 232	
-Support		e	
-Claim		What Do Fish Have To Do With	
-Connotations		Anything? By	
Comotations			



-Persuasive technique	Avi – pg. 240 c	
-Loaded language	Innocent and Imprisoned by Robert	
-Compare and contrast	M.	
	Guinness – pg. 232 e	

Topic &	Unit 5 : Decisions That Matters
Standards	Reading: Informational Text/Literary Text
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Time	Types of	Balanced	Resources	Writing Across The
Frame	Assessment	Literacy	(Curriculum	Curriculum
	(Evidence)	Integration	/Textbook)	
4-5 Weeks	Illuminate	Below Grade Level:	Resources	Performance Tasks
	-Weekly Common	Vocabulary contained	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Write a Personal Narrative – pg. 303
	Formatives	within texts	Collections Series	Write an Opinion Essay – pg. 307
		Skill focused small group	pgs. 251 - 310	Additional Tasks:
	-Common Summative	assignments	Anchor Texts	Journal writing
	-2-4 performance	Audio assistance	Short stories	Comparison and contrast
	tasks that reach DOK	Small group discussions	The First Day of School by R.V.	writings from graphic organizers
		Graphic organizers to	Cassill – pg. 271	or other means of brainstorming
	level 4 or 3-5 FATPs /	demonstrate content	Poem	Identify themes and patterns in
	RAFTs	understanding	The Road Not Taken by Robert	reading using graphic organizers
	-At least 1 GRASP per	Basic comprehension	Frost – pg. 281	Student-supported readings
	-At least I divase per	Questions		using RACE ; restate, answer,



Quarterly	At or Above Grade Level	Paul Revere's Ride by Henry	cite, and explain
Academic Vocabulary	Extended responses	Wadsworth	Figurative language activities
-Secondary sources	Analytical assessments	Longfellow – pg. 285	Vocabulary; simile, metaphor,
-Quotations	of texts	Paul Revere's Ride (Audio version)	personification, idiom,
-Mood	Comparison and	narrated by	hyperbole
-Inferences	contrast to	C-David Cottrill – pg. 292	Event maps using the Retell
-Flashback	supplemental or	The Light – Ah! The Light (Marie	Model
-Meter	companion texts	Curie	Academic Vocabulary
-Symbol	Use of grade	discovered the principles of	Small group decision-making
-Theme	appropriate vocabulary	radioactivity.) by	activities
-Imagery	Independent research	Joyce Sidman – pg. 292 c	
-Sensory language	using an aspect of the	News Article	
-Climax	readings	On Doomed Flight, Passengers	
-Foreshadowing	Study of related	Vowed to	
-First-person point of	informational text	Perish Fighting by Jodi Wilgoren	
view	Discussions surrounding	and Edward	
-Narrative poetry	themes and author's	Wong – pg. 293	
-5Ws and H	purpose	TV Newscast	
-Evidence	Socratic seminars	Memorial is Unveiled for Heroes of	
-Cite evidence	Journal writing or	Flight 93	
	reflective writing	(CBS News) – pg. 300	
		Memoir	
		from It Worked For Me: In Life and	
		Leadership	
		by Colin Powell – pg. 253	
		Biography	
		from Colin Powell: Military Leader	
		by Warren	
		Brown – pg. 260	



Close Reader (Short Stories)	
(Biography)	
Community Hero: Chief Wilma	
Man Killer by	
Susannah Abbey – pg. 270 c	
(Autobiography)	
from Every Day is a New Day by	
Wilma	
Man killer – pg. 270 c	

Topic &	Unit 6 : What Tales Tell
Standards	Reading: Informational Text/Literary Text
Stattaaras	RI/RL.6.1: Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text/ Cite textual
	evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text
Q3	RI/RL.6.2: Analyze informational text development.
•	a. Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text.
	b. Provide an objective summary of the text that includes the central ideas and their development/Determine a central idea of a text and how
	it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
	RI/RI.6.3: Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or
	anecdotes)/ Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change
	as the plot moves toward a resolution.
	RI/RL.6.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings/
	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of
	a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
	RI/RL.6.5: Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the
	development of the ideas/Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes
	to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.



RI/RL.6.6: Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text/Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.

RI/RL.6.10: By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

Writing: Narrative

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Language

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L.6.4: Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

L.6.6: Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Time Frame	Types of Assessment (Evidence)	Balanced Literacy Integration	Resources (Curriculum/Textbook)	Technology, Other
4-5 Weeks	Illuminate	Below Grade Level:	Resources	Performance Tasks
		Vocabulary contained	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections	Write a Literary Analysis – pg. 373
		within texts	Series	Write a Play – pg. 377
		Skill focused small group	pgs. 313 - 379	Additional Tasks:

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-Weekly Common
Formatives

-Common Summative

-2-4 performance tasks that reach DOK level 4 or 3-5 FATPs / RAFTs

-At least 1 GRASP per quarter

Quarterly Academic Vocabulary

- -Myth
- -Folk tales
- -Legends
- -Fables
- -Parody
- -Drama
- -Plot
- -Theme
- -Conflict
- -Resolution
- -Climax
- -Archaic language
- -Symbol
- -Foreshadowing
- -Traits

assignments
Audio assistance
Small group discussions
Graphic organizers to
demonstrate content
understanding
Basic comprehension
Questions

At or Above Grade Level

Extended responses Analytical assessments of texts Comparison and contrast to supplemental or companion texts Use of grade appropriate vocabulary Independent research using an aspect of the readings Study of related informational text Discussions surrounding themes and author's purpose Socratic seminars Journal writing or

reflective writing

Anchor Texts

Greek Myths

from Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the

Illiad by Rosemary Sutcliff – pg. 313

Poems

Medusa by Agha Shahid Ali – pg. 330i The Apple of Discord I by Kate Hovey –

pg. 331

Chinese Folk Tale

Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from

China by

Ai-Ling Louie – pg. 335

Drama

from The Prince and the Pauper by
Mark Twain
- dramatized by Joellen Bland – pg.

345

Close Reader (Short Stories)

from The Prince and the Pauper by

Mark

Twain- dramatized by Joellen Bland -

pg. 362f

Medusa's Head retold by Olivia E.

Coolidge –

pg. 330d

Novel

from The Prince and the Pauper:

Tom's

Discussions
Journal writing
Media presentations
Summary writings
Independent research
Writing extended responses
Comparing and contrasting
using graphic organizers
Vocabulary games
Poetry reading/writing
Reader's Theater
Examine legends, fables,
folktales, and myths
Diagram stage settings



-Motivations	Meeting With the Prince by Mark
-Cast of characters	Twain – pg.
-Stage directions	362c
-Period (time)	Graphic Story
-Summarize	from The Prince and the Pauper by
-Inferences	Marvel
-Essay	Comics – pg362h
-Tradition	Essay
-Pattern of organization	The Role of Myths in Ancient
-Central (main) idea	Greece
-Supporting details	from Greek Mythology by Simone
-Paraphrasing	Payment – pg. 363
-Summary	
-Cultures	
-Morals	

Topic &	Unit 7
Standards	Reading: Literature/Informational Text
Startaaras	RL/RI.6.1: Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text/Cite textual
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RL/RI.6.7: Compare and contrast the experience of reading a story, drama, or poem to listening to or viewing an audio, video, or live version of the text, including contrasting what they "see" and "hear" when reading the text to what they perceive when they listen or watch/ Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.

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Topic &	Unit 8
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