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## 6th Grade SPED English Language Arts--Reading Curriculum

**Course Description:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts--Reading is a course that focuses on creating thoughtful readers. The reading portion of this course emphasizes student reading comprehension across literature and informational text while utilizing a variety of strategies. The ultimate goal is to produce life-long readers and writers who can be successful in future endeavors.

**Course Philosophy:** In the reading classroom, we value **choice** because reading is personal and creates a social and collaborative community. We value **progress over perfection** because reading is hard, but together, we can do hard things. We value **critical thinking** because reading is the foundation to create a better world and a better you. #ReadingIsLife

**Course Format:** The day to day operation of the classroom should follow a workshop model. This model consists of 5 parts: Read, Write, Study, Do, Share.

- Read (15 minutes) - Students independently read their self-selected novel.
- Write (5 minutes) - Students reflect on their reading, often with a teacher provided prompt.
- Study (20 minutes) - Students receive direct instruction from the teacher.
- Do (35 minutes) - Students use the instruction to create meaning.
- Share (5 minutes) - Debrief and reflect on the successes of the class.

The time frames for this model are a suggestion. At the start of a unit, the “study” portion may be longer than the “do” portion. Later in the unit, the “study” portion could be shortened and the “do” portion takes the majority of class.

*\* This document contains the entire 6<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts – Reading curriculum that is taught in a regular education setting. Items that are highlighted in yellow have been designated as priority information that should be taught in the middle school 6<sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts – Reading Resource class.*

## 6th Grade English Language Arts Scope and Sequence: Reading and Writing

| READING  |   | WRITING |   |
|----------|---|---------|---|
| Blocks   | Unit  | Blocks  | Unit                                      |
| 5        | Unit 0: Intro to Reader's Workshop                      | 5       | Unit 0: Intro to Writer's Workshop        |
| 15<br>20 | Unit 1: Elements of Literature                          | 15      | Unit 1: Narrative Writing                 |
| 30       | Unit 2: Close Reading                                   | 30      | Unit 2: Informational/Expository Writing  |
| 20       | Unit 3: Deep Reading with Fiction & Informational Texts | 20      | Unit 3: Argumentative Writing             |
| 10<br>5  | Unit 4: Culminating Unit                                | 10      | Unit 4: Blended Writing & Public Speaking |

**Sample Block Break Down:** Classes are organized in a reader's workshop model.

| Opening (Read) | QuickWrite (Write) | Mini Lessons (Study) | Student Work Time (Do) | Reflection (Share) |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 15 min         | 5 min              | 20 min               | 30-40 min              | 5 min              |

## Curriculum Revision Tracking

### Spring 2022

- Suggested resources to support student learning within units were provided from StudySync, the new ELA & Reading resource adopted beginning SY '22-'23
- Engaging Experiences structure was redesigned to better align with the workshop model
- Scope, sequence, and content alignment across ELA and Reading were improved
- Learning targets and success criteria were developed for each DESE-identified priority standard
- All standards were realigned to match DESE priority standards

### Spring, 2021

- Renamed Unit 1
  - Changed Close Reading in Literature to Close Reading

## **Spring, 2020**

All units:

- Added ongoing skills work to the unit on the summary of engaging experiences page

Unit 3:

- Updated the Engaging Scenario

## **Spring, 2017**

Unit 1:

- Renamed Topic 1
  - Revised Engaging Experience 1 to include components of Experiences 2 and 3
  - Deleted Engaging Experiences 2 and 3
- Renamed Topic 2
  - Revised Engaging Experience 1 to include components of Experiences 2-5
  - Deleted Engaging Experiences 2-5
- Renamed Topic 3
  - Revised Engaging Experience 1 to include components of Experiences 2-6
  - Deleted Engaging Experiences 2-7

Unit 2:

- Deleted Essential Question 2
- Deleted Enduring Understanding #2
- Renamed Topic 1
  - Revised Engaging Experiences 1 and 2
  - Deleted Engaging Experience 3
- Renamed Topic 2
  - Revised Engaging Experience 1
  - Deleted old Engaging Experience 2 and created a new one
- Deleted Topic 3

Unit 3:

- Topic 1
  - Revised Engaging Experiences 1 and 2
  - Deleted Engaging Experience 3
- Topic 2
  - Revised Engaging Experience 1
- Renamed Topic 3
  - Revised Engaging Experience 1
  - Add Engaging Experience 2
- Delete Topic 4

Unit 4:

- Renamed Topic 1
  - Revised Engaging Experience 1
  - Add new Engaging Experience 2
- Renamed Topic 2
  - Revised Engaging Experience 1
  - Delete Engaging Experience 2
- Delete Topic 3

**Spring, 2016**

Unit 1:

- Topic 2 was renamed to “Close Reading: Making Inferences”
  - Experiences 6-11 were moved to a new Topic 3
- Topic 3 was added: “Close Reading—Analyzing Language”
  - Added experiences 6-11 from Topic 2 to Topic 3

Unit 2:

- Topic 1 was renamed to “Text Features and Structures”
  - Experiences 1-3 were renamed
- Topic 2
  - Experiences 2-3 were combined into Experience 1 and the entire experience was renamed.

Unit 3:

- Topic 1
  - Experiences were renamed
  - Experience 4 was eliminated
- Topic 2
  - Experience 1 was renamed
- Topic 3
  - Experience 1 was revised
- Topic 4 was renamed
  - Experience 1 was revised
  - Experience 2 was eliminated

Unit 4:

- Topics 1 and 2 were renamed

## Unit 0: Introduction to Reader's Workshop

**Subject:** Reading

**Grade:** 6th

**Name of Unit:** Introduction to Reader's Workshop

**Length of Unit:** 5 blocks

**Overview of Unit:** Students will be introduced to reader's workshop, and establish norms and procedures to be successful readers. Each student will set up their Reader's Notebook (digital or non digital) that will be used throughout the year.

**Priority Standards for unit:**

- None

**Essential Questions:**

1. How can I establish norms to grow as a reader?

**Enduring Understanding/Big Ideas:**

1. Set up norms and expectations for reader's workshop.

**Unit Vocabulary:**

| Academic Cross-Curricular Words | Content/Domain Specific                        |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Norms<br>Procedures             | Reader's Workshop<br>Mentor Text<br>Book Clubs |

**Suggested Core Mentor Texts, Anchor Texts, &/or Book Club Books:** The resources listed here are recommended for repeated use throughout the unit for reading analysis and/or writer's craft analysis. (\*Means shared ELA/Reading resource)

- "The Dot" Peter H. Reynolds
- StudySync Blasts of interest to students

## Engaging Experience 1

|   |   |   |                           |
|---|---|---|---------------------------|
| <b><u>Title:</u></b><br>Introduction to Middle School                                     |   | <b><u>Suggested Time Length:</u></b><br>1 Block |                           |
| <b><u>Priority Standard(s):</u></b> None  |   |   |                           |
| <b><u>Learning Target(s):</u></b>   | <b><u>Success Criteria:</u></b>   | <b><u>Bloom's Taxonomy Levels:</u></b>          | <b><u>Webb's DOK:</u></b> |
| The student will brainstorm and set classroom notes and expectations for the school year. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● I can create norms and expectations.</li><li>● I can organize my reader's notebook into sections.</li></ul> | Creating  | 3                         |
| <b><u>Supporting Standard(s):</u></b>   |   |   |                           |

| <b><u>Read</u></b>   | <b><u>Write</u></b>  | <b><u>Study</u></b> | <b><u>Do</u></b> | <b><u>Share</u></b>  |
|--|--|---------------------|------------------|--|
| Students read the classroom syllabus or teacher expectations   | Students brainstorm classroom norms and expectations on their own. |                     |                  | Students share out loud with their peers an expectation they brainstormed. |
| <b><u>Instructional Notes:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review classroom and building expectations for students. Discuss workshop routine expectations.</li> </ul> |  |                     |                  |  |

## Engaging Experience 2

|   |   |   |                           |
|---|---|---|---------------------------|
| <b><u>Title: Creating Library Expectations</u></b>  |   | <b><u>Suggested Time Length:</u></b><br>1 Block |                           |
| <b><u>Priority Standard(s):</u></b> None  |   |   |                           |
| <b><u>Learning Target(s):</u></b>   | <b><u>Success Criteria:</u></b>   | <b><u>Bloom's Taxonomy Levels:</u></b>          | <b><u>Webb's DOK:</u></b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The student will visit the Media Center (library) to learn the expectations for checking out books and their role as a student during mini lessons provided by the Media Specialist.</li><li>● Students will also be able to check out their first book to read during class.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● I can familiarize myself with the expectations while in the Media Center.</li><li>● I can follow expectations while I am in the Media Center.</li></ul> | Remembering/<br>Understanding                   | 1                         |
| <b><u>Supporting Standard(s):</u></b>   |   |   |                           |

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|--|---------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| <b><u>Read</u></b>   | <b><u>Write</u></b> | <b><u>Study</u></b> | <b><u>Do</u></b>   | <b><u>Share</u></b>  |
|  |                     |                     | Students will check out a book to read in reading class. | Students share with their peers the book they chose to read. |
| <b><u>Instructional Notes:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schedule time for each class to visit the Media Center. (Suggested time - 40 minutes)</li> </ul>                   |                     |                     |  |  |
| <b><u>Modifications / Accommodations :</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During library tour, show students where to find high interest low level reading materials.</li> </ul> |                     |                     |  |  |

## Engaging Experience 3

|  |  |   |                           |
|--|--|---|---------------------------|
| <b><u>Title:</u></b><br>Creating a Reader’s Notebook   |  | <b><u>Suggested Time Length:</u></b><br>1 Block |                           |
| <b><u>Priority Standard(s):</u></b>  |  |   |                           |
| <b><u>Learning Target(s):</u></b>  | <b><u>Success Criteria:</u></b>  | <b><u>Bloom’s Taxonomy Levels:</u></b>          | <b><u>Webb’s DOK:</u></b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The student will create a Reader’s Notebook.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● I can organize my Reader’s Notebook into sections.</li><li>● I can bring my notebook to class.</li></ul> | Remembering/<br>Understanding                   | 1                         |
| <b><u>Supporting Standard(s):</u></b>  |  |   |                           |

| <b><u>Read</u></b>   | <b><u>Write</u></b> | <b><u>Study</u></b>   | <b><u>Do</u></b>   | <b><u>Share</u></b> |
|--|---------------------|---|--|---------------------|
|  |                     | Students will listen to the teacher describe the importance of having a Reader's Notebook and the expectations of maintaining the notebook this year. | Students create and label the different sections of their Reader's Notebooks (see Instructional Notes below for suggested sections). |                     |
| <b><u>Instructional Notes:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will be introduced to reader's workshop, and establish norms and procedures to be successful readers. Students will also create a reader's notebook that they will use throughout their 6th grade school year to practice their reading skills and capture their personal experiences with text.</li> </ul> |                     |   |  |                     |
| <b><u>Modifications / Accommodations :</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider simplifying organization of notebook to 2 - 3 section with no numbering of pages. (i.e. Section 1: Mentor Text, Section 2: Resources and Notes)</li> </ul>  |                     |   |  |                     |



## Engaging Experience 4

**Title:**

Who Are You as a Reader?

**Suggested Time Length:**

1 Block

**Priority Standard(s):** None

**Learning Target(s):**

- The student will reflect on their own reading habits to determine their personal motivation and opportunities for growth as a reader.

**Success Criteria:**

- I can think about myself as a reader and be honest with myself.
- I can identify and explain my personal opportunities for growth as a reader.

**Bloom's  
Taxonomy Levels:**

Remembering/  
Understanding

**Webb's  
DOK:**

1

**Supporting Standard(s):**

| <u>Read</u> | <u>Write</u>   | <u>Study</u> | <u>Do</u>   | <u>Share</u>  |
|-------------|--|--------------|---|---|
|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students add their thoughts to three anchor chart papers:</li> <li>● What makes you more likely to read?</li> <li>● What makes you less likely to read?</li> <li>● List words that describe you as a reader.</li> </ul> |              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students participate in a Gallery Walk of the anchor chart papers. During the Gallery Walk, students add one sticky note to each piece of chart paper that includes their thoughts after reading their peers sticky notes.</li> <li>● Students complete an Interest Inventory about their reading habits.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students share out their final thoughts about their own reading habits with their tables.</li> </ul> |

**Instructional Notes:**

- Provide each student with three sticky notes and have them respond to each question below on three different sticky notes:
  - What makes you more likely to read?
  - What makes you less likely to read?
  - List words that describe you as a reader.
- Ask students to add their sticky notes to the anchor charts displayed around the room. It is recommended to have one anchor chart for each question.
- Create a digital Personal Inventory Survey for students to complete. There are many examples on the internet of suggested items to include in the survey.

**Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Instead of gallery walk, fill out anchor charts together as a class going through one question at a time. Use a class discussion to go over their responses.
- Consider shortened length of the survey at the end. Make digital survey available.

## Engaging Experience 5

**Title:**

Structure and Routine of Reader's Workshop

**Suggested Time Length:**

1 Block

**Priority Standard(s):** None**Learning Target(s):**

- The student will understand their expectations during each portion of the reader's workshop.

**Success Criteria:**

- I can use my listening skills to understand my expectations as a reader during reader's workshop.

**Bloom's  
Taxonomy  
Levels:**

Remembering/Understanding

**Webb's  
DOK:**

1

**Supporting Standard(s):**

| <b><u>Read</u></b>  | <b><u>Write</u></b>   | <b><u>Study</u></b>   | <b><u>Do</u></b>   | <b><u>Share</u></b>   |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| Students learn about the expectations during the "read" process of the workshop model.  | Students learn about the expectations during the "write" process of the workshop model. | Students learn about the expectations during the "study" process of the workshop model. | Students learn about the expectations during the "do" process of the workshop model. | Students learn about the expectations during the "share" process of the workshop model. |
| <b>Instructional Notes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is the lesson where you can teach your expectations of the reader's workshop model and the expectations of each step to complete.</li> <li>• Students will also be able to provide their workshop experience in elementary school.</li> </ul> |   |   |  |   |

| Summary of Engaging Learning Experiences & Scenario(s) |   |                          |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| Engaging Experience Title                              | Description   | Suggested Length of Time |
| Introduction to Middle School                          | Building Expectations & Classroom Expectations (Student Brainstorming Activity)   | 1 Block                  |
| Library Expectations                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit the Library               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mini Lessons</li> <li>Check Out Procedures</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | 1 Block                  |
| Set Up Reader's Notebook                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital or Paper</li> <li>Notebook Items to Include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Table of Contents (multiple pages)</li> <li>Reader's Notebook Title Page</li> <li>Table of Contents</li> <li>Books I Want to Read</li> <li>Books I Have Finished</li> <li>Reading Goals (by quarter)</li> <li>My Reading Reflections</li> <li>Book Club</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | 1 Block                  |
| Who Are You As a Reader?                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sticky Note and Chart Paper                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What makes you more likely to read?</li> <li>What makes you less likely to read?</li> <li>List words that describe you as a reader.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Gallery Walk of Charts                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add one sticky note to each chart of your thoughts</li> </ul> </li> <li>Personal Inventory Survey</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | 1 Block                  |
| Structures and Routines of Reader's Workshop           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elements of Reader's Workshop               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read</li> <li>Write</li> <li>Study</li> <li>Do</li> <li>Share</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | 1 Block                  |

## Unit 1: Elements of Literature

**Subject:** Reading

**Grade:** 6th

**Name of Unit:** Elements of Literature

**Length of Unit:** 15 blocks **20 blocks**

**Overview of Unit:** Students will analyze literary text to identify and explain how the plot affects the overall text. **Note:** Students will be reading a novel in verse throughout the first ten Engaging Experiences. It is recommended that students spend no more than three weeks reading this book to help them be prepared for the final project.

### Priority Standards for unit:

- 6.RL.1.D Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Using appropriate text, determine the theme(s) of a text and cite evidence of its development; summarize the text.
- 6.RL.2.D Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Describe how a particular text's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

### Supporting Standards for unit:

- 6.RL.3.C Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Explain how plot and conflict reflect historical and/or cultural contexts.
- 6.RL.3.D Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas and poems, independently and proficiently.

## Unwrapped Priority Standards

| Priority Standard   |  |                         |            |
|---|--|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>6.RL.1.D</b> Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Using appropriate text, determine the theme(s) of a text and cite evidence of its development; summarize the text. |  |                         |            |
| Learning Targets  | Success Criteria   | Bloom's Taxonomy Levels | Webb's DOK |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will determine the theme(s) of a text.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can understand the difference between a topic and theme.</li> <li>I can explain how a character(s) changes throughout the story.</li> <li>I can answer the question, "What does the author want me to learn from the story?"</li> </ul>   | Analyze                 | 3          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will use text evidence to support the development of the theme(s).</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify multiple details in the story that support my chosen theme.</li> <li>I can connect multiple details to explain how a theme is developed throughout the story.</li> </ul>   | Analyze                 | 3          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will summarize a text.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can explain the main conflict.</li> <li>I can explain the steps a character(s) takes to resolve the main conflict.</li> <li>I can explain how the conflict changed the character in the end.</li> <li>I can write a summary by combining key details from the story.</li> </ul> | Create                  | 4          |

| Priority Standard  |   |                         |            |
|--|---|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>6.RL.2.D</b> Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Describe how a particular text's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution. |   |                         |            |
| Learning Targets   | Success Criteria  | Bloom's Taxonomy Levels | Webb's DOK |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will identify and explain the types of characters in literature.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify the protagonist in a story.</li> <li>I can identify the antagonist in a story.</li> <li>I can explain the difference between a static and dynamic character.</li> <li>I can explain the difference between a round and flat character.</li> </ul> | Evaluate                | 4          |

|  |  |                              |            |
|--|--|------------------------------|------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will be able to identify character traits of the characters in literature.</li> </ul>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can explain character traits in each character of a story.</li> </ul>   | Evaluate                     | 4          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will be able to identify and explain conflict in literature.</li> </ul>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify conflict in a story.</li> <li>I can explain the type of conflict characters struggle with in a story.</li> </ul>                                   | Applying<br>Analyzing        | 2<br>3     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will describe how an author uses specific plot elements to move a story forward.</li> </ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify specific plot elements in a story.</li> <li>I can explain how specific plot elements move a story forward.</li> </ul>                              | Evaluate                     | 4          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will analyze how characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution in a story</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify the protagonist in a story.</li> <li>I can explain the main conflict's affect on the protagonist as the plot moves toward a resolution.</li> </ul> | Understanding<br><br>Analyze | 1<br><br>3 |

### **Essential Questions:**

- How can I determine a theme of a text and summarize it in my own words?
- How can a sequence of plot events impact or change characters in a story?

### **Enduring Understanding/Big Ideas:**

- I can determine and summarize the theme(s) of a text.
- I can describe a text's plot and analyze how characters respond or change to different events in a plot.

### **Unit Vocabulary:**

| Academic Cross-Curricular Words | Content/Domain Specific   |
|---------------------------------|---|
|                                 | <div>Theme</div> <div>Plot Elements</div> <div>Exposition</div> <div>Conflict</div> <div>Internal Conflict</div> <div>External Conflict</div> <div>Rising Action</div> <div>Climax</div> <div>Falling Action</div> <div>Resolution</div> <div>Protagonist</div> <div>Antagonist</div> |

**Suggested Core Mentor Texts, Anchor Texts, &/or Book Club Books:** The resources listed here are recommended for repeated use throughout the unit for reading analysis and/or writer's craft analysis. (\*Means shared ELA/Reading resource)

\*Eleven by Sandra Cisneros (StudySync)  
 \*A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle (StudySync)  
 \*Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (StudySync)  
 \*Scout's Honor by Avi (StudySync)  
 \*Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution by Ji-li Jiang (StudySync)  
 \*The Mighty Miss Malone by Christopher Paul Curtis (StudySync)  
 \*Thank you Ma'am by Langston Hughes (StudySync)  
 Amigo Brothers (StudySync)  
 Teacher Tamer by Avi  
 Fetch by Rob White

**The following novels are written in verse and could be used for a Novels in Verse Book Club group:**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <i>Alone</i> by Megan E. Freeman<br><i>Becoming Muhammad Ali</i> by James Paterson & Kwame Alexander<br><i>Before the Ever After</i> by Jacqueline Woodson<br><i>Booked</i> by Kwame Alexander<br><i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> by Jacqueline Woodson<br><i>Canyon's Edge</i> by Dusti Bowling<br><i>Catching a Story Fish</i> by Janice N. Harrington<br><i>Closer to Nowhere</i> by Ellen Hopkins<br><i>Crossover</i> by Kwame Alexander<br><i>Cure for Cold Feet</i> by Beth Ain<br><i>Everywhere Blue</i> by Rossmassler Fritz<br><i>Finding Wonders: Three Girls Who Changed</i><br><i>Science</i> by Jeannine Atkins<br><i>Forget Me Not</i> by Ellie Terry<br><i>Garvey's Choice</i> by Nikki Grimes<br><i>House Arrest</i> by K.A. Holt<br><i>Inside Out and Back Again</i> by Thanhha Lai<br><i>Knockout</i> by K.A. Holt | <i>Lifeboat 12</i> by Susan Hood<br><i>Love That Dog</i> by Sharon Creech<br><i>Missing Mike</i> by Shari Green<br><i>Moo</i> by Sharon Creech<br><i>Mountain Dog</i> by Margarita Engle<br><i>My Life in the Fish Tank</i> by Barbara Dee<br><i>Other Words for Home</i> by Jasmine Warga<br><i>Planet Middle School</i> by Nikki Grimes<br><i>Rebound</i> by Kwame Alexander<br><i>Rez Dogs</i> by Joseph Bruchac<br><i>Red, White, and Whole</i> by Rajani LaRocca<br><i>Root Beer Candy and Other Miracles</i> by Shari Green<br><i>Samira Surfs</i> by Rukhsanna Guidroz<br><i>Starfish</i> by Lisa Fipps<br><i>The One Thing You'd Save</i> by Linda Sue Park<br><i>What About Will</i> by Ellen Hopkins<br><i>We Belong</i> by Cookie Haponia<br><i>Words with Wings</i> by Nikki Grimes |
|---|---|

### **Modification/Accommodations**

- Consider what texts are appropriate based on student reading levels.

## Engaging Scenario

An Engaging Scenario is a culminating activity tied to the unit's priority standards, that includes the following components: situation, challenge, specific roles, audience, product or performance.

### **Engaging Scenario** (3 blocks 4 blocks)

Choose a book you have read throughout the unit to summarize and create a Book Talk. Your Book Talk will be presented in a virtual media/format of your choice. Items to include are:

- Plot Elements (exposition, conflict, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution)
- Theme
- Key details that move the plot forward, including details about the protagonist and antagonist

Unlike other engaging scenarios, this scenario will span the entire unit, with the culminating activity of the book talk at the end.

### **Modification/Accommodations**

- Have students choose a short story (provide approximately 3 - 4 choices) to read and complete "Book Talk" with. Complete book talk note taking device that has sentence starters and fill in the blank (i.e. Google Slides).



# Engaging Experience 1

**Title:**

Types of Characters

**Suggested Time Length:**

1 Block

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.2.D** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Describe how a particular text's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

**Learning Target(s):**

- The student will identify and explain the types of characters in literature.

**Success Criteria:**

- I can identify the protagonist in a story.
- I can identify the antagonist in a story.
- I can explain the difference between a static and dynamic character.
- I can explain the difference between a round and flat character.

**Bloom's Taxonomy Levels:**

Remembering/  
Understanding

Applying

**Webb's DOK:**

1

2

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.3.D** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas and poems, independently and proficiently.

| <u>Read</u> | <u>Write</u> | <u>Study</u>  | <u>Do</u>   | <u>Share</u>  |
|-------------|--------------|---|---|---|
|             |              | Students will listen to the teacher explain the types of characters in literature.<br><br>(Optional StudySync Resource: Spotlight: Character) | Students will add the types of characters to the Reader's Notebook. | Students will use their background knowledge to provide examples of each type of character. |

**Instructional Notes:**

- The lesson should include the definitions and examples of each type of character.
- To help students remember the types of characters, add a column to the notes where students can list well known characters associated with each character type.

**Modification/Accommodations**

- Create fill in the blank notes for types of characters.

## Engaging Experience 2

**Title:** Character Traits

**Suggested Time Length:** 1 Block, 2 Blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- 6.RL.2.D Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Describe how a particular text's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

**Learning Target(s):**

**Success Criteria:**

**Bloom's  
Taxonomy Levels:**

**Webb's  
DOK:**

- The student will be able to identify character traits of the characters in literature.

- I can explain character traits in each character of a story.

Remembering/  
Understanding

1

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- 6.RL.3.D Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas and poems, independently and proficiently.

| <u>Read</u> | <u>Write</u> | <u>Study</u>  | <u>Do</u>  | <u>Share</u>  |
|-------------|--------------|---|--|---|
|             |              | <p>Students will listen a mini lesson about character traits and how these traits help us as readers to analyze characters.</p> <p>(Optional StudySync Resources: Character - Amigo Brothers)</p> | Students will a list of character traits to their Reader's Notebook. | Students will use their background knowledge to provide examples of characters and their associated character traits. |

**Instructional Notes:**

- The lesson should include a list of various character traits and how a reader can use these known traits as they analyze the characters in their story.
- To help students remember character traits, add a column to the notes where students can list well known characters associated with some of the character traits.

**Modification/Accommodations**

- Provide a list of character traits to put in notebook to refer to. Identify character traits together for at least two characters before having students identify character traits independently.
- Use added block to analyze a mentor text with annotations and questions that specifically focus on characteriazation.

## Engaging Experience 3

**Title:** Types of Conflict in Literature

**Suggested Time Length:**

1 Block

2 Blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.2.D** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Describe how a particular text's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

| <b>Learning Target(s):</b>  | <b>Success Criteria:</b>   | <b>Bloom's Taxonomy Levels:</b>  | <b>Webb's DOK:</b> |
|---|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will be able to identify and explain the main type of conflict in a literature.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify conflict in a story.</li> <li>● I can explain the type of conflict the character struggles with in a story.</li> </ul> | <p>Applying</p> <p>Analyzing</p> | <p>2</p> <p>3</p>  |

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.3.C** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Explain how plot and conflict reflect historical and/or cultural contexts.
- **6.RL.3.D** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas and poems, independently and proficiently.

| <b>Read</b> | <b>Write</b> | <b>Study</b>   | <b>Do</b>   | <b>Share</b>  |
|-------------|--------------|--|---|---|
|             |              | Students will listen a mini lesson about they types of conflict in literature. | Students will take notes about the types of conflict in literature. | Students will use their knowledge of the types of conflict and of well known books and/or movies to discuss the type of conflict shown. |

**Instructional Notes:**

- Students should take notes that cover the following types of conflict:
  - Internal Conflict
    - Character vs. Self
  - External Conflict
    - Character vs. Character
    - Character vs. Nature
    - Character vs. Society
- Suggestion - There are many examples of conflict in Pixar and other popular movie clips that can be used in a lesson to provide examples of each type of conflict.

**Modification/Accommodations**

- Provide fill in the blank notes or graphic organizers to take notes on different types of Conflicts.
- Practice identifying conflict first with short paragraph stories.
- Use sentence stems (i.e. \_\_\_\_\_ wanted \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_.)
- Use added block to analyze a mentor text with annotations and questions that specifically focus on conflict.

## Engaging Experience 4

**Title:** Introduction to Plot Elements

**Suggested Time Length:** 1 Block

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.2.D** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Describe how a particular text's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

**Learning Target(s):**

**Success Criteria:**

**Bloom's  
Taxonomy Levels:**

**Webb's  
DOK:**

- The student will describe how an author uses specific plot elements to move a story forward.

- I can identify specific plot elements in a story.
- I can explain how specific plot elements move a story forward.

Applying

2

Evaluate

4

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.3.D** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas and poems, independently and proficiently.

**Read**

**Write**

**Study**

**Do**

**Share**

Students will draw a plot chart that includes labels for each plot element of a story.

Students will listen to the teacher as they are lead through the plot elements of a story.

*(Optional StudySync Resources:*

Students will add plot notes to their Reader's Notebook.

**Instructional Notes:**

- Students will include the plot notes in their Reader's Notebook for future reference. The following plot stages should be included:
  - Exposition
  - Conflict
  - Rising Action
  - Climax (Inciting Incident)
  - Falling Action
  - Resolution

**Modification/Accommodations**

- Consider moving this engaging experience to the beginning of the unit and returning and reviewing during all other engaging experience.
- Create fill in the blank or cut and paste notes for plot elements.

## Engaging Experience 5

**Title:** Plot

**Suggested Time Length:** 1 Blocks 2 Blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.2.D** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Describe how a particular text's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

| <b><u>Learning Target(s):</u></b>  | <b><u>Success Criteria:</u></b>   | <b><u>Bloom's Taxonomy Levels:</u></b> | <b><u>Webb's DOK:</u></b> |
|--|---|--|---------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will describe how an author uses specific plot elements to move a story forward.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify specific plot elements in a story.</li> <li>● I can explain how specific plot elements move a story forward.</li> </ul> | Evaluate                               | 4                         |

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.3.D** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas and poems, independently and proficiently.

| <b><u>Read</u></b>                                 | <b><u>Write</u></b> | <b><u>Study</u></b>  | <b><u>Do</u></b>  | <b><u>Share</u></b> |
|--|---------------------|--|---|---------------------|
| Students will read a short story as a mentor text. |                     | Students will follow along with the teacher as a story's plot is deconstructed to identify each stage of the plot. | Students will analyze a short story to complete the plot chart. |                     |

**Instructional Notes:**

- Provide the students with a blank plot chart or have the students add the diagram to a page in their Reader's Notebook.
- Students should be led through a mini lesson that uses a short story as a mentor text. During the lesson, students should also include the plot chart to fully engage them in the activity.
  - Two blocks have been allocated to this Engaging Experience so students could be led through two different mentor texts as examples of identifying plot elements. This is step one of the gradual release to students being independent with their own piece of text and completing a plot chart.

**Modification/Accommodations**

- Consider what texts are appropriate based on student reading levels.
- Possibly use a question/answer format to guide the students in filling out the plot diagram.
- Possibly use pre written short descriptors of story events and have the students place those events on the plot diagram.
- Use added block to have students practice independently identifying plot elements.

## Engaging Experience 6

**Title:** Theme

**Suggested Time Length:** 1 Block

**6.RL.1.D** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Using appropriate text, determine the theme(s) of a text and cite evidence of its development; summarize the text.

| <u>Learning Target(s):</u>   | <u>Success Criteria:</u>   | <u>Bloom's Taxonomy Levels:</u> | <u>Webb's DOK:</u> |
|--|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will determine the theme(s) of a text.</li> </ul>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can understand the difference between a topic and theme.</li> <li>I can explain how a character(s) changes throughout the story.</li> <li>I can answer the question, "What does the author want me to learn from the story?"</li> </ul> | Analyze                         | 3                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will use text evidence to support the development of the theme(s).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify multiple details in the story that support my chosen theme.</li> <li>I can connect multiple details to explain how a theme is developed throughout the story.</li> </ul>   | Analyze                         | 3                  |

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- 6.RL.2.D** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Describe how a particular text's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

| <u>Read</u> | <u>Write</u> | <u>Study</u>  | <u>Do</u>   | <u>Share</u>  |
|-------------|--------------|---|---|---|
|             |              | Students will listen a mini lesson about theme in literature. | Students will take notes about theme in literature. | Students will use their knowledge of theme and of well known books and/or movies to discuss the theme displayed in their example. |

**Instructional Notes:**

- Students will need to understand the difference between a topic and a theme.
- Students should write their theme in one complete sentence.
- Suggestion - There are many examples of theme in Pixar and other popular movie clips that can be used in a lesson to provide examples.

**Modification/Accommodations**

- Provide and walk through many examples of theme topics and theme statements as a class.
- Theme sentence starter *The life lesson the author wants me to learn is....*
- Allow students to share their themes verbally either through discussion, scribe, video or speech to text.

## Engaging Experience 7

**Title:**

Plot and Theme in Literature

**Suggested Time Length:**

2 Blocks 3 Blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.2.D** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Describe how a particular text's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

**Learning Target(s):**

- The student will describe how an author uses specific plot elements to move a story forward.
- The student will use text evidence to support the development of the theme(s).

**Success Criteria:**

- I can identify specific plot elements in a story.
- I can explain how specific plot elements move a story forward.
- I can identify multiple details in the story that support my chosen theme.

**Bloom's Taxonomy Levels:**

Evaluate

**Webb's DOK:**

4

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.3.D** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas and poems, independently and proficiently.

**Read**

Students will read a short story as a mentor text.

**Write**

**Study**

**Do**

Students will analyze a short story to complete the plot chart and determine the overarching theme.

**Share**

Students will share their thoughts about each plot stage and theme with their peers. A discussion board could be used for students to express their chosen theme and to explain their reasoning.

**Instructional Notes:**

- Provide the students with a blank plot chart or have the students add the diagram to a page in their Reader's Notebook.
- Students should be provided with a mentor text.
  - Suggestion - Provide two mentor texts that are the same for all students followed by two other student choice selections. The goal would be for students to read, reflect, identify, and explain each step of the plot utilizing a total of four mentor texts.



- After reading the short story, students should identify, label, and include information to complete the plot chart, while also thinking about the theme. The goal is that students will understand how the theme is developed throughout the story as the main character responds or changes to the main story's conflict. Students should also be able to include references back to the text that support their reasoning for their chosen theme.

#### **Modification/Accommodations**

- Skip filling out plot diagram to focus on the key plot elements contributing to theme (i.e protagonist, conflict, and resolution to conflict).
- Use engaging experience to have students read a mentor text first as a class and analyze the theme as well as model choosing evidence to back up the theme.
- When releasing students to choose theme and back up with text evidence, choose a short story closer to the students level to promote independence.

## Engaging Experience 8

**Title:** Writing a Fiction Summary

**Suggested Time Length:** 1 Block

#### **Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.1.D** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Using appropriate text, determine the theme(s) of a text and cite evidence of its development; summarize the text.

| <b><u>Learning Target(s):</u></b>  | <b><u>Success Criteria:</u></b>  | <b><u>Bloom's Taxonomy Levels:</u></b> | <b><u>Webb's DOK:</u></b> |
|--|--|--|---------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student will summarize a text.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can explain the main conflict.</li> <li>• I can explain the steps a character(s) takes to resolve the main conflict.</li> <li>• I can explain how the conflict changed the character in the end.</li> <li>• I can write a summary by combining key details from the story.</li> </ul> | Create                                 | 4                         |

#### **Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.2.D** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Describe how a particular text's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

| <u>Read</u>   | <u>Write</u> | <u>Study</u>   | <u>Do</u>   | <u>Share</u> |
|---|--------------|--|---|--------------|
|   |              | Students will take notes in their Reader's Notebook about how to write a summary of a fiction story. | Students will take notes in their Reader's Notebook during the mini lesson about how to write a summary of a fiction story. |              |
| <p><b><u>Instructional Notes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will take notes about how to write a summary.</li> <li>Optional ways to teach summarizing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning, middle, end</li> <li>Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then (SWBST)</li> <li>Think about the plot of a story and write one sentence for each plot stage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exposition and conflict</li> <li>Main rising action event(s) - should not be too detailed</li> <li>Climax</li> <li>Falling action (one or two events, but not too detailed)</li> <li>Resolution</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>Opinions should not be included in summaries.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Modification/Accommodations</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide fill in the blank or already filled out notes.</li> <li>Show examples of different summaries and have students rate the summaries in reference to the notes.</li> </ul> |              |  |   |              |

## Engaging Experience 9

**Title:** Summarizing Fiction

**Suggested Time Length:** 3 Blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.1.D** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Using appropriate text, determine the theme(s) of a text and cite evidence of its development; summarize the text.

| <u>Learning Target(s):</u>   | <u>Success Criteria:</u>   | <u>Bloom's Taxonomy Levels:</u> | <u>Webb's DOK:</u> |
|--|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student will summarize a text.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can explain the main conflict.</li> <li>• I can explain the steps a character(s) takes to resolve the main conflict.</li> <li>• I can explain how the conflict changed the character in the end.</li> <li>• I can write a summary by combining key details from the story.</li> </ul> | Create                          | 4                  |

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.2.D** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Describe how a particular text's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

| <u>Read</u> | <u>Write</u>   | <u>Study</u> | <u>Do</u>  | <u>Share</u>  |
|-------------|--|--------------|--|---|
|             | Students will write a summary of the mentor texts read earlier in this unit. |              | Students will write a summary of the mentor texts read earlier in this unit. | Students will confer with the teacher to review the summaries with the teacher to ensure understanding of this skill. |

**Instructional Notes:**

- Students should be provided with copies of the mentor texts read earlier in this unit.
- Students should write one summary at a time and the teacher should review the summary to ensure understanding.
- Consider using a mentor text and trying each of the strategies provided in Engaging Experience 9 to show students there is more than one way to summarize fiction.

**Modification/Accommodations**

- Complete 1 - 2 summary examples together as a class.
- Consider providing a list of details from the text and having students determine the most relevant to include in the summary.
- Provide various ways to complete their summaries: digital, verbal, text to speech, or recorded.

| Summary of Engaging Learning Experiences & Scenario(s) |   |                          |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| Engaging Experience Title                              | Description   | Suggested Length of Time |
| Character Development                                  | Mini Lesson - Types of Characters<br><i>Notes in Reader's Notebook</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dynamic</li> <li>• Round</li> <li>• Static</li> <li>• Flat</li> </ul>   | 1 Block                  |
| Character Traits                                       | Mini Lesson - Character Traits<br><i>Notes in Reader's Notebook</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examples of character traits</li> <li>• Character traits and how they help readers understand the characters' actions</li> </ul>   | 1 Block<br>2 Blocks      |
| Types of Conflict in Literature                        | Mini Lesson - Types of Conflict<br><i>Notes in Reader's Notebook (internal vs. external)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Character vs. Self</li> </ul> </li> <li>• External               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Character vs. Character</li> <li>○ Character vs. Society</li> <li>○ Character vs. Nature</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | 1 Block<br>2 Blocks      |
| Introduction to Plot Elements                          | Mini Lesson - Plot Elements<br><i>Notes in Reader's Notebook</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exposition</li> <li>• Conflict</li> <li>• Rising Action</li> <li>• Climax</li> <li>• Falling Action</li> <li>• Resolution</li> </ul>  | 1 Block                  |

|                              |   |                         |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Plot                         | <p>Skill Practice - Plot Elements in a Story<br/> <i>Working with Mentor Text</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students read a short story and complete a plot chart that includes all plot elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exposition</li> <li>Conflict</li> <li>Rising Action</li> <li>Climax</li> <li>Falling Action</li> <li>Resolution</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | 1 Blocks<br>2 Blocks    |
| Theme                        | <p>Mini Lesson - Theme<br/> <i>Notes in Reader's Notebook</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Topic vs. Theme</li> <li>Examples of Themes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moral/Lesson the author wants the reader to learn/understand</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | 1 Block                 |
| Plot and Theme in Literature | Students will read mentor texts, complete the story's plot chart, and determine the overarching theme the author intended for the reader to understand.   | 2 Blocks<br>3 Blocks    |
| Writing a Summary            | <p>Mini Lesson - Writing a Summary<br/> <i>Notes in Reader's Notebook</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning, Middle, End</li> <li>Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then (SWBST)</li> <li>Using plot elements to write a summary</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | 1 Block<br><br>3 Blocks |
| Engaging Scenario            | Students will summarize a book then create and present a Book Talk.   | 3 Blocks<br>4 Blocks    |

## Unit 2: Close Reading

**Subject:** Reading

**Grade:** 6th

**Name of Unit:** Close Reading

**Length of Unit:** 30 blocks

**Overview of Unit:** In this unit, students will develop close reading strategies to help them read independently and comprehend challenging texts. Close reading involves reading to determine what the text says explicitly, making logical inferences supported by background knowledge and textual evidence, as they draw conclusions about the text. Close reading strategies include analyzing author's word choice, including figurative and connotative language, and determining the central/main idea of a text. Students will also develop skills to write a clear and concise summary of text.

**Note:** This unit's standards are for both fiction and nonfiction texts. Therefore, many of the standards appear to be similar. Please note the "RL" (literature) versus "RI" (informational) reference in the standard.

### Priority Standards for unit:

- 6.RL.1.A Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- 6.RL.1.B Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.
- 6.RL.2.C Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language and/or the repetition of words or word sounds contributes to meaning.
- 6.RI.1.A Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- 6.RI.1.B Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative, connotative, and content-specific meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.
- 6.RI.1.D Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Explain the central/main idea(s) of a text and cite evidence of its development; summarize the text.
- 6.RI.2.C Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language, connotations and/or repetition, contributes to meaning.

**Supporting Standards for unit:**

- 6.RL.1.C Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Interpret visual elements of a text and draw conclusions from them (when applicable).
- 6.RL.2.A Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, stanza, or image contributes to meaning.
- 6.RI.1.C Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Interpret visual elements of a text including those from different media and draw conclusions from them (when applicable).
- 6.RI.2.A Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, section, or image contributes to meaning.
- 6.RI.3.D Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Read and comprehend informational text independently and proficiently.

**Unwrapped Priority Standards**

| Priority Standard   |   |                         |            |
|---|---|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>6.RL.1.A</b> Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. |   |                         |            |
| Learning Targets  | Success Criteria  | Bloom's Taxonomy Levels | Webb's DOK |
| ● The student will cite text evidence to support my understanding of what the text says explicitly.   | ● I can identify important details in a story.<br>● I can connect multiple details and explain how these details are connected.   | Analyze                 | 3          |
| ● The student will make an inference by using my background knowledge and text evidence to support my understanding of text.  | ● I can use connected evidence to make an inference about what the author is trying to say.<br>● I can use background knowledge to support my thinking.<br>● I can refer back to the entire story to determine if my inference makes sense. | Analyze                 | 3          |

| Priority Standard   |   |                         |            |
|---|---|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>6.RL.1.B</b> Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials. |   |                         |            |
| Learning Targets  | Success Criteria  | Bloom's Taxonomy Levels | Webb's DOK |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will determine the meaning of a word or phrase by using context clues, word parts, and their resources.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify context clues to support my thinking.</li> <li>I can identify word parts.</li> <li>I can use references such as a dictionary and other online tools.</li> </ul>   | Apply                   | 2          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will determine the connotative meaning of a word or phrase by using context clues.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I understand the difference between denotation and connotation.</li> <li>I can use context clues to determine the connotation of a word.</li> <li>I can use the connotation of a word to determine the meaning of a word or phrase.</li> </ul>   | Apply                   | 2          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will determine the figurative meaning of a word or phrase by using context clues.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I understand the difference between literal and figurative language.</li> <li>I can identify the following types of figurative language: similes, metaphors, alliteration, hyperbole, onomatopoeia, idioms, and personification.</li> <li>I can use context clues to determine the meaning of figurative language.</li> <li>I can refer back to the text to determine if the meaning I chose makes sense.</li> </ul> | Apply                   | 2          |



| Priority Standard  |  |                         |            |
|--|--|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>6.RL.2.C</b> Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language and/or the repetition of words or word sounds contributes to meaning |  |                         |            |
| Learning Targets   | Success Criteria   | Bloom's Taxonomy Levels | Webb's DOK |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will analyze how the author's word choice contributes to meaning in a story.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify the connotation of words in a story.</li> <li>I can explain how the connotation of a word contributes to the story.</li> </ul>                                 | Analyzing               | 3          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will analyze how figurative language contributes to meaning in a story.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify figurative language in a story.</li> <li>I can explain how the author's choice of figurative language contributes to the story.</li> </ul>                     | Analyzing               | 3          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will analyze how the repetition of words or word sounds contributes to meaning in a story.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify repetitive and/or word sounds in a story.</li> <li>I can explain how the author's choice of repetitive and/or word sounds contributes to the story.</li> </ul> | Analyzing               | 3          |

| Priority Standard   |  |                         |            |
|---|--|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>6.RI.1.A</b> Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. |  |                         |            |
| Learning Targets  | Success Criteria   | Bloom's Taxonomy Levels | Webb's DOK |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will cite text evidence to support an understanding of what a nonfiction text says explicitly.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify important details in nonfiction text.</li> <li>I can connect multiple details in nonfiction text and explain how these details are connected</li> </ul>  | Analyze                 | 3          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will make an inference by using background knowledge and text evidence to support their understanding of nonfiction text.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can use connected evidence to make an inference about what the author is trying to say.</li> <li>I can use background knowledge to support my thinking about nonfiction text.</li> <li>I can refer back to the entire text to determine if my inference makes sense.</li> </ul> | Analyze                 | 3          |

| Priority Standard  |   |                         |            |
|--|---|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>6.RI.1.B</b> Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative, connotative, and content-specific meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials. |   |                         |            |
| Learning Targets   | Success Criteria  | Bloom's Taxonomy Levels | Webb's DOK |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will determine the meaning of a word or phrase by using context clues, word parts, and resources when working with nonfiction text.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify context clues to support my thinking.</li> <li>I can identify word parts.</li> <li>I can use references such as a dictionary and other online tools</li> </ul>  | Analyze                 | 3          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will determine the connotative meaning of a word or phrase by using context clues when working with nonfiction text.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I understand the difference between denotation and connotation.</li> <li>I can use context clues to determine the connotation of a word.</li> <li>I can use the connotation of a word to determine the meaning of a word or phrase.</li> </ul>   | Analyze                 | 3          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will determine the figurative meaning of a word or phrase by using context clues when working with nonfiction text.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I understand the difference between literal and figurative language.</li> <li>I can identify the following types of figurative language: similes, metaphors, alliteration, hyperbole, onomatopoeia, idioms, and personification.</li> <li>I can use context clues to determine the meaning of figurative language.</li> <li>I can refer back to the text to determine if the meaning I chose makes sense.</li> </ul> | Analyze                 | 3          |

| Priority Standard  |   |                         |            |
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| <b>6.RI.1.D</b> Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Explain the central/main idea(s) of a text and cite evidence of its development; summarize the text.                    |   |                         |            |
| Learning Targets   | Success Criteria  | Bloom's Taxonomy Levels | Webb's DOK |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will explain the central/main idea(s) of nonfiction text.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can understand the difference between a topic and central/main idea.</li> <li>I can explain how to identify the central/main idea.</li> <li>I can analyze nonfiction text to determine the central/main idea.</li> </ul> | Evaluate                | 4          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will use text evidence to support the development of the central/main idea.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify multiple details in nonfiction text that support the central/main idea.</li> <li>I can connect multiple details to explain how a central/main idea is developed.</li> </ul>                                 | Analyze                 | 3          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will summarize nonfiction text.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can explain the central/main idea.</li> <li>I can explain the key details that support the central/main idea.</li> <li>I can write a summary by combining the central/main idea and key details.</li> </ul>              | Create                  | 4          |
| Priority Standard  |   |                         |            |
| <b>6.RI.2.C</b> Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language, connotations and/or repetition, contributes to meaning. |   |                         |            |
| Learning Targets   | Success Criteria  | Bloom's Taxonomy Levels | Webb's DOK |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will analyze how the author's word choice contributes to meaning in nonfiction text.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify the connotation of words in a text.</li> <li>I can explain how the connotation of a word and/or repetition contribute to the text</li> </ul>  | Analyze                 | 3          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will analyze how figurative language contributes to meaning in nonfiction text.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify figurative language in text.</li> <li>I can explain how the author's choice of figurative language contributes to the text</li> </ul>   | Analyze                 | 3          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will analyze how the repetition of words or word sounds contributes to meaning in nonfiction text.</li> </ul>                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify repetitive words and/or word sounds in text.</li> <li>I can explain how the author's choice of repetitive words and/or word sounds contributes to text.</li> </ul>  | Analyze                 | 3          |

### **Essential Questions:**

1. How can background knowledge and text evidence help strengthen your understanding of a text?
2. How can context clues help a reader learn the meaning of words and phrases in a text?
3. How can word choice, figurative language, and repetition of words or word sounds contribute to the meaning in a text?
4. How can I cite textual evidence and make inferences to draw conclusions of a text?
5. How do the connotation and figurative meaning of words and phrases impact a nonfiction text?
6. How does citing text evidence support my summary of the central/main idea of a text?
7. What strategies do author's use to develop a reader's deeper understanding in nonfiction text?

### **Enduring Understanding/Big Ideas:**

1. I can make inferences and cite relevant text evidence to demonstrate my understanding of a text.
2. I can determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text.
3. I can analyze how word choice, figurative language, and repetition of words or word sounds contribute to the meaning in a text.
4. I can cite text evidence and make inferences to support my analysis of text.
5. I can determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a nonfiction text.
6. I can summarize the central/main idea of a text using cited textual evidence.
7. I can analyze how the author's word choice, figurative language, and/or repetition of word or word sounds contributes to meaning in nonfiction text

### **Unit Vocabulary:**

| Academic Cross-Curricular Words   | Content/Domain Specific  |   |
|---|--|---|
| Analyze<br>Cite<br>Text evidence<br>Explicit<br>Implicit<br>Summarizing<br>Nonfiction | Inference (Infer)<br>Figurative Language<br>Denotation<br>Connotation<br>Affix<br>Simile | Metaphor<br>Alliteration<br>Hyperbole<br>Onomatopoeia<br>Idiom<br>Personification |

**Suggested Core Mentor Texts, Anchor Texts, &/or Book Club Books:** The resources listed here are recommended for repeated use throughout the unit for reading analysis and/or writer's craft analysis. (\*Means shared ELA/Reading resource)

- \*Eleven by Sandra Cisneros (StudySync)
- \*Hatshepsut: His Majesty, Herse (StudySync)
- \*Margaret Bourke-White: Fearless Photographer (StudySync)
- \*Donna O'Meara: The Volcano Lady (StudySync)
- \*Hoot (StudySync)
- \*Dare to Be Creative! (StudySync)
- \*Heroes Every Child Should Know (StudySync)
- \*Perseus (StudySync)
- Articles from Newsela (accessible in the Portal)
- Articles from Scholastic Scope (accessible through Library Media Specialist)

**Modification/Accommodations**

- Consider what texts are appropriate based on student reading levels.

## Engaging Scenario

An Engaging Scenario is a culminating activity tied to the unit's priority standards, that includes the following components: situation, challenge, specific roles, audience, product or performance.

### **Engaging Scenario** (3 blocks)

You will choose a nonfiction topic of your choice to create a One Pager. Suggested items to include in the One Pager could be:

- The article's title and author.
- The central idea of the text.
- Text features that support your topic.
- Examples of text evidence of the author's word choice (connotative language, figurative language, inferences) and how the examples contribute to the reader's understanding of the text.

Ideas for instructing this Engaging Scenario could be to:

- Review multiple examples of One Pagers.
- Include optional templates/graphic organizers for student use (digital or paper).
- Provide choices of topics.

### **Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Provide ready made packets with articles to read and gather information from for One - pager.
- Provide sentence starters for each section of the one pager.
- Students should have practice and access to text to speech opportunities to read their articles.

# Engaging Experience 1

**Title:**

Making Inferences to Understand Literature (Fiction)

**Suggested Time Length:**

1 Block 2-3 Blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.1.A** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- **6.RI.1.A** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- **6.RI.1.B** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative, connotative, and content-specific meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.

| <b><u>Learning Target(s):</u></b>   | <b><u>Success Criteria:</u></b>  | <b><u>Bloom's Taxonomy Levels:</u></b> | <b><u>Webb's DOK:</u></b> |
|---|--|--|---------------------------|
| ● The student will cite text evidence to support my understanding of what the text says explicitly.                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify important details in a story.</li> <li>● I can connect multiple details and explain how these details are connected.</li> </ul>  | Analyze                                | 3                         |
| ● The student will make an inference by using my background knowledge and text evidence to support my understanding of text.            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can use connected evidence to make an inference about what the author is trying to say.</li> <li>● I can use background knowledge to support my thinking.</li> <li>● I can refer back to the entire story to determine if my inference makes sense.</li> </ul>                      | Analyze                                | 3                         |
| ● The student will cite text evidence to support an understanding of what a nonfiction text says explicitly.                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify important details in nonfiction text.</li> <li>● I can connect multiple details in nonfiction text and explain how these details are connected</li> </ul>  | Analyze                                | 3                         |
| ● The student will make an inference by using background knowledge and text evidence to support their understanding of nonfiction text. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can use connected evidence to make an inference about what the author is trying to say.</li> <li>● I can use background knowledge to support my thinking about nonfiction text.</li> <li>● I can refer back to the entire text to determine if my inference makes sense.</li> </ul> | Analyze                                | 3                         |

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|---|--|---------|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student will determine the meaning of a word or phrase by using context clues, word parts, and resources when working with nonfiction text.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can identify context clues to support my thinking.</li> <li>• I can Identify word parts.</li> <li>• I can use references such as a dictionary and other online tools</li> </ul> | Analyze | 3 |
|---|--|---------|---|

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- 6.RL.1.C Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Interpret visual elements of a text and draw conclusions from them (when applicable).
- 6.RI.1.C Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Interpret visual elements of a text including those from different media and draw conclusions from them (when applicable).
- 6.RL.2.A Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, stanza, or image contributes to meaning.
- 6.RI.2.A Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, section, or image contributes to meaning.

| <u>Read</u> | <u>Write</u> | <u>Study</u>  | <u>Do</u>  | <u>Share</u> |
|-------------|--------------|---|--|--------------|
|             |              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will listen to a mini lesson about making inferences using background information and text evidence.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will take notes in their Reader's Notebook by following along with the mini lesson.</li> </ul> |              |

**Instructional Notes:**

- The lesson should include information about making inferences using background knowledge and text evidence to support their inference.
- Suggested order of activities: Study, Do.

**Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Provided fill in the blank notes.
- Use added blocks to analyze mentor texts with a focus on making inferences using literature.



## Engaging Experience 2

**Title:**

Types of Figurative Language

**Suggested Time Length:**

1 Block 2-3 Blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.1.B** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.
- **6.RL.2.C** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language and/or the repetition of words or word sounds contributes to meaning.
- **6.RI.1.B** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative, connotative, and content-specific meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.

| <b><u>Learning Target(s):</u></b>  | <b><u>Success Criteria:</u></b>   | <b><u>Bloom's<br/>Taxonomy Levels:</u></b> | <b><u>Webb's<br/>DOK:</u></b> |
|--|---|--|-------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will determine the figurative meaning of a word or phrase by using context clues.</li> </ul>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I understand the difference between literal and figurative language.</li> <li>● I can identify the following types of figurative language: similes, metaphors, alliteration, hyperbole, onomatopoeia, idioms, and personification.</li> <li>● I can use context clues to determine the meaning of figurative language.</li> <li>● I can refer back to the text to determine if the meaning I chose makes sense.</li> </ul> | Apply                                      | 2                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will analyze how figurative language contributes to meaning in a story.</li> </ul>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify figurative language in a story.</li> <li>● I can explain how the author's choice of figurative language contributes to the story.</li> </ul>  | Analyzing                                  | 3                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will analyze how the repetition of words or word sounds contributes to meaning in a story.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify repetitive and/or word sounds in a story.</li> <li>● I can explain how the author's choice of repetitive and/or word sounds contributes to the story.</li> </ul>  | Analyzing                                  | 3                             |

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- 6.RL.2.A Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, stanza, or image contributes to meaning.
- 6.RL.2.A Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, section, or image contributes to meaning.

| <b><u>Read</u></b> | <b><u>Write</u></b> | <b><u>Study</u></b>   | <b><u>Do</u></b>   | <b><u>Share</u></b>   |
|--------------------|---------------------|---|--|---|
|                    |                     | Students will listen to a mini lesson about different types of figurative language. | Students will take notes in their Reader's Notebook by following along with the mini lesson. | Students will share out examples of figurative language as they are discussing each type. |

**Instructional Notes:**

- Students take notes about the following types of figurative language:
  - Simile
  - Metaphor
  - Alliteration
  - Hyperbole
  - Onomatopoeia
  - Idiom
  - Personification
- Many examples of figurative language in movies are available in YouTube.
- Suggested order of activities: Study, Do, Share.

**Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Provide fill in the blank notes.
- Use added blocks to analyze mentor texts with a focus on analyzing figurative language in fiction and nonfiction.

## Engaging Experience 3

**Title:**

Denotation and Connotation (Fiction & Nonfiction)

**Suggested Time Length:**

1 Block 2-3 Blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.1.B** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.
- **6.RL.2.C** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language and/or the repetition of words or word sounds contributes to meaning
- **6.RL.1.B** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative, connotative, and content-specific meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.
- **6.RL.2.C** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language, connotations and/or repetition, contributes to meaning.

| <b><u>Learning Target(s):</u></b>  | <b><u>Success Criteria:</u></b>   | <b><u>Bloom's<br/>Taxonomy Levels:</u></b> | <b><u>Webb's<br/>DOK:</u></b> |
|--|---|--|-------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will determine the connotative meaning of a word or phrase by using context clues.</li> </ul>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I understand the difference between denotation and connotation.</li> <li>● I can use context clues to determine the connotation of a word.</li> <li>● I can use the connotation of a word to determine the meaning of a word or phrase.</li> </ul> | Apply                                      | 2                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will analyze how the author's word choice contributes to meaning in a story.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify the connotation of words in a story.</li> <li>● I can explain how the connotation of a word contributes to the story.</li> </ul>  | Analyzing                                  | 3                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will determine the connotative meaning of a word or phrase by using context clues when working with nonfiction text.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I understand the difference between denotation and connotation.</li> <li>● I can use context clues to determine the connotation of a word.</li> <li>● I can use the connotation of a word to determine the meaning of a word or phrase.</li> </ul> | Analyze                                    | 3                             |

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|--|---|---------|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will analyze how the author's word choice contributes to meaning in nonfiction text.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify the connotation of words in a text.</li> <li>I can explain how the connotation of a word and/or repetition contribute to the text.</li> </ul> | Analyze | 3 |
|--|---|---------|---|

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- 6.RL.2.A Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, stanza, or image contributes to meaning.
- 6.RI.2.A Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, section, or image contributes to meaning.
- 6.RI.3.D Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Read and comprehend informational text independently and proficiently.

| <u>Read</u> | <u>Write</u> | <u>Study</u>  | <u>Do</u>  | <u>Share</u>   |
|-------------|--------------|---|--|--|
|             |              | Students will listen to a mini lesson about denotation and connotation. | Students will take notes in their Reader's Notebook by following along with the mini lesson. | Students will share examples of connotative language as they are following along with the mini lesson. |

**Instructional Notes:**

- During the lesson, include many examples of comparing two or three words and discuss the intensity level of each word.
- Students should understand that words have a positive, neutral, or negative undertone that helps us as readers determine the intent of the author's writing.
- Suggested order of activities: Study, Do, Share.

**Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Provide fill in the blank notes.
- Use added blocks to analyze mentor texts with a focus on analyzing connotative language in fiction and nonfiction.

## Engaging Experience 4

**Title:**

Using Word Choice to Understand Text (Fiction & Nonfiction)

**Suggested Time Length:**

8 Blocks **3 - 4 Blocks**

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.1.B** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.
- **6.RL.2.C** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language and/or the repetition of words or word sounds contributes to meaning.
- **6.RI.1.B** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative, connotative, and content-specific meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.
- **6.RI.2.C** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language, connotations and/or repetition, contributes to meaning.

| <b><u>Learning Target(s):</u></b>   | <b><u>Success Criteria:</u></b>   | <b><u>Bloom's<br/>Taxonomy Levels:</u></b> | <b><u>Webb's<br/>DOK:</u></b> |
|---|---|--|-------------------------------|
| ● The student will determine the meaning of a word or phrase by using context clues, word parts, and their resources. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify context clues to support my thinking.</li> <li>● I can identify word parts.</li> <li>● I can use references such as a dictionary and other online tools.</li> </ul>   | Apply                                      | 2                             |
| ● The student will determine the connotative meaning of a word or phrase by using context clues.                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I understand the difference between denotation and connotation.</li> <li>● I can use context clues to determine the connotation of a word.</li> <li>● I can use the connotation of a word to determine the meaning of a word or phrase.</li> </ul>   | Apply                                      | 2                             |
| ● The student will determine the figurative meaning of a word or phrase by using context clues.                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I understand the difference between literal and figurative language.</li> <li>● I can identify the following types of figurative language: similes, metaphors, alliteration, hyperbole, onomatopoeia, idioms, and personification.</li> <li>● I can use context clues to determine the meaning of figurative language.</li> <li>● I can refer back to the text to determine if the meaning I chose makes sense.</li> </ul> | Apply                                      | 2                             |

|  |  |           |   |
|--|--|-----------|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will analyze how the author's word choice contributes to meaning in a story.</li> </ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify the connotation of words in a story.</li> <li>I can explain how the connotation of a word contributes to the story.</li> </ul>                                 | Analyzing | 3 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will analyze how figurative language contributes to meaning in a story.</li> </ul>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify figurative language in a story.</li> <li>I can explain how the author's choice of figurative language contributes to the story.</li> </ul>                     | Analyzing | 3 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will analyze how the repetition of words or word sounds contributes to meaning in a story.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify repetitive and/or word sounds in a story.</li> <li>I can explain how the author's choice of repetitive and/or word sounds contributes to the story.</li> </ul> | Analyzing | 3 |

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- 6.RL.2.A Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, stanza, or image contributes to meaning.
- 6.RL.2.A Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, section, or image contributes to meaning.

| <u>Read</u>   | <u>Write</u> | <u>Study</u>  | <u>Do</u>   | <u>Share</u>   |
|---|--------------|---|---|--|
| <p>Students use mentor texts to practice using the following reading skills to make inferences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Background knowledge and text evidence</li> <li>Figurative language</li> <li>Connotative language</li> </ul> |              | <p>Teacher reviews how a reader can use word choice to understand text.</p> | <p>Students will practice with small pieces of text to look for how author's use word choice to convey the meaning of the text.</p> | <p>Students will share and discuss how word choice helps convey a message.</p> |

**Instructional Notes:**

- Students will practice analyzing authors' word choice to determine the meaning of text.
- Suggested order of activities: Study, Read, Do, Share.

**Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Rather than front loading the three skills before practice, this engaging experience has been reduced to allocate more blocks to engaging experiences 1 - 3.
- Students use blocks to finally use the three focus areas combined (Background knowledge and text evidence, Figurative language, Connotative language) with 2 - 3 mentor texts/Short Stories.

## Engaging Experience 5

**Title:**

How to Determine the Central/Main Idea of Text  
(Fiction & Nonfiction)

**Suggested Time Length:**

1 Block

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RI.1.D** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader). Explain the central/main idea(s) of a text and cite evidence of its development; summarize the text.

**Learning Target(s):**

**Success Criteria:**

**Bloom's  
Taxonomy Levels:**

**Webb's  
DOK:**

|   |   |          |   |
|---|---|----------|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student will explain the central/main idea(s) of nonfiction text.</li> </ul>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can understand the difference between a topic and a central/main idea.</li> <li>• I can explain how to identify the central/main idea.</li> <li>• I can analyze nonfiction text to determine the central/main idea.</li> </ul> | Evaluate | 4 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student will use text evidence to support the development of the central/main idea.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can identify multiple details in nonfiction text that support the central/main idea.</li> <li>• I can connect multiple details to explain how a central/main idea is developed.</li> </ul>                                     | Analyze  | 3 |

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.1.C** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Interpret visual elements of a text and draw conclusions from them (when applicable).
- **6.RI.1.C** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Interpret visual elements of a text including those from different media and draw conclusions from them (when applicable).
- **6.RI.3.D** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Read and comprehend informational text independently and proficiently.

| <b><u>Read</u></b>  | <b><u>Write</u></b>  | <b><u>Study</u></b>  | <b><u>Do</u></b>   | <b><u>Share</u></b>  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Students will read a short (one page recommended) nonfiction article. | Students will annotate the text the second time the article is read. | Students will listen to a mini lesson about determining the central/main idea of text. | Students will take notes in their Reader's Notebook by following along with the mini lesson. | Students will complete an Exit Ticket with the following prompts:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Things I Learned Today</li> <li>• 2 Things I Found Interesting</li> <li>• 1 Question I Still Have</li> </ul> |



**Instructional Notes:**

- Be sure to choose an article that is approximately one page in length as a mentor text. This will ensure time to add notes to the Reader's Notebook, read the article, and to annotate the text.
- Article Resource - Newsela
- Suggested order of activities: Study, Do, Read, Write, Share

**Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Provide fill in the blank notes.
- Reduce length of Exit Ticket: 1 Thing I Learned Today, 1 Things I Found Interesting, 1 Question I Still Have.
- Provide a variety of ways to share (digital, verbal, speech to text).

## Engaging Experience 6

**Title:**

Determining Central/Main Idea of Text

**Suggested Time Length:**

9 Blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RI.1.D** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Explain the central/main idea(s) of a text and cite evidence of its development; summarize the text.

| <b><u>Learning Target(s):</u></b>   | <b><u>Success Criteria:</u></b>   | <b><u>Bloom's<br/>Taxonomy Levels:</u></b> | <b><u>Webb's<br/>DOK:</u></b> |
|---|---|--|-------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student will explain the central/main idea of nonfiction text.</li> </ul>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can understand the difference between a topic and a central/main idea.</li> <li>• I can explain how to identify the central/main idea.</li> <li>• I can analyze nonfiction text to determine the central/main idea.</li> </ul> | Evaluate                                   | 4                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student will use text evidence to support the development of the central/main idea.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can identify multiple details in nonfiction text that support the central/main idea.</li> <li>• I can connect multiple details to explain how a central/main idea is developed.</li> </ul>                                     | Analyze                                    | 3                             |

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- 6.RL.1.C Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Interpret visual elements of a text and draw conclusions from them (when applicable).
- 6.RI.3.D Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Read and comprehend informational text independently and proficiently.

| <u><b>Read</b></u>   | <u><b>Write</b></u>                                 | <u><b>Study</b></u>  | <u><b>Do</b></u>   | <u><b>Share</b></u>   |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| Students use mentor texts to practice determining the central/main idea of text. | Students annotate the text looking for key details. | Teacher reviews how readers can determine the central/main idea of text. | Students will practice with short articles, gradually progressing to lengthier articles, to determine the article's central/main idea. | Students will share their central ideas for common text through a Schoology discussion board. (Suggestion: Set the discussion board up to where students aren't able to see their peers posts before they post their own response.) |

**Instructional Notes:**

- Students will practice reading, annotating, and determining the central/main idea of nonfiction and fiction text. It is recommended to provide students a choice of two or three articles to read. This will help ensure the article is interesting to the student, which results in students being more engaged in the learning process.
- To add a variety of text reader's engage with during this Engaging Experience consider printing the transcript of a video (TedTalk) and ask students to listen to the speaker and annotate the printed transcript.
  - Suggested order of activities: Study, Read, Do, Share.

**Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Annotate and identify central/main idea of texts together as a class prior to releasing the students to do it independently.
- Consider what texts are appropriate based on student reading levels.

## Engaging Experience 7

**Title:** Writing a Nonfiction Summary

**Suggested Time Length:** 1 Block

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RI.1.D** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Explain the central/main idea(s) of a text and cite evidence of its development; summarize the text.

| <b>Learning Target(s):</b>  | <b>Success Criteria:</b>  | <b>Bloom's Taxonomy Levels:</b> | <b>Webb's DOK:</b> |
|---|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student will explain the central/main idea of nonfiction text.</li> </ul>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can understand the difference between a topic and a central/main idea.</li> <li>• I can explain how to identify the central/main idea.</li> <li>• I can analyze nonfiction text to determine the central/main idea.</li> </ul> | Evaluate                        | 4                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student will use text evidence to support the development of the central/main idea.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can identify multiple details in nonfiction text that support the central/main idea.</li> <li>• I can connect multiple details to explain how a central/main idea is developed.</li> </ul>                                     | Analyze                         | 3                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student will summarize nonfiction text.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can explain the central/main idea.</li> <li>• I can explain the key details that support the central/main idea.</li> <li>• I can write a summary by combining the central/main idea and key details.</li> </ul>                | Create                          | 4                  |

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.1.C** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Interpret visual elements of a text and draw conclusions from them (when applicable).
- **6.RI.1.C** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Interpret visual elements of a text including those from different media and draw conclusions from them (when applicable).
- **6.RI.3.D** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Read and comprehend informational text independently and proficiently.

| <b>Read</b>  | <b>Write</b>   | <b>Study</b>  | <b>Do</b>  | <b>Share</b>   |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| Students will reread a one page nonfiction article read previously in this unit. | Students will annotate the article, if this was not completed earlier in the unit. | Students will listen a mini lesson about how to write an effective, concise nonfiction summary. | Students will take notes in their Reader's Notebook by following along with the mini lesson. | Students will write the summary on paper and confer individually with the teacher as a quick check-in to ensure understanding of this skill. |

**Instructional Notes:**

- There are a variety of ways to write a nonfiction summary. One strategy to consider using in the lesson is the “5 W’s”:
  - Who (Who is the story mostly about?)
  - What (What happened?)
  - When (When did it take place?)
  - Where (Where did it happen?)
  - Why (Why did it happen?)
- Graphic organizers help guide the student through the summary writing process as they are learning this skill. The graphic organizers can easily be found on the internet by Googling “nonfiction summarizing graphic organizer”. Consider student choice and flexibility for the graphic organizer by allowing students to determine which organizer works best for them.
- Suggested order of activities: Study, Do, Read, Write, Share.

**Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Provide fill in the blank notes.
- Provide sentence starters or templates to guide summary writing process.
- Write summary together as a class.
- Allow students to write summary digitally or provide summary verbally by scribing or recording response.

## Engaging Experience 8

**Title:**

Nonfiction Summarizing

**Suggested Time Length:**

3 Blocks 4 blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RI.1.D** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Explain the central/main idea(s) of a text and cite evidence of its development; summarize the text.

| <b><u>Learning Target(s):</u></b>   | <b><u>Success Criteria:</u></b>   | <b><u>Bloom's<br/>Taxonomy Levels:</u></b> | <b><u>Webb's<br/>DOK:</u></b> |
|---|---|--|-------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will explain the central/main idea of nonfiction text.</li> </ul>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can understand the difference between a topic and central/main idea.</li> <li>● I can explain how to identify the central/main idea.</li> <li>● I can analyze nonfiction text to determine the central/main idea.</li> </ul> | Evaluate                                   | 4                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will use text evidence to support the development of the central/main idea.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify multiple details in nonfiction text that support the central/main idea.</li> <li>● I can connect multiple details to explain how a central/main idea is developed.</li> </ul>                                   | Analyze                                    | 3                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will summarize nonfiction text.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can explain the central/main idea.</li> <li>● I can explain the key details that support the central/main idea.</li> <li>● I can write a summary by combining the central/main idea and key details.</li> </ul>              | Create                                     | 4                             |

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.1.C** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Interpret visual elements of a text and draw conclusions from them (when applicable).
- **6.RI.3.D** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Read and comprehend informational text independently and proficiently.

| <u>Read</u>  | <u>Write</u>   | <u>Study</u>   | <u>Do</u>  | <u>Share</u>  |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| Students use mentor texts to write nonfiction summaries. | If not already completed in a prior Engaging Experience, students annotate the text looking for key details to include in their summary. | Teacher reviews how readers can determine what elements to include in their summary. | Students will practice with short articles, gradually progressing to lengthier articles, to determine the article's central/main idea. | Students will share their summaries for common text through a Schoology discussion board. (Suggestion: Set the discussion board up to where students aren't able to see their peers posts before they post their own response.) |

#### **Instructional Notes:**

- Students will practice writing nonfiction summaries of the articles previously used to find the central/main idea earlier in this unit. It is recommended to provide students a choice of two or three articles to read. This will help ensure the article is interesting to the student, which results in students being more engaged in the learning process.
- Suggested order of activities: Study, Read, Write, Do, Share.

#### **Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Consider what texts are appropriate based on student reading levels.
- Provide sentence starters or templates to guide summary writing process.
- Slow release to independence. Examples:
  - Highlight important details rather than transfer to writing.
  - Cut and paste important details into the graphic organizer,
  - Student independently fills out graphic organizer with support in writing the summary paragraph.
- Allow students to write summary digitally or provide summary verbally by scribing or recording response.

## Summary of Engaging Learning Experiences & Scenario(s)

| Engaging Experience Title                                 | Description  | Suggested Length of Time            |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| Making Inferences to Understand Literature Fiction        | <p>Mini Lesson</p> <p><i>Notes in Reader's Notebook</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students use their background knowledge and text evidence to make inferences in fiction text.</li> </ul>  | <p>1 Block</p> <p>2 - 3 Blocks</p>  |
| Types of Figurative Language                              | <p>Mini Lesson</p> <p><i>Notes in Reader's Notebook</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students take notes about the following types of figurative language:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simile</li> <li>Metaphor</li> <li>Alliteration</li> <li>Hyperbole</li> <li>Onomatopoeia</li> <li>Idiom</li> <li>Personification</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>1 Block</p> <p>2 - 3 Blocks</p>  |
| Denotation and Connotation Fiction & Nonfiction           | <p>Mini Lesson</p> <p><i>Notes in Reader's Notebook</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students take notes about denotation and connotation:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Definitions of denotation and connotation</li> <li>Word choice - positive versus negative connotation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | <p>1 Block</p> <p>2 - 3 Blocks</p>  |
| Using Word Choice to Understand Text Fiction & Nonfiction | <p>Workshop Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students use mentor texts to practice using the following reading skills to make inferences:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Background knowledge and text evidence</li> <li>Figurative language</li> <li>Connotative language</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | <p>8 Blocks</p> <p>3 - 4 Blocks</p> |

|  |  |                      |
|--|--|----------------------|
| Understanding<br>How to Determine<br>the Central/Main<br>Idea of Text<br><i>Fiction &amp;<br/>Nonfiction</i> | Mini Lesson<br><i>Notes in Reader's Notebook</i><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will take notes about how to determine the central/main idea of text.</li> </ul> | 1 Block              |
| Determining the<br>Central/Main Idea<br>of Text<br><i>Fiction &amp;<br/>Nonfiction</i>                       | Workshop Practice<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students use mentor texts to practice determining the central/main idea of text.</li> </ul>                              | 9 Blocks             |
| Nonfiction<br>Summarizing  | Mini Lesson<br><i>Notes in Reader's Notebook</i><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will take notes about how to write a summary of nonfiction text.</li> </ul>      | 1 Block              |
| Nonfiction<br>Summarizing  | Workshop Practice<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students use mentor texts to practice writing a summary of nonfiction text.</li> </ul>                                   | 3 Blocks<br>4 Blocks |
| Engaging<br>Scenario   | Unit 2 Culminating Activity<br><i>One Pager</i><br>*See Engaging Scenario  | 3 Blocks<br>4 Blocks |



## Unit 3: Deep Reading with Fiction & Informational Texts

**Subject:** Reading

**Grade:** 6th

**Name of Unit:** Deep Reading with Fiction & Informational Texts

**Length of Unit:** 20 blocks

**Overview of Unit:** In this unit, students will learn how to compare and contrast opposing nonfiction texts to determine the author's purpose and perspective/point of view. Students will use inferencing strategies to determine how the author's word choice (connotative and figurative language) and presentation of information affects the overall meaning of the texts.

### Priority Standards for unit:

- 6.RL.2.B Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.
- 6.RI.2.B Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Explain how an author's point of view or purpose is conveyed in a text.
- 6.RI.2.D Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Identify an author's argument in a text and distinguish claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.
- 6.RI.3.B Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Compare and contrast one author's presentation of events with that of another.

### Supporting Standards for unit:

- 6.RL.3.A Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) 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 same text, noting how a performance impacts personal interpretation.
- 6.RI.3.A Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Compare and contrast the experience of reading a text to listening to or viewing an audio or video version of the same text, noting how a performance impacts personal interpretation.
- 6.RI.3.C Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Explain how the text reflects historical and/or cultural contexts.

## Unwrapped Priority Standards

| Priority Standard   |  |                         |            |
|---|--|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>6.RL.2.B</b> Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.  |  |                         |            |
| Learning Targets  | Success Criteria   | Bloom's Taxonomy Levels | Webb's DOK |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will explain how an author develops the narrator or speaker's point of view (perspective) in a story.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify the point of the view in a story.</li> <li>I can explain why the author chose a particular point of view.</li> <li>I can support my conclusion about the author's point of view by providing text evidence.</li> </ul> | Evaluate                | 3          |

| Priority Standard  |  |                         |            |
|--|--|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>6.RI.2.B</b> Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Explain how an author's point of view or purpose is conveyed in a text.    |  |                         |            |
| Learning Targets   | Success Criteria   | Bloom's Taxonomy Levels | Webb's DOK |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will explain how an author's point of view (perspective) is conveyed in nonfiction text.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify the author's point of the view (perspective).</li> <li>I can explain how an author uses connotation and word choice to convey the point of view (perspective).</li> <li>I can support my conclusion about the author's point of view by providing specific text evidence.</li> </ul> | Evaluate                | 4          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will explain how an author's purpose is conveyed in nonfiction text.</li> </ul>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify the author's purpose as persuade, inform, entertain, or reflect.</li> <li>I can support my conclusion about the author's purpose by providing text evidence.</li> </ul>  | Evaluate                | 4          |

| Priority Standard   |  |                         |            |
|---|--|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>6.RI.2.D</b> Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Identify an author's argument in a text and distinguish claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not. |  |                         |            |
| Learning Targets  | Success Criteria   | Bloom's Taxonomy Levels | Webb's DOK |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will determine if an author's claim is supported by relevant evidence in a text.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify the author's claim in a text.</li> <li>I can analyze key details to determine if they are relevant to the author's claim.</li> </ul> | Analyze                 | 3          |

| Priority Standard   |  |                         |            |
|---|--|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>6.RI.3.B</b> Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Compare and contrast one author's presentation of events with that of another. |  |                         |            |
| Learning Targets  | Success Criteria   | Bloom's Taxonomy Levels | Webb's DOK |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will compare and contrast one author's presentation of events with that of another.</li> </ul>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify the author's purpose and point of view (perspective).</li> <li>I can analyze authors' purposes and points of view (perspectives) in order to explain their similarities and differences</li> </ul> | Analyze                 | 3          |

### Essential Questions:

- How can an author's perspective impact how a text is conveyed?
- How are the author's point of view and purpose conveyed in a nonfiction text?
- What strategies do author's use to support their claims in nonfiction text?

### Enduring Understanding/Big Ideas:

- I can explain how an author develops a narrator or speaker's point of view (perspective) in a text.
- I can explain how an author's point of view and purpose are conveyed in a nonfiction text.
- I can determine if an author's claim is supported by relevant evidence in a text.

**Unit Vocabulary:**

| Academic Cross-Curricular Words   | Content/Domain Specific  |
|---|--|
| <div>Conclusion</div> <div>Text Evidence</div> <div>Conveyed</div> <div>Nonfiction</div> <div>Persuade</div> <div>Inform</div> <div>Entertain</div> <div>Reflect</div> <div>Claim</div> <div>Analyze</div> <div>Relevant</div> <div>Compare</div> <div>Contrast</div> <div>Synthesize</div> | <div>Point of View</div> <div>Perspective</div> <div>Connotation</div> <div>Author's Purpose</div> |

**Suggested Core Mentor Texts, Anchor Texts, &/or Book Club Books:** The resources listed here are recommended for repeated use throughout the unit for reading analysis and/or writer's craft analysis. (\*Means shared ELA/Reading resource)

- \*Priscilla and the Wimps (StudySync)
- \*All Summer in a Day (StudySync)
- \*Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott (StudySync)
- \*Letter to Xavier High School (StudySync)
- \*Freedom's Daughters: The Unsung Heroines of the Civil Rights Movement from 183-1970 (StudySync)
- \*Podcast transcripts from [Smash Boom Best](#)
- Articles from Newsela (accessible in Portal)

**Modification/Accommodations**

- Consider what texts are appropriate based on student reading levels.

## Engaging Scenario

An Engaging Scenario is a culminating activity tied to the unit's priority standards, that includes the following components: situation, challenge, specific roles, audience, product or performance.

### **Engaging Scenario** (4 blocks)

Think of a topic you enjoy learning about. You will compare two author's presentation of events with that of another about the same topic. For example, you could compare:

- Nonfiction Text and a TedTalk
- Biography and an Autobiography (same person)
- Nonfiction Text and Fiction Text
- Short Story and Nonfiction Text
- Nonfiction Text and a YouTube Video

Compare and contrast both modalities, looking for differences and similarities of the:

- author's purpose
- perspective/point of view
- writing strategies the author/speaker used
- tone each author used and how it affected the modalities compared

You will need to use evidence from both modality choices that supports your conclusions of the reading skills listed above.

Choose how you want to present your information. Choices to consider could be:

- Infographic
- One-Pager

Ideas for instructing this Engaging Scenario could be to:

- Review examples of nonfiction texts with opposing views.
- Compare two author's presentations of events (nonfiction article vs. TedTalk about the same topic)
- Provide choices of topics.
- Include various options for students to choose how they want to display the information (video, writing piece, etc.)

### **Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Option: Offer a set of limited topics with modalities prepared for students to analyze ahead of time.
- Option: Prepare a class wide modality for all students to analyze first (i.e a nonfiction article). Students can then independently choose a second modality based on a topic/theme found in the first modality.
- Provide sentence starters, question answer format, or graphic organizer for students to use while analyzing.

## Engaging Experience 1

**Title:**

Author's Purpose for Writing

**Suggested Time Length:**

1 Block 2 -3 blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RI.2.B** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Explain how an author's point of view or purpose is conveyed in a text.

**Learning Target(s):**

**Success Criteria:**

**Bloom's  
Taxonomy  
Levels:**

**Webb's  
DOK:**

- The student will explain how an author's purpose is conveyed in nonfiction text.

- I can identify the author's purpose as persuade, inform, entertain, or reflect.
- I can support my conclusion about the author's purpose by providing text evidence.

Evaluate

4

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RI.3.C** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Explain how the text reflects historical and/or cultural contexts.

| <u>Read</u> | <u>Write</u> | <u>Study</u>  | <u>Do</u>  | <u>Share</u>   |
|-------------|--------------|---|--|--|
|             |              | Students will listen to a mini lesson about author's purpose. | Students will take notes in their Reader's Notebook by following along with the mini lesson. | Students will share examples of author's purpose as they are following along with the mini lesson. |

**Instructional Notes:**

- During the lesson, include examples of author's purpose in texts that are common.
- Students should identify the purpose of the author's writing and also include what the author was trying to persuade, inform, entertain, or reflect the reader about.

**Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Provide fill in the blank notes or other notetaking assistance
- Use added blocks to directly model and workshop/practice the skill of reading fiction and nonfiction and analyzing author's purpose.

## Engaging Experience 2

**Title:** Author's Point of View/Perspective

**Suggested Time Length:** 1 Block 2 - 3 Blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.2.B** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.
- **6.RL.2.B** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Explain how an author's point of view or purpose is conveyed in a text.

| <b><u>Learning Target(s):</u></b>   | <b><u>Success Criteria:</u></b>  | <b><u>Bloom's Taxonomy Levels:</u></b> | <b><u>Webb's DOK:</u></b> |
|---|--|--|---------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will explain how an author develops the narrator or speaker's point of view (perspective) in a story.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify the point of the view in a story.</li> <li>● I can explain why the author chose a particular point of view.</li> <li>● I can support my conclusion about the author's point of view by providing text evidence.</li> </ul>   | Evaluate                               | 3                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will explain how an author's point of view (perspective) is conveyed in nonfiction text.</li> </ul>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify the author's point of the view (perspective).</li> <li>● I can explain how an author uses connotation and word choice to convey the point of view (perspective).</li> <li>● I can support my conclusion about the author's point of view by providing specific text evidence.</li> </ul> | Evaluate                               | 4                         |

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RI.3.C** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Explain how the text reflects historical and/or cultural contexts.

| <b><u>Read</u></b> | <b><u>Write</u></b> | <b><u>Study</u></b>   | <b><u>Do</u></b>  | <b><u>Share</u></b>  |
|--------------------|---------------------|---|---|--|
|                    |                     | <p>Students will listen to a mini lesson about author's point of view.</p> <p>Teacher will demonstrate this skill by using a nonfiction mentor text read in Unit 2.</p> | <p>Students will take notes in their Reader's Notebook by following along with the mini lesson.</p> | <p>Students will contribute to a Padlet by sharing their thoughts about the point of view of another common text read in Unit 2.</p> |

**Instructional Notes:**

- The standards for point of view are for both nonfiction and literary text.
- Lesson Suggestions:
  - Identify a common fairy tale and have students role play different character's points of view about the same scenario.
  - Use nonfiction text to discuss the perspective of the author about a topic.

**Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Provide fill in the blank notes or other notetaking assistance
- Use added blocks to directly model and workshop/practice the skill of reading fiction and nonfiction and analyzing Point of View and Perspective.
- Although this engaging experience is focused on POV and Perspective, review identifying the author's purpose with every text read as a class.



## Engaging Experience 3

**Title:**

Writing Strategies & Author's Tone

**Suggested Time Length:**

1 Block 2-3 Blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.2.B** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.
- **6.RI.2.B** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Explain how an author's point of view or purpose is conveyed in a text.
- **6.RI.2.D** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Identify an author's argument in a text and distinguish claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.

**Learning Target(s):**

**Success Criteria:**

**Bloom's  
Taxonomy Levels:**

**Webb's  
DOK:**

● The student will explain how an author develops the narrator or speaker's point of view (perspective) in a story.

- I can identify the point of the view in a story.
- I can explain why the author chose a particular point of view.
- I can support my conclusion about the author's point of view by providing text evidence.

Evaluate

3

● The student will explain how an author's point of view (perspective) is conveyed in nonfiction text.

- I can identify the author's point of the view (perspective).
- I can explain how an author uses connotation and word choice to convey the point of view (perspective).
- I can support my conclusion about the author's point of view by providing specific text evidence.

Evaluate

4

● The student will explain how an author's purpose is conveyed in nonfiction text.

- I can identify the author's purpose as persuade, inform, entertain, or reflect.
- I can support my conclusion about the author's purpose by providing text evidence.

Evaluate

4

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RI.3.C** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Explain how the text reflects historical and/or cultural contexts.

| <u>Read</u> | <u>Write</u> | <u>Study</u>  | <u>Do</u>   | <u>Share</u> |
|-------------|--------------|---|---|--------------|
|             |              | <p>Students will listen to a mini lesson about writing strategies that authors use to convey their purpose and perspective.</p> <p>Students will learn about tone and how it affects the reader's understanding of the author's purpose and perspective.</p> <p>Teacher will demonstrate this skill by using a nonfiction mentor text read in Unit 2 or a new text.</p> | <p>Students will take notes in their Reader's Notebook by following along with the mini lesson.</p> |              |

#### **Instructional Notes:**

- Writing strategies to include are:
  - Connotative and Figurative Language
  - Text Features
  - Text Structures
  - Data and Facts
  - Quotes
  - Anecdotes
- Teach how tone is important for a reader to notice and the effect tone has in an author's writing.
- Use a short mentor text (one or two pages) for an example as you model.

#### **Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Provide fill in the blank notes or other notetaking assistance
- Use added blocks to directly model and workshop/practice the skill of reading fiction and nonfiction and analyzing writing strategies and Author's Tone.
- Review identifying Author's Purpose and Point of View with every text read as a class for more exposure.

## Engaging Experience 4

**Title:**

Unit 2 Skills Anchor Chart

**Suggested Time Length:**

1 Block **0 Blocks**

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.2.B** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.
- **6.RI.2.B** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Explain how an author's point of view or purpose is conveyed in a text.

**Learning Target(s):**

**Success Criteria:**

**Bloom's  
Taxonomy Levels:**

**Webb's  
DOK:**

- |   |  |          |   |
|---|--|----------|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will explain how an author develops the narrator or speaker's point of view (perspective) in a story.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify the point of the view in a story.</li> <li>● I can explain why the author chose a particular point of view.</li> <li>● I can support my conclusion about the author's point of view by providing text evidence.</li> </ul>   | Evaluate | 3 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will explain how an author's point of view (perspective) is conveyed in nonfiction text.</li> </ul>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify the author's point of the view (perspective).</li> <li>● I can explain how an author uses connotation and word choice to convey the point of view (perspective).</li> <li>● I can support my conclusion about the author's point of view by providing specific text evidence.</li> </ul> | Evaluate | 4 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will explain how an author's purpose is conveyed in nonfiction text.</li> </ul>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify the author's purpose as persuade, inform, entertain, or reflect.</li> <li>● I can support my conclusion about the author's purpose by providing text evidence.</li> </ul>  | Evaluate | 4 |

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RI.3.C** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Explain how the text reflects historical and/or cultural contexts.

| <u>Read</u>   | <u>Write</u> | <u>Study</u> | <u>Do</u>   | <u>Share</u>   |
|---|--------------|--------------|---|--|
|   |              |              | <p>Students will create a poster on construction paper that shows their understanding of the following Unit 3 reading skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Author's Purpose</li> <li>• Point of View/ Perspective</li> <li>• Author's Tone</li> <li>• Writing Strategies</li> </ul> | <p>Students will display their posters in the hall and/or classroom.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Instructional Notes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The posters should be well organized and visually attractive.</li> <li>• Students will need a rubric that identifies how the poster will be graded.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Modifications / Accommodations :</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skip this engaging experience to allow more time applying skills. Unit 3 Skills Assessment to evaluate student's basic understanding of skills.</li> </ul> |              |              |   |  |

## Engaging Experience 5

**Title:**

Unit 3 Skills Assessment

**Suggested Time Length:**

1 Block

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.2.B** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.
- **6.RI.2.B** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Explain how an author's point of view or purpose is conveyed in a text.

| <b><u>Learning Target(s):</u></b>   | <b><u>Success Criteria:</u></b>  | <b><u>Bloom's Taxonomy Levels:</u></b> | <b><u>Webb's DOK:</u></b> |
|---|--|--|---------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will explain how an author develops the narrator or speaker's point of view (perspective) in a story.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify the point of the view in a story.</li> <li>● I can explain why the author chose a particular point of view.</li> <li>● I can support my conclusion about the author's point of view by providing text evidence.</li> </ul>   | Evaluate                               | 3                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will explain how an author's point of view (perspective) is conveyed in nonfiction text.</li> </ul>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify the author's point of the view (perspective).</li> <li>● I can explain how an author uses connotation and word choice to convey the point of view (perspective).</li> <li>● I can support my conclusion about the author's point of view by providing specific text evidence.</li> </ul> | Evaluate                               | 4                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will explain how an author's purpose is conveyed in nonfiction text.</li> </ul>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify the author's purpose as persuade, inform, entertain, or reflect.</li> <li>● I can support my conclusion about the author's purpose by providing text evidence.</li> </ul>  | Evaluate                               | 4                         |

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RI.3.C** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Explain how the text reflects historical and/or cultural contexts.

| <u>Read</u>  | <u>Write</u> | <u>Study</u> | <u>Do</u>  | <u>Share</u> |
|--|--------------|--------------|--|--------------|
|  |              |              | <p>Students will complete a short assessment to show their understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Author's Purpose</li> <li>• Point of View/ Perspective</li> <li>• Author's Tone</li> <li>• Writing Strategies</li> </ul> |              |
| <p><b><u>Instructional Notes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This assessment should be Level 1 and Level 2 questions about each reading skill. Students will be applying these skills later in this unit.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Modifications / Accommodations :</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use skills assessment to focus on vocabulary words (i.e matching), and use short excerpts/paragraphs to assess student's ability to identify and answer analysis questions based on Author's Purpose, Point of View, Writer's Strategy, and Tone.</li> </ul> |              |              |  |              |

## Engaging Experience 6

**Title:**

Exploring Fiction Text for Author's Purpose, Point of View/Perspective, and Writing Strategies

**Suggested Time**

**Length:**  
4 Blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.2.B** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.

**Learning Target(s):**

**Success Criteria:**

**Bloom's  
Taxonomy  
Levels:**

**Webb's  
DOK:**

- The student will explain how an author develops the narrator or speaker's point of view (perspective) in a story.

- I can identify the point of the view in a story.
- I can explain why the author chose a particular point of view.
- I can support my conclusion about the author's point of view by providing text evidence.

Evaluate

3

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.3.A** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Compare and contrast the experience of reading a text to listening to or viewing an audio or video version of the same text, noting how a performance impacts personal interpretation.

| <b><u>Read</u></b>   | <b><u>Write</u></b>   | <b><u>Study</u></b>   | <b><u>Do</u></b>  | <b><u>Share</u></b> |
|--|---|---|---|---------------------|
| Students will read a short story.<br><br>*Note: This Engaging Experience relates to only fiction text. | Students will write responses for each Unit 3 reading skill:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Author's Purpose</li> <li>• Point of View/Perspective</li> </ul> | Students will analyze the short story thinking about how the author conveyed their purpose and perspective. | Students should be provided a template to use while they are learning this skill.<br><br>The template should include sentence starters students can follow to ensure they are including all required information. |                     |

**Instructional Notes:**

- Note: This Engaging Experience is for fiction text.
- Resources for Mentor Text:
  - StudySync
  - Scholastic Scope
  - Picture Books
- Suggested order of activities: Read, Study, Do, Write

**Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Consider what texts are appropriate based on student reading levels.
- Provide sentence starters, question answer format, or graphic organizer for students to use while analyzing.

## Engaging Experience 7

**Title:**

Exploring Nonfiction Text for Author's Purpose, Author's Point of View/Perspective, Author's Tone, and Writing Strategies

**Suggested Time Length:**

6 Block 4 Blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RI.2.B** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Explain how an author's point of view or purpose is conveyed in a text.

| <b><u>Learning Target(s):</u></b>  | <b><u>Success Criteria:</u></b>  | <b><u>Bloom's Taxonomy Levels:</u></b> | <b><u>Webb's DOK:</u></b> |
|--|--|--|---------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will explain how an author's point of view (perspective) is conveyed in nonfiction text.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify the author's point of the view (perspective).</li> <li>● I can explain how an author uses connotation and word choice to convey the point of view (perspective).</li> <li>● I can support my conclusion about the author's point of view by providing specific text evidence.</li> </ul> | Evaluate                               | 4                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student will explain how an author's purpose is conveyed in nonfiction text.</li> </ul>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify the author's purpose as persuade, inform, entertain, or reflect.</li> <li>● I can support my conclusion about the author's purpose by providing text evidence.</li> </ul>  | Evaluate                               | 4                         |



**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RI.3.A** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) 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 same text, noting how a performance impacts personal interpretation.

| <u><b>Read</b></u>  | <u><b>Write</b></u>   | <u><b>Study</b></u> | <u><b>Do</b></u>  | <u><b>Share</b></u>   |
|---|---|---------------------|---|---|
| <p>Students will read a nonfiction article, watch a video (TedTalk, etc.), or use an infographic to analyze the text.</p> <p>*Note: This Engaging Experience relates to only nonfiction text.</p> | <p>Students will write responses for each Unit 3 reading skill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Author's Purpose</li> <li>● Point of View/ Perspective</li> <li>● Author's Tone</li> <li>● Writing Strategies</li> </ul> |                     | <p>Students will analyze the nonfiction text to identify and explain the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Author's Purpose</li> <li>● Point of View/ Perspective</li> <li>● Author's Tone</li> <li>● Writing Strategies</li> </ul> | <p>Students will share their responses for each Unit 3 reading skill in a variety of ways throughout each six blocks.</p> <p>Suggestions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussion Board</li> <li>● Table Groups</li> <li>● Partner</li> <li>● Whole Class Discussions</li> <li>● Padlet</li> <li>● Anchor Charts (located around the room - each anchor chart is for only one skill)</li> </ul> |

**Instructional Notes:**

- Note: This Engaging Experience is for nonfiction text.
- Various types of nonfiction text should be considered: nonfiction articles, TedTalk videos, infographic, and other nonfiction writings.
- Suggested order of activities: Read, Do, Write, Share

**Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Consider what texts are appropriate based on student reading levels.
- Provide sentence starters, question answer format, or graphic organizer for students to use while analyzing.
- Blocks for this Engaging Experience has been reduced and reallocated to provide time to focus on applying the three skills directly after mini lessons in Engaging Experiences 1 - 3.

## Engaging Experience 8

**Title:**

Identifying Claims and Evidence in Text

**Suggested Time Length:**

2 Blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RI.2.D** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Identify an author's argument in a text and distinguish claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.
- **6.RI.3.B** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Compare and contrast one author's presentation of events with that of another.

**Learning Target(s):**

**Success Criteria:**

**Bloom's  
Taxonomy  
Levels:**

**Webb's  
DOK:**

- The student will compare and contrast one author's presentation of events with that of another.

- I can identify the author's purpose and point of view (perspective).
- I can analyze authors' purposes and points of view (perspectives) in order to explain their similarities and differences

Analyze

3

- The student will determine if an author's claim is supported by relevant evidence in a text.

- I can identify the author's claim in a text.
- I can analyze key details to determine if they are relevant to the author's claim.

Analyze

3

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RI.3.A** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) 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 same text, noting how a performance impacts personal interpretation.

| <u><b>Read</b></u>   | <u><b>Write</b></u>   | <u><b>Study</b></u>   | <u><b>Do</b></u>  | <u><b>Share</b></u>   |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| <p>Students will read argumentative text.</p> <p>Students could use videos (TedTalks) of speakers that fit the argumentative style of writing/ presentation.</p> <p>Students could have an option to choose from three different texts to help them stay engaged.</p>  | <p>Teacher leads a mini lesson about claims and how to determine evidence that supports the author's claim.</p> | <p>Students take notes about claims and evidence in their Reader's Notebooks.</p> | <p>Students examine text or videos to identify the claim, evidence that supports the claim, and supporting reasons.</p> | <p>Students could share out through class debates about a topic. You could form a group of three or four students and have the group discuss the text or video, identify the claim, note the text evidence that supports the claim, and supporting reasons for their answers.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Instructional Notes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ELA is working with argumentative text throughout this unit. Consider collaborating on texts together to further student understanding.</li> <li>• Scholastic Scope magazine offers a debate writing piece in each issue. These would be good for students to read and respond to.</li> <li>• Suggested order of activities: Write, Study, Do, Read, Share</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Modifications / Accommodations :</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide fill in the blank notes or other notetaking assistance</li> <li>• Provide graphic organizer, sentence starters, or question answer to guide students to finding the claim and supporting reasons.</li> </ul> |   |   |   |   |

## Engaging Experience 9

**Title:**

Analyzing Text for Unit 3 Skills

**Suggested Time Length:**

6 Blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.2.B** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.
- **6.RI.2.B** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Explain how an author's point of view or purpose is conveyed in a text.

| <b><u>Learning Target(s):</u></b>   | <b><u>Success Criteria:</u></b>  | <b><u>Bloom's Taxonomy Levels:</u></b> | <b><u>Webb's DOK:</u></b> |
|---|--|--|---------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will explain how an author develops the narrator or speaker's point of view (perspective) in a story.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify the point of the view in a story.</li> <li>I can explain why the author chose a particular point of view.</li> <li>I can support my conclusion about the author's point of view by providing text evidence.</li> </ul>   | Evaluate                               | 3                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will explain how an author's point of view (perspective) is conveyed in nonfiction text.</li> </ul>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify the author's point of the view (perspective).</li> <li>I can explain how an author uses connotation and word choice to convey the point of view (perspective).</li> <li>I can support my conclusion about the author's point of view by providing specific text evidence.</li> </ul> | Evaluate                               | 4                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student will explain how an author's purpose is conveyed in nonfiction text.</li> </ul>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify the author's purpose as persuade, inform, entertain, or reflect.</li> <li>I can support my conclusion about the author's purpose by providing text evidence.</li> </ul>  | Evaluate                               | 4                         |

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.3.A** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Compare and contrast the experience of reading a text to listening to or viewing an audio or video version of the same text, noting how a performance impacts personal interpretation.
- **6.RI.3.A** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Compare and contrast the experience of reading a text to listening to or viewing an audio or video version of the same text, noting how a performance impacts personal interpretation.

| <u>Read</u>  | <u>Write</u>  | <u>Study</u>  | <u>Do</u>   | <u>Share</u>  |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| Students will read various fiction and nonfiction texts.   | <p>Student will write their responses identifying and explaining the following Unit 3 reading skills of each text:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Author's Purpose</li> <li>• Point of View/ Perspective</li> <li>• Author's Tone</li> <li>• Author's Writing Strategies</li> </ul> | Students may use their Reader's Notebook notes to review each Unit 3 reading skill. | <p>Students will annotate text as they read looking for evidence that helps support the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• author's purpose</li> <li>• point of view/ perspective</li> <li>• author's tone</li> <li>• author's writing strategies</li> </ul> | <p>There are a variety of ways students could share their work with the teacher and their peers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion Boards</li> <li>• Google Slides</li> <li>• Graphic Organizers</li> <li>• Google Form</li> <li>• Table Discussions</li> <li>• Group Rotations</li> </ul> <p>There are also many other ways students could share their thinking.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Instructional Notes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This Engaging Experience should be experienced in the workshop model. Small group instruction and reteaching are likely necessary as you identify students who show a lack of understanding in the Unit 3 reading skills.</li> <li>• Resources for mentor text: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ StudySync</li> <li>○ Newsela</li> <li>○ Scholastic Scope</li> <li>○ ReadWorks</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Suggested order of activities: Study, Do, Read, Write, Share</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Modifications / Accommodations :</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider what texts are appropriate based on student reading levels.</li> <li>• Provide sentence starters, question answer format, or graphic organizer for students to use while practicing.</li> </ul> |   |   |   |   |

## Summary of Engaging Learning Experiences & Scenario(s)

| Engaging Experience Title           | Description   | Suggested Length of Time        |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Author's Purpose for Writing        | <p>Mini Lesson<br/><i>Notes in Reader's Notebook</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ take notes about why an author write a particular text. (persuade, inform, explain, reflect).</li> <li>○ understand how identifying the author's purpose when reading text helps them as readers to understand the deeper meaning of text.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | <p>1 Block<br/>2 - 3 Blocks</p> |
| Author's Point of View/ Perspective | <p>Mini Lesson<br/><i>Notes in Reader's Notebook</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ take notes to define the meaning of point of view/perspective.</li> <li>○ understand that authors choose a particular point of view/perspective for the writing to affect the reader in some way.</li> <li>○ recognize the importance of analyzing text to determine the author's point of view/perspective</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | <p>1 Block<br/>2 - 3 Blocks</p> |
| Writing Strategies & Author's Tone  | <p>Mini Lesson<br/><i>Notes in Reader's Notebook</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students take notes about how authors use various writing strategies to convey their purpose and point of view. Some writing strategies to include are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Connotative and Figurative Language</li> <li>○ Text Features</li> <li>○ Text Structures</li> <li>○ Data and Facts</li> <li>○ Quotes</li> <li>○ Anecdotes</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Students learn how an author's tone is important for a reader to notice and they understand the effect tone has in their writing.</li> </ul> | <p>1 Block<br/>2 - 3 Blocks</p> |

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| Unit 2 Skills<br>Anchor Chart   | <p>Anchor Chart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will create a poster on construction paper that shows their understanding of the following Unit 3 reading skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Author's Purpose</li> <li>Point of View/Perspective</li> <li>Author's Tone</li> <li>Writing Strategies</li> </ul> </li> <li>The poster should be organized and be visually attractive.</li> <li>Consider hanging some (or all) of the posters in the classroom or in the halls.</li> </ul> | 2 Blocks<br>0 Blocks |
| Unit 3 Skills<br>Assessment   | <p>Student Understanding Check-In Quiz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will show their understanding of how to identify the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>author's purpose</li> <li>point of view/perspective</li> <li>author's tone</li> <li>writing strategies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>This quiz should be basic information about each reading skill. A short piece of nonfiction text (one or two pages) could also be used if desired.</p>  | 1 Block              |
| Exploring Fiction<br>Text for Author's<br>Purpose, Point of<br>View/Perspective,<br>and Writing<br>Strategies<br>(Fiction)          | <p>Workshop Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>read a short story.</li> <li>analyze the short story to determine the author's purpose and point of view/perspective.</li> <li>Provide text details to support their thinking.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | 4 Blocks             |
| Exploring<br>Nonfiction Text<br>for Author's<br>Purpose, Point of<br>View/Perspective,<br>and Writing<br>Strategies<br>(Nonfiction) | <p>Workshop Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read a nonfiction article, watch a video (TedTalk), or analyze information in an Infographic.</li> <li>Analyze the article to determine the author's purpose, point of view/perspective, and the writing strategies the author used to convey the information.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | 6 Blocks<br>4 Blocks |

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| Identifying Claims and Evidence in Text<br>( <i>Nonfiction</i> ) | Workshop Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will analyze a piece of nonfiction text for claims and supporting text evidence.</li> </ul>   | 2 Blocks |
| Analyzing Text for Unit 3 Skills                                 | Workshop Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will practice Unit 3 reading skills by analyzing both fiction and nonfiction text.</li> </ul> | 6 Blocks |
| Engaging Scenario  | Unit 3 Project<br><i>Comparing and Contrasting Two Authors' Presentations of the Same Topic</i><br>*See Engaging Scenario                                       | 4 Blocks |



## Unit 4: Culminating Unit

**Subject:** Reading

**Grade:** 6th

**Name of Unit:** Culminating Unit

**Length of Unit:** 10 blocks **5 Blocks**

**Overview of Unit:** In this unit, students will learn how to compare and contrast fiction and nonfiction texts to determine the author's purpose, perspective/point of view, and inferencing strategies to determine how the author's word choice (connotative and figurative language) and presentation of information affects the overall meaning of the texts.

### Priority Standards for unit:

- 6.RL.1.A Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- 6.RI.1.A Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

### Supporting Standards for unit:

- 6.RL.3.B Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Compare and contrast texts in different genres that address similar themes or topics.
- 6.RL.1.B Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.
- 6.RL.2.C Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language and/or the repetition of words or word sounds contributes to meaning.
- 6.RI.1.B Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative, connotative, and content-specific meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.
- 6.RI.1.D Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Explain the central/main idea(s) of a text and cite evidence of its development; summarize the text.
- 6.RI.2.C Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language, connotations and/or repetition, contributes to meaning.

## Unwrapped Priority Standards

| Priority Standard   |  |                         |            |
|---|--|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>6.RL.1.A</b> Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. |  |                         |            |
| Learning Targets  | Success Criteria   | Bloom's Taxonomy Levels | Webb's DOK |
| The student will cite text evidence to support my understanding of what the text says explicitly.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can identify important details in a story.</li> <li>• I can connect multiple details and explain how these details are connected.</li> </ul>  | Analyze                 | 3          |
| The student will make an inference by using my background knowledge and text evidence to support my understanding of text.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can use connected evidence to make an inference about what the author is trying to say.</li> <li>• I can use background knowledge to support my thinking.</li> <li>• I can refer back to the entire story to determine if my inference makes sense.</li> </ul>                      | Analyze                 | 3          |
| Priority Standard   |  |                         |            |
| <b>6.RI.1.A</b> Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. |  |                         |            |
| Learning Targets  | Success Criteria   | Bloom's Taxonomy Levels | Webb's DOK |
| The student will cite text evidence to support an understanding of what a nonfiction text says explicitly.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can identify important details in nonfiction text.</li> <li>• I can connect multiple details in nonfiction text and explain how these details are connected</li> </ul>  | Analyze                 | 3          |
| The student will make an inference by using background knowledge and text evidence to support their understanding of nonfiction text.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can use connected evidence to make an inference about what the author is trying to say.</li> <li>• I can use background knowledge to support my thinking about nonfiction text.</li> <li>• I can refer back to the entire text to determine if my inference makes sense.</li> </ul> | Analyze                 | 3          |

**Essential Questions:**

1. How can background knowledge and text evidence help strengthen your understanding of a text?
2. How can I cite textual evidence and make inferences to draw conclusions of a text?

**Enduring Understanding/Big Ideas:**

1. I can make inferences and cite relevant text evidence to demonstrate my understanding of a text.
2. I can cite text evidence and make inferences to support my analysis of text.

**Unit Vocabulary:**

| Academic Cross-Curricular Words   | Content/Domain Specific   |
|---|---|
| Analyze<br>Interpret<br>Explicit<br>Conclusions<br>Text Evidence<br>Compare<br>Contrast | Infer<br>Inferences<br>Fiction<br>Nonfiction<br>Point of View<br>Perspective<br>Author's Purpose<br>Connotative Language<br>Figurative Language |

**Suggested Core Mentor Texts, Anchor Texts, &/or Book Club Books:** The resources listed here are recommended for repeated use throughout the unit for reading analysis and/or writer's craft analysis. (\*Means shared ELA/Reading resource)

- Articles from Newsela (accessible in Portal)
- ReadWorks
- TweenTribune
- CommonLit
- Charity Websites

## Engaging Scenario

An Engaging Scenario is a culminating activity tied to the unit's priority standards, that includes the following components: situation, challenge, specific roles, audience, product or performance.

### **Engaging Scenario** (4 blocks) 2 Blocks

Students will be using a chosen Book Club book for this Engaging Scenario and therefore will need to finish a minimum of one book this unit to be successful.

A local news station wants to dive deeper into the topic of charities. They are seeking students to share their perspective on the topic based on current literature. They would like to feature a podcast, interview or TedTalk created by a student well-versed on this topic when their air their special on this.

Students will present on a topic (see ideas below) by choosing one fiction book and one nonfiction article that relates to the same topic. The students will compare and contrast both texts to show understanding of how the way the authors present information about the same topics affect the theme and/or central idea. You can create a podcast, a TedTalk or a talk show to share out your learning in a creative way.

Items to compare and contrast include:

- author's purpose
- perspective/point of view
- theme or central idea
- the author's word choice (ex: connotative and figurative language)
- text evidence that supports your conclusion about both pieces of text

Ideas for instructing this Engaging Scenario could be to:

- Review examples of fiction and nonfiction texts with similar views
- Include various options for the presentation of information demonstrating the students understanding of the text.
- Provide choices of nonfiction topics and fiction books that encompasses a similar topic

Topics to consider could be:

- Social Emotional Learning
  - Depression
  - Grief
  - Anxiety
  - Overcoming obstacles
- Real world issues (humanitarian topics, charities)

### **Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Consider what texts are appropriate based on student reading levels.
- Have the students start their book talk book much earlier in the semester to ensure they've completed in time to complete this activity . Possibly read a book as one as aloud.
- Option: Substitute fiction book club for short stories.
- Create a streamlined way for students to present their information to require less days in making their project.

**This is an opportunity to collaborate with ELA since their culminating project for their 4th unit is also charity-related**

# Engaging Experience 1

**Title:**

Choosing a Topic and Book

**Suggested Time Length:**

1 Block

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.1.A** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- **6.RL.1.A** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

| <b>Learning Target(s):</b>   | <b>Success Criteria:</b>  | <b>Bloom's Taxonomy Levels:</b> | <b>Webb's DOK:</b> |
|--|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| ● The student will cite text evidence to support my understanding of what the text says explicitly.                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can identify important details in a story.</li> <li>● I can connect multiple details and explain how these details are connected.</li> </ul>   | Analyze                         | 3                  |
| ● The student will make an inference by using my background knowledge and text evidence to support my understanding of text. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I can use connected evidence to make an inference about what the author is trying to say.</li> <li>● I can use background knowledge to support my thinking.</li> <li>● I can refer back to the entire story to determine if my inference makes sense.</li> </ul> | Analyze                         | 3                  |

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.3.B** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Compare and contrast texts in different genres that address similar themes or topics.
- **6.RL.1.B** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.
- **6.RL.2.C** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language and/or the repetition of words or word sounds contributes to meaning.
- **6.RI.1.B** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative, connotative, and content-specific meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.
- **6.RI.1.D** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Explain the central/main idea(s) of a text and cite evidence of its development; summarize the text.
- **6.RI.2.C** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language, connotations and/or repetition, contributes to meaning.

| <u>Read</u>  | <u>Write</u>  | <u>Study</u> | <u>Do</u>   | <u>Share</u>   |
|--|---|--------------|---|--|
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will brainstorm topics to focus on for their Unit Project.</li> </ul> |              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will research and select a fiction book that relates to their chosen topic.</li> <li>Students will locate their chosen fiction book.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will share their topic and book with the class.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b><u>Instructional Notes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider offering a list of topics for students to choose from or allow students to choose any topic they are interested in. Students should also collaborate with peers about various topics to consider.</li> <li>It's important for students to consider the length of the book and their reading habits to ensure the book is completed by the required deadline.</li> <li>Students should locate their book by visiting the Media Center, searching Sora for a digital copy, search the public library to check-out the book, or consider other options for getting the book to read while they are completing the Unit Project.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Modifications / Accommodations :</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider what texts are appropriate based on student reading levels.</li> <li>Books should already be chosen and mostly read at this point to use this time to choose a topic for their nonfiction article.</li> <li>Complete Unit Project Goals and Expectations in this block as well.</li> </ul> |   |              |   |  |

## Engaging Experience 2

**Title:**

Unit Project Goals & Expectations

**Suggested Time Length:**

1 Block 0 blocks

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.1.A** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- **6.RI.1.A** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

**Learning Target(s):**

**Success Criteria:**

**Bloom's  
Taxonomy Levels:**

**Webb's  
DOK:**

- The student will cite text evidence to support my understanding of what the text says explicitly.

- I can identify important details in a story.
- I can connect multiple details and explain how these details are connected.

Analyze

3

- The student will make an inference by using my background knowledge and text evidence to support my understanding of text.

- I can use connected evidence to make an inference about what the author is trying to say.
- I can use background knowledge to support my thinking.
- I can refer back to the entire story to determine if my inference makes sense.

Analyze

3

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.3.B** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Compare and contrast texts in different genres that address similar themes or topics.
- **6.RL.1.B** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.
- **6.RL.2.C** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language and/or the repetition of words or word sounds contributes to meaning.
- **6.RI.1.B** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative, connotative, and content-specific meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.
- **6.RI.1.D** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Explain the central/main idea(s) of a text and cite evidence of its development; summarize the text.
- **6.RI.2.C** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language, connotations and/or repetition, contributes to meaning.

| <b><u>Read</u></b>  | <b><u>Write</u></b> | <b><u>Study</u></b>   | <b><u>Do</u></b>  | <b><u>Share</u></b> |
|---|---------------------|---|---|---------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will be reading their chosen book for the project.</li> </ul>   |                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will learn the expectations for the Unit Project and make personal goals to help them be successful.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will take notes in their Reader's Notebook or other type of graphic organizer.</li> </ul> |                     |
| <p><b><u>Instructional Notes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will learn the expectations for the Unit Project and make personal goals to help them be successful.</li> <li>Students should begin reading and taking notes in their Reader's Notebook or other type of graphic organizer. Notes to consider maintaining are key details that might be important for the completion of this Culminating Unit Project, including the plot with respect to how the character(s) change throughout the story.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Modifications / Accommodations :</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include this Engaging Experience in Engaging Experience 1.</li> </ul> |                     |   |   |                     |



## Engaging Experience 3

**Title:**

Focus on Reading

**Suggested Time Length:**

3 Blocks **0 Blocks**

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.1.A** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- **6.RI.1.A** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

**Learning Target(s):**

**Success Criteria:**

**Bloom's  
Taxonomy Levels:**

**Webb's  
DOK:**

- The student will cite text evidence to support my understanding of what the text says explicitly.

- I can identify important details in a story.
- I can connect multiple details and explain how these details are connected.

Analyze

3

- The student will make an inference by using my background knowledge and text evidence to support my understanding of text.

- I can use connected evidence to make an inference about what the author is trying to say.
- I can use background knowledge to support my thinking.
- I can refer back to the entire story to determine if my inference makes sense.

Analyze

3

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.3.B** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Compare and contrast texts in different genres that address similar themes or topics.
- **6.RL.1.B** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.
- **6.RL.2.C** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language and/or the repetition of words or word sounds contributes to meaning.
- **6.RI.1.B** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative, connotative, and content-specific meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.
- **6.RI.1.D** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Explain the central/main idea(s) of a text and cite evidence of its development; summarize the text.
- **6.RI.2.C** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language, connotations and/or repetition, contributes to meaning.

| <b><u>Read</u></b>  | <b><u>Write</u></b> | <b><u>Study</u></b>   | <b><u>Do</u></b>  | <b><u>Share</u></b> |
|---|---------------------|---|---|---------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will read their chosen book for the project.</li> </ul>   |                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will learn various strategies for summarizing their daily reading and/or taking notes.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will use one of the strategies learned in the “Study” section to complete each day of their reading.</li> </ul> |                     |
| <p><b><u>Instructional Notes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students should spend the majority of class time reading. This will ensure equity for all students by dedicating time in class to help students complete the book.</li> <li>Strategy suggestions for how students can summarize their daily reading: write a reflection of their reading each day, create a bulleted journal of key details to retain, use a graphic organizer to gather information, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Modifications / Accommodations :</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students should have their fiction story read by this point.</li> </ul> |                     |   |   |                     |

## Engaging Experience 4

**Title:**

Culminating Project Research

**Suggested Time Length:**

1 Block 2 Block

**Priority Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.1.A** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- **6.RI.1.A** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Draw conclusions, infer and analyze by citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

**Learning Target(s):**

**Success Criteria:**

**Bloom's  
Taxonomy Levels:**

**Webb's  
DOK:**

- The student will cite text evidence to support my understanding of what the text says explicitly.

- I can identify important details in a story.
- I can connect multiple details and explain how these details are connected.

Analyze

3

- The student will make an inference by using my background knowledge and text evidence to support my understanding of text.

- I can use connected evidence to make an inference about what the author is trying to say.
- I can use background knowledge to support my thinking.
- I can refer back to the entire story to determine if my inference makes sense.

Analyze

3

**Supporting Standard(s):**

- **6.RL.3.B** Synthesize Ideas from Multiple Texts (Approaching Texts as a Researcher) Compare and contrast texts in different genres that address similar themes or topics.
- **6.RL.1.B** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.
- **6.RL.2.C** Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language and/or the repetition of words or word sounds contributes to meaning.
- **6.RI.1.B** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative, connotative, and content-specific meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.
- **6.RI.1.D** Comprehend and Interpret Texts (Approaching Texts as a Reader) Explain the central/main idea(s) of a text and cite evidence of its development; summarize the text.

- 6.RI.2.C Analyze Craft and Structure (Approaching Texts as a Writer) Analyze how word choice, including the use of figurative language, connotations and/or repetition, contributes to meaning.

| <u>Read</u>   | <u>Write</u>  | <u>Study</u> | <u>Do</u>   | <u>Share</u>   |
|---|---|--------------|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will read their chosen book for the project.</li> <li>● Students will read various articles related to the book's topic.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students should take notes about key details of the article/media chosen.</li> </ul> |              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will research their topic to identify a nonfiction article, TedTalk, etc. to compare and contrast with their fiction book.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will share their article/media with the teacher and discuss how it relates to their book they read.</li> </ul> |

#### **Instructional Notes:**

- Differentiation - Some students may find it helpful to have a “bank” of articles/media to select from. This could help some students reduce the amount of time used for researching and instead allow more time for the creation of the final project.

#### **Modifications / Accommodations :**

- Students should focus on gathering information from both their fiction book and nonfiction article.
- Provide clear expectations for what information they are gathering. Provide a graphic organizer, Question/Answer format, or sentence starters to help guide their research.

## Summary of Engaging Learning Experiences & Scenario(s)

| Engaging Experience Title                    | Description   | Suggested Length of Time |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Choosing a Topic and Book</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will brainstorm topics to focus on for their Unit Project.</li> <li>Students will research and select a fiction book that relates to their chosen topic.</li> <li>Students should locate their chosen fiction book to use for the project.</li> </ul> | 1 Block                  |
| <b>Unit Project Goals &amp; Expectations</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will learn the expectations for the Unit Project and make personal goals to help them be successful.</li> <li>Students will begin reading and taking notes in their Reader's Notebook or other type of graphic organizer.</li> </ul>                  | 1 Block<br>0 Blocks      |
| <b>Focus on Reading</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students should spend the majority of class time reading.</li> <li>Offer students a variety of strategies to use for maintaining notes that will be useful as they complete their project later in this unit.</li> </ul>                                       | 3 Blocks<br>0 Blocks     |
| <b>Culminating Project Research</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will research their topic to identify a nonfiction article, TedTalk, etc. to compare and contrast with their fiction book.</li> <li>Students should read the chosen article/media and take notes about key details.</li> </ul>                        | 1 Block<br>2 Blocks      |
| <b>Engaging Scenario</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will use their creativity to create their final culminating project that includes information about both reading pieces.</li> <li>Students will present their final project to an audience.</li> </ul>  | 4 Blocks<br>2 Blocks     |