

Expectations

Introduction to Identity and Expectations: Story Elements in "Seventh Grade"

Analyze how setting, plot, and character interact in a text

Determine a character's expectations

Identify the elements of a story

The Poetry of Identity

Analyze the impact of figurative language on the ideas of a poem

Determine the central idea of a poem

Identify figurative language

Figurative Language in Barrio Boy

Analyze the use of figurative language in the text

Distinguish between connotation and denotation

Use evidence to make inferences from a text

Conflict and Theme in The Outsiders

Evaluate the relevance of a universal theme

Determine the theme of a fictional text

Identify conflict in a fictional text

Phrases and Clauses

Distinguish between phrases and clauses

Place phrases and clauses appropriately within sentences

Punctuate simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences

Writing a Personal Narrative that Expresses Your Identity

Adjust the pacing of the narrative to engage readers

Develop the narrative with dialogue and details

Organize ideas and events clearly and logically

Write a personal narrative

Exploring Who We Are

Point of View in White Fang

Analyze the role of point of view in a fictional text

Contrast the perspective of different characters

Identify point of view in a fictional text

Character Development in White Fang

Analyze how story elements interact

Identify techniques the author uses to develop characters in a text

Trace character development

Writing an Analysis of Characterization

Compose a written character analysis

Organize ideas prior to writing using a graphic organizer

Provide textual evidence to support analysis



Conflict in White Fang

Analyze story elements that create conflict Identify types of conflict in a piece of fiction Make, confirm, and revise predictions

Theme in White Fang

Create a theme statement Identify character motivations Identify theme

Parts of Speech and Modifiers

Identify and correct misplaced and dangling modifiers Identify the six basic parts of speech

Place modifiers correctly within a sentence

Writing an Informative Essay about an Exciting Tradition

Organize concepts and ideas using a graphic organizer

Research from credible sources

Revise to include relevant facts and details

Write an informative essay with interesting details

Heritage

Heritage: Japanese Culture in a Folktale

Define the genres of myth and folktale

Determine how myths and folktales connect to places and people

Explore how myths and folktales use elements of nonfiction

Rhyme, Rhythm, and Visualizing in a Yeats Poem

Analyze the effect of rhyme and rhythm on a poem

Examine the rhyme scheme and rhythm in a poem

Visualize to imagine a complex poem

Influences and Inferences in "Names/Nombres"

Analyze influences that shape an author.

Determine the theme of an essay.

Make and support inferences using evidence from the text.

Setting and Character in *Dragonwings*

Compare and contrast a story and a primary source that depict similar events Identify how a specific setting, or the time and place of a story, advances the plot

Make inferences about a character based on his or her behavior

Comparing and Contrasting Genres

Create effective transitions to connect points of comparison

Organize ideas prior to writing by using a graphic organizer

Write a paragraph that compares and contrasts the benefits of two genres



Structure and Culture in "Twelfth Song of the Thunder"

Analyze the impact of repetition in poetry

Explore how elements of Navajo culture are reflected in their poetry

Use historical interpretations to strengthen your understanding of a poem

Word Meanings

Determine word meaning using Greek and Latin affixes and roots

Use Greek and Latin affixes and roots to define common academic words

Verify preliminary definitions by using a dictionary

Creating a Yearbook Page

Create a yearbook page that expresses the characteristics of a person

Organize information

Research and collect text evidence about a person from a text

Use multimedia components to describe a person from a text

Focusing on an Objective

Perseverance and Focusing on an Objective: Viewpoint in The Riddle of the Rosetta Stone

Differentiate fact from opinion

Distinguish the author's views from those of others

Identify an author's viewpoint in an informational text

Cause and Effect in The Riddle of the Rosetta Stone

Cite textual details as evidence

Identify causal relationships

Sequence events to explain cause and effect

Characterization in The Riddle of the Rosetta Stone

Analyze the characterization of a historical figure

Determine the author's attitude toward a subject

Identify examples of bias in an informational text

Influences on Ideas in The Riddle of the Rosetta Stone

Analyze the influence of individuals on other individuals within the text

Compare and contrast individuals within the same text

Make predictions about a nonfiction text

Reasoning and Logic in The Riddle of the Rosetta Stone

Draw conclusions

Identify the big picture and specific details to understand a text

Recognize an argument's use of logic

Context Clues and Inferences in The Riddle of the Rosetta Stone

Determine causes and effects to understand a text

Determine the meaning of technical language

Make an inference about the message of a nonfiction text



Writing an Analysis of a Nonfiction Text

Revise to support conclusions with relevant information

Use text evidence to identify a thesis

Write an analysis using appropriate evidence and reflection

Pursuing the Dream

Pursuing the Dream as a Central Idea in Poetry

Compare the messages of two different poems

Determine the central idea of a poem

Identify figurative language

Summarizing a Text by Jackie Robinson

Determine an author's purpose for writing

Identify central ideas and supporting details

Summarize a text

Writing a Narrative: Describing a Problem

Establish a point of view

Organize ideas for a narrative

Use techniques that paint pictures for the reader

Write a personal narrative describing a problem

Drawing Conclusions in a Cesar Chavez Speech

Connect details to theme

Draw conclusions about an author's purpose

Recognize elements of persuasion in a speech

Central Ideas in We Beat the Street

Compare and contrast to analyze change

Determine cause-and-effect relationships

Identify central ideas and supporting details

Word Relationships: Using Context

Recognize the difference between connotation and denotation

Understand the importance of context

Use context clues to determine meaning

Use context to understand the author's meaning

Writing an Argument that Supports the Characteristics of a Role Model

Develop a claim, reasoning, and evidence to make an argument

Organize reason and evidence logically

Revise to use precise language

Write an argument with a well-supported concluding statement

Overcoming the Odds

Overcoming the Odds: The Miracle Worker, Act I

Analyze characterization in a play Identify the elements of a drama Summarize the central idea of a scene



Elements of Drama in The Miracle Worker, Acts II and III

Analyze how stage directions contribute to the meaning of a play

Examine the role of setting in a play

Identify how information is communicated through dialogue

Point of View in Helen Keller's Memoir, The Story of My Life

Analyze how imagery is used in the selection

Compare the way two authors cover the same information

Identify the author's point of view

Writing with Credible Sources

Cite a source correctly

Evaluate the credibility of a source

Summarize information from multiple sources

Word Choice and Structure in "The Turtle"

Analyze the effect of word choice in a poem

Determine the theme of a poem

Examine the elements of poetry

Conflict and Resolution in "Amigo Brothers"

Determine the theme of a story

Examine conflict's role in a story

Recognize elements of plot structure

Group Discussion

Demonstrate the ability to present and respond to information in a formal discussion

Prepare to participate in a formal group discussion

Recognize and apply guidelines for listening and speaking in a group

Creating a Text Trailer

Analyze the appropriate tone for a project

Create a multimedia text trailer that shows tension and entices viewers to read

Research to gather and organize ideas about conflicts in a text

Neighbors

Neighbors: Visualizing in The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street

Identify the elements of a drama

Recognize how a drama reveals characters' perspectives

Visualize scenes from a drama

Making Predictions in The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street

Analyze plot's effect on character

Identify and cite examples of foreshadowing

Make predictions from textual clues

Theme in *The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street*

Determine theme in a drama

Distinguish science fiction from fantasy fiction

Examine the role of stage directions



Character Relationships in Walter Dean Myers's "The Treasure of Lemon Brown"

Evaluate characters through dialogue and action

Examine how an author creates characters

Interpret changes in relationships between characters

Using Dialogue Effectively

Follow the conventions of punctuation in dialogue

Identify the elements of a narrative

Understand the importance of dialogue

Narrative Elements in "How I Learned English"

Analyze first-person point of view

Understand elements of narrative poetry

Visualize imagery in a poem

Capitals and Commas

Edit a text to assess proper use of commas and capitalization

Identify and apply capitalization rules

Identify and apply comma rules

Writing an Analysis of a Literary Character

Choose strong text evidence to plan a compare-and-contrast analysis

Revise to clarify ideas and conclusions

Write an analysis that shows clear changes in a character

Freedom Fighters

Freedom Fighters: Viewpoint in an Article about Malala Yousafzai

Identify an author's viewpoint

Investigate ideas presented in a digital format

Recognize the impact of setting in a text

Setting in We've Got a Job

Analyze how events and ideas interact

Evaluate how authors profile historical figures

Investigate history through personal accounts

Reader Connections in We've Got a Job

Connect individuals to events

Evaluate tone in an informational text

Identify types of reader connections

Narrative Structure in We've Got a Job

Determine narrative voice

Evaluate third-person narration

Examine narrative nonfiction

Multiple Stories in We've Got a Job

Evaluate how the author integrates quotations

Examine multiple experiences of the same events

Summarize the text



Unit Lesson Dejectives

Choosing Words Wisely

Differentiate between synonyms and antonyms

Select appropriate online resources

Use traditional reference material

Writing an Argumentative Essay about Education

Organize concepts and ideas using a graphic organizer

Research to gather appropriate information

Revise to include relevant facts and details

Write an argument that addresses claims and counterclaims

Visions of the Past and Future

Visions of the Past and Future: Structure in "I Hear America Singing"

Evaluate the effect of repetition

Examine free verse structure

Interpret metaphors

Argumentation in "The Girl Who Silenced the World for Five Minutes"

Distinguish fact from opinion

Evaluate the reasoning of an argument

Recognize the purpose of questioning

Persuasion and Tone in a Speech

Compare and contrast in writing

Establish an appropriate tone

Evaluate the effect of word choices on tone

Central Ideas in Eleanor Roosevelt's "What I Hope to Leave Behind"

Analyze the effect of historical context on the author's purpose

Determine central ideas in a nonfiction text

Paraphrase central ideas

Word Relationships: Accurate and Interesting Words

Choose precise words

Distinguish shades of meaning among words

Recognize word relationships and nuanced meaning

Creating a Blog

Create a blog using multimedia tools that enhance the argument and engage the readers

Develop a claim with research and evidence

Explore the purpose of a blog

Research a topic

Heroes of the People

Heroes of the People: Fact and Folktale in *The People Could Fly*

Analyze how fiction uses elements of nonfiction

Determine the role of setting in myth and folktale

Identify the features of a folktale



Personification in The People Could Fly

Determine the role of personification in a fable

Examine why cultures create fables

Identify elements of a fable

Characters in The People Could Fly

Analyze characterization

Compare the central ideas of two stories

Recognize the plot's impact on characterization

Setting and Dialect in The People Could Fly

Compare written text to an audio version

Use context clues and in-text definitions to understand dialect

Visualize the setting of a fictional story

Point of View and Viewpoint in The People Could Fly

Compare fiction to nonfiction

Identify point of view

Interpret viewpoint

Conflict and Theme in The People Could Fly

Determine the theme of a folktale

Identify the antagonist and protagonist of a story

Recognize plot elements

Repetition in The People Could Fly

Analyze the role of suspense in a story

Evaluate repetition's effect on climax and resolution

Identify repetition in plot structure

Writing an Argumentative Essay about a Social Topic

Brainstorm ideas and supporting examples

Revise to address claims and counterclaims

Write argumentative essay with a strong concluding statement

Battling Adversity

Cause and Effect in An American Plague

Define cause and effect

Determine causal relationships

Trace central ideas in a text

First-Person Point of View in Fever 1793

Analyze first-person point of view

Connect a literary text to historical events

Examine the role of first-person point of view in engaging the reader

Writing a Comparison of Fiction and Nonfiction

Analyze characterization techniques used in historical fiction

Compare and contrast elements of fiction and nonfiction

Organize writing by using effective transitions



Characterization and Central Ideas in A Night to Remember

Examine characterization techniques in a nonfiction text

Identify elements of historical nonfiction

Support central ideas with textual details

Language and Purpose in *Exploring the Titanic*

Determine the author's purpose

Examine the effect of tone

Use context clues to understand technical jargon

Choosing Precise Words to Eliminate Wordiness and Redundancy

Analyze the importance of word choice.

Eliminate wordiness and redundancy.

Make thoughtful choices of specific words.

Writing an Informative Essay about Heroic Qualities

Organize a topic and supporting evidence into cohesive segments

Revise to include effective details and examples

Write an informative essay with clearly-organized ideas

Looking Out for Others

Looking Out for Others: Allegory in "Aunty Misery"

Determine the theme of a folktale

Explain the use of allegory in a folktale

Interpret figurative language in a story

Characters in "Rikki-Tikki-Tavi"

Analyze the author's use of personification

Examine the role of minor characters

Identify the roles of protagonist and antagonist in driving the plot of a story

Writing Effective Interview Questions

Formulate effective and appropriate questions

Paraphrase and quote researched information

Plan for an interview

Character and Theme in "The Gentleman of Rio en Medio"

Consider the effect of the narrator's point of view

Identify the theme of a short story

Recognize how a character's actions reveal theme

Making Inferences about "Birdfoot's Grampa"

Determine the theme of a poem

Identify figurative language in a poem

Make inferences in a poem



Creating a Multimedia Presentation

Analyze how multimedia is used to clarify information and make content engaging

Determine how to present ideas effectively in a formal presentation

Evaluate how a speaker considers audience, topic, and purpose

Creating a Public Service Advertisement

Create a public service advertisement that informs about a topic of social relevance

Create a public service advertisement that presents a focused message with supporting evidence

Evaluate the purpose of a public service advertisement

Research to state a claim and provide evidence to support it

Use appropriate voice and tone to convey a message