

American Heroes

Introduction to Heroism and American Heroes

Cite evidence of what a text explicitly says

Determine and examine the author's purpose in a text

Identify central ideas

Action and Rhyme in a Poem about a Female Civil War Hero

Identify action presented in a poem

Sequence key events in a story told through a poem

Synthesize how an author drives the action through rhyming couplets

Elizabeth Cady Stanton's Early Influences

Retell the central ideas in a text

Understand the historical context of American hero Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Use questioning to determine author's viewpoint in a text

Cause and Effect in The Great Fire

Analyze cause-and-effect relationships in a sequence of events

Consider how main ideas about causes and effects are developed over the course of a text

Discover the relationship between supporting details and main ideas

Themes in The Great Fire

Analyze themes connected to heroism in a text

Consider how themes are developed

Determine several themes related to the topic of heroism

Signal Words

Distinguish the purposes of signal words

Identify signal words in context

Use signal words to clarify the meaning of words and phrases by understanding relationships

Writing an Informative Essay about an Event in History

Categorize information into cohesive segments

Research to gather relevant information

Revise to include concrete details, quotations and other examples

Write a clear and well-organized summary

Lives of Commitment

Lives of Commitment: Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

Cite textual evidence that reveals the historical context

Define personal narrative and explain how a text exemplifies this genre

Make predictions about future events

Making Inferences in Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

Make inferences about several people based on their attitudes

Notice different characters' attitudes toward Frederick Douglass

Use Douglass's point of view to examine what is implicitly and explicitly stated



Cause and Effect in Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

Examine how cause-and-effect relationships advance the narrative

Explore how Douglass uses imagery to achieve his purpose

Identify Douglass's purpose

Analyzing Language in a Personal Narrative

Distinguish between connotation and denotation

Examine Douglass's use of strong verbs and adjectives

Write a response that explains how the choice of words can make a strong personal narrative

Harriet Tubman, Conductor on the Underground Railroad: Rhetoric

Analyze the three types of rhetorical appeals

Explore the use of rhetorical appeals to convince people to act

Understand the historical context of Harriet Tubman's work

Context Clues, Roots, and Affixes

Explore how affixes change the meanings of words

Identify the word root to clarify the meaning of challenging vocabulary

Use context clues to determine the meaning of unknown words

Writing a Personal Narrative about an Important Person

Develop narrative with strong supporting examples.

Revise to show relationships among experiences and events.

Write a descriptive personal narrative.

Everyday Heroes

Everyday Heroes: Poems by Nikki Giovanni

Analyze how the poet's use of allusions and setting influence the poem

Distinguish between explicit and implicit information

Draw conclusions about the speaker and her viewpoint using implicit and explicit information

Voice and Characters in "Raymond's Run"

Analyze the relationship between voice and characterization

Distinguish between direct and indirect characterization

Interpret characters through their words and actions

Writing about Theme in Fiction and Citing Evidence

Cite evidence to support a theme

Identify a theme in a short story

Organize a paragraph using effective structure and transition words

Conflict and Symbolism in "The Medicine Bag"

Analyze conflict in a short story

Interpret the use of dialogue to reflect characterization

Interpret the use of symbolism in a short story

We Shall Not Be Moved: Monitoring Comprehension

Determine the author's purpose in an informational text

Monitor comprehension through re-reading

Use background knowledge about a historical event to understand the context of a text



Unit Lesson Dejectives

Connotation and Denotation

Analyze choices a writer makes based on word connotations

Distinguish between connotations and denotations of words

Examine the relationship between the author's purpose and word choice

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

Rising to the Challenge

Perseverance and Rising to the Challenge: The Call of the Wild

Ask questions to make predictions about The Call of the Wild

Distinguish between dialogue and dialect

Explore the historical context and setting of the Alaska Gold Rush

Plot and Characters in The Call of the Wild

Analyze characterization

Identify and explain elements of plot

Monitor comprehension while reading a fictional text

Conflict and Theme in The Call of the Wild

Analyze different types of conflict

Define and distinguish between protagonist and antagonist

Identify and give examples of emerging themes

Direct and Indirect Characterization in The Call of the Wild

Compare and contrast characters

Differentiate between direct and indirect characterization

Explore how point of view influences readers' experiences

Imagery and Events in The Call of the Wild

Evaluate how episodes within a long text contribute to character development

Use sensory descriptions to imagine scenes and understand characters

Visualize to analyze descriptive language and imagery

Symbols in The Call of the Wild

Analyze an author's use of symbols

Consider plot structure and development in The Call of the Wild

Explore symbols as a literary device

Theme Development in The Call of the Wild

Analyze character development

Analyze major themes and theme development

Distinguish between static and dynamic characters



Writing an Analysis of Literary Themes

Identify evidence to support an analysis

Revise to draw clear conclusions

Write an analysis that explains the themes in a work of literature

Setting Goals

Setting Goals: Evaluating a Speech by Randy Pausch

Connect details to a central idea

Draw conclusions about an author's purpose

Evaluate structure in a speech

Dramatic Structure in Monster

Compare the functions of narrative and dramatic structure in a text

Explore elements of dramatic structure

Make observations about the function of different perspectives

Characters in Monster

Analyze the way a protagonist is characterized

Evaluate a character based on actions and dialogue

Make and support inferences about a character

Comparing and Contrasting Careers in Writing

Compare and contrast career options

Organize comparative writing

Use signal words to clarify writing

Write a compare-and-contrast paragraph

Central Ideas in The Building of Manhattan

Explore how ideas are conveyed through words and images

Paraphrase to understand the central ideas in a text

Understand the difference between paraphrasing and summarizing

Cause and Effect in The Evolution of Useful Things

Explore the development of a central idea in an informational text

Sequence to analyze cause-and-effect relationships

Use signal words to understand the relationships between ideas in a text

Verb Tense and Voice

Explore the different ways verbs can be used

Understand what verb tense, aspect, and voice mean

Use verbs to discuss goals

Writing a Convincing Argument

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

Identify counterclaims

Revise an argument to include relevant evidence from credible sources

Write a convincing argument that addresses counterclaims



Bravery and Resistance

Bravery and Resistance: The Diary of Anne Frank

Analyze how stage directions reveal shifts in time

Analyze what dialogue reveals about character

Investigate the historical context of *The Diary of Anne Frank*

Theme and Conflict in The Diary of Anne Frank

Analyze different conflicts in a play.

Identify main themes in *The Diary of Anne Frank*

Make connections between a play's conflicts and themes

Anne Frank's The Diary of a Young Girl

Analyze Anne Frank's use of voice in her diary

Compare and contrast the experience of reading two texts of different genres

Explore how authors convey mood

Viewpoint and Inferences in Anne Frank Remembered

Analyze an author's unique viewpoint

Identify details that build suspense

Make inferences about the theme of a memoir

Audio Report: Remembering Miep Gies

Actively listen to an audio report

Analyze the purpose of information presented in an audio report

Take notes to generate a summary

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 tone appropriate to 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

Belonging

Identity and Belonging in "Broken Chain"

Analyze the author's use of descriptive language

Interpret theme in a short story

Relate causes and effects in a story

Descriptive Word Choice in "Fish Cheeks"

Analyze the author's purpose in a nonfiction text

Analyze the author's use of description

Connect descriptive language to the overall purpose



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Writing to Analyze Literary Devices

Effectively explain and analyze literary terms

Select literary terms to support an idea

Write a paragraph using literary terms to support analysis

Character Development and Perspective in "Flowers for Algernon"

Analyze first-person narration

Analyze the use of language to develop a character

Explore the difference between the narrator's point of view and the reader's point of view

Characterization and Foreshadowing in "Flowers for Algernon"

Explain how characterization advances the plot of a story

Identify evidence of foreshadowing

Make predictions about how a character will change in a story

Capitalization, Punctuation, and Spelling

Correctly capitalize when using quotations

Place commas correctly

Recognize and distinguish between common spelling errors

Use ellipses before, in the middle of, and after a quotation to indicate an omission

Writing an Analysis that Compares Two Genres

Analyze the way two texts of different genres address the same theme

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

Revise by evaluating effective use of transitions

Write an analysis with clear and consistent ideas

Rising to the Occasion

Conflict and Character in Mildred Taylor's *The Land*

Analyze physical and social conflicts

Infer character motivations

Interpret how the historical context of post-Civil War America affects literature

Viewpoint and Motivation in The Land

Analyze what influences characters' viewpoints

Compare and evaluate characters' reactions to situations

Distinguish intrinsic and extrinsic motivation

Historical Setting and Theme in The Land

Analyze the relationship between characters and historical setting

Identify major and minor themes of a fictional text

Summarize the way a theme is developed in a fictional text

Writing to Analyze Conflict

Develop a topic using facts, details, and examples from a text

Use the literary device conflict to discuss a topic

Write strong concluding statements to support an explanation



Direct and Indirect Characterization in The Land

Analyze examples of direct characterization

Analyze examples of indirect characterization

Make predictions about a text based on background knowledge

Dialogue and Action in The Land

Analyze how dialogue propels action

Analyze how dialogue reveals characteristics

Evaluate how descriptive detail in narration enhances a scene

Reference Resources

Improve the accuracy of word use

Use a dictionary to understand details of word meaning

Use a thesaurus to make effective word choices

Writing an Informative Essay Comparing Two Periods of Time

Organize ideas to show clear relationships between ideas

Revise language to add precision and interest

Write an informative essay with interesting transitions between ideas

Chance and Choice

Chance and Choice: Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken"

Analyze an extended metaphor in a poem

Analyze tone in a poem

Explore theme in a poem

Suspense in "The Lady, or the Tiger?"

Analyze how the author builds suspense

Build background on fables and morality tales

Offer an informed response to the question posed by the story

Setting and Conflict in "The Lottery"

Analyze irony in a short story

Analyze the role that setting plays in a short story

Assess the society vs. individual conflict

Writing Using Descriptive Details and Context

Establish context and point of view in writing

Use descriptive details to enhance writing

Write about an experience that involved making a choice

Foreshadowing in "The Monkey's Paw"

Analyze foreshadowing in a short story

Compare and contrast characters' reactions

Evaluate the effect of mood

Character and Perspective in Two Short Stories

Analyze character in a short story

Analyze the different perspectives in a short story

Compare and contrast the choices and consequences in two stories



Figures of Speech

Explore different types of figurative language

Interpret common figures of speech

Understand how word positions and relationships give clues to 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

Making Communities Safer

Making Communities Safer: Text Features and Organization in an Informational Text

Analyze how information is organized

Make predictions about a text

Recognize the purpose of text features

Text Structure in an Informational Text

Make connections between supporting text and the main text

Recognize the purpose of a text's organizational pattern

Use text organization to extract central ideas

Problem-Solution Structure and Tone in an Informational Text

Analyze how an author creates tone

Identify signal words in the problem-solution structure

Interpret problem-solution text structure

Synthesizing Ideas in an Informational Text

Interpret information from charts and graphs

Synthesize information from different formats

Understand chronological order in a nonfiction text

Connecting Multimedia to an Informational Text

Analyze the purpose of resources in an informational text

Evaluate the advantages of using a video to extend a topic

Understand the purpose of an interview

Evaluating Different Media about Food Safety

Compare how a video and text present similar information

Evaluate information in a video

Identify main ideas and key details through listening and reading

Writing an Argumentative Essay about Health Care

Categorize information into cohesive sections

Research from credible sources to gather information

Revise to include concrete details, quotations, and other examples

Write a well-supported argument



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The Promise of America

The Promise of America: Different Genres' Approaches to the Same Topic

Analyze how two different texts address a similar topic

Analyze the argument in a nonfiction text

Interpret the themes in a poem

Description and Author's Purpose in Travels with Charley

Analyze how descriptive details support purpose

Interpret the use of dialogue as a descriptive detail

Understand the use of problem-solution structure in a text

Connections and Predictions in Woody Guthrie's Biography

Make predictions about writing based on an author's background

Understand how knowing the biography of an author helps us to interpret purpose

Use an author's background to interpret writing

Writing a Procedure for a Presentation

Connect steps to a goal, explaining how having a plan facilitates the goal

Develop logical steps for achieving a goal

Understand the structure and purpose of a procedural text

Write a procedure that logically explains how to accomplish a goal

Verbs and Their Moods

Understand how the subjunctive may be used with and without the conditional

Understand the structure and uses of indicative, imperative, interrogative verb moods

Understand the use of subjunctive mood in past, present, and future

Creating a Public Service Advertisement

Create a Public Service Advertisement that presents a focused message with supporting evidence

Explore the purpose and elements of a public service advertisement

Research to state a claim and provide evidence to support it

Use appropriate tone to convey a message

Out of Many, One

Out of Many, One: Rhetoric in The Gettysburg Address and "O Captain! My Captain!"

Analyze the extended metaphor of a poem

Analyze the rhetorical impact of brevity

Compare the rhetorical appeals of a speech and a poem

Emotional Appeal in Years of Dust

Analyze emotional appeals in language and photographs

Analyze how photographs and sidebars provide support for a text

Evaluate the effect of persuasive media

Rhetoric in Dr. King's "The American Dream"

Analyze the development of rhythm in a speech

Determine how the structure of a speech relates to its effectiveness

Explore the use of rhetoric in a speech



Structuring an Effective Argument

Organize ideas in an argument

Support a claim with logical evidence

Use transition words to make an argument clear

Write a well-developed argument

Comparing Argument Techniques in Two Speeches

Analyze how evidence can be used for conflicting purposes

Compare the effectiveness of two speeches

Evaluate the soundness of claims in an argument

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

Writing an Argumentative Essay about Volunteering

Establish a claim with reasons and evidence

Identify opposing claims

Revise to end the essay with a strong conclusion

Write an argumentative essay