

Unit Lesson Lesson Objectives

Examining Literary Texts

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

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

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

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

Conflict and Resolution in "Amigo Brothers"

Determine the theme of a story

Examine conflict's role in a story

Recognize elements of plot structure

Informational and Argumentative Texts

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

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



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Summarizing a Text by Jackie Robinson

Determine an author's purpose for writing

Identify central ideas and supporting details

Summarize a text

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

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.

Analyzing a Claim in a Text about Edward Jenner

Assess the validity of the main claim of a text

Identify the central idea of an informational text

Identify the use of chronology in an informational text

Evaluating an Argument on Healthy Eating

Evaluate an author's argument for its effectiveness

Explain how an author supports an argument with reasons and evidence

Identify and trace an author's argument

Grammar and Writing

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

Phrases and Clauses

Distinguish between phrases and clauses

Place phrases and clauses appropriately within sentences

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

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



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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

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

Sentence Structure

Recognize the difference between simple, compound, and complex sentences

Understand the different parts of sentences

Use a graphic organizer (sentence diagram) to improve sentence formation

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