

Unit Lesson Lesson Objectives

Command of Evidence

Tracing the Central Idea in "A Quilt of a Country"

Analyze how context affects the meaning of a text.

Differentiate between connotation and denotation.

Trace the central idea in an op-ed.

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

Summarizing Central Ideas in The Dark Game, Part 1

Analyze how an idea is developed over the course of a text.

Identify central ideas in an informational text.

Summarize ideas in an informational text.

Supporting Conclusions with Evidence in The Dark Game, Part 2

Analyze how an author structures ideas to enhance meaning.

Cite textual evidence to support inferences.

Make inferences about the meaning of a text.

Argument Technique in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" Speech

Analyze an author's use of repetition.

Analyze the impact of allusion and metaphor.

Connect word connotation to author's purpose.

Rhetoric and Structure in Roosevelt's Four Freedoms Speech

Draw conclusions about the effect of rhetorical appeals.

Examine how the structure of an argument supports the overall idea.

Make connections between ideas in two seminal US documents.

Rhetoric in Reagan's Address at Moscow State University

Analyze the effect of different rhetorical devices.

Differentiate between facts, substantiated opinions, and unsubstantiated opinions.

Identify the different purposes a speech has for different audiences.

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 and Questioning: The Code Book

Analyze how an author supports a claim.

Ask questions to improve comprehension.

Evaluate the effectiveness of a claim supported by details.

Asian American Voices

Analyze how central ideas are built in an essay.

Make inferences about a text and cite evidence to support the analysis.

Summarize the central ideas in an essay.



A Look at the Fast-Food Industry by Eric Schlosser

Analyze how the author develops central ideas.

Critique the author's use of reasoning to support an argument.

Use academic vocabulary to make meaning of a text.

Ordering the Chaos of the Contemporary World: An Introduction to Freakonomics

Analyze an argument for structure and logic.

Evaluate evidence in an argument.

Summarize central ideas in a text and analyze their development.

Part 1: Text Details and Context Clues in an Informational Text

Analyze an author's use of supporting and descriptive details.

Analyze the use of images in a text.

Use context clues to determine the meanings of domain-specific words.

Words in Context

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

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

Figures of Speech

Explore different types of figurative language

Interpret common figures of speech

Understand how word positions and relationships give clues to meaning

Using Strategies and Word Patterns: The Code Book

Identify the purpose and central idea of an informational text.

Use context to improve comprehension.

Use patterns of word changes to understand meaning.

Word Choice and Theme in "Fences" and "The Legend"

Analyze how allusion supports the theme of the poem.

Draw conclusions about imagery and word choice in a poem.

Examine how a speaker's perspective supports a poem's theme.

Word Choice and Author's Purpose in Warriors Don't Cry

Analyze how a writer's word choice affects mood.

Identify the central ideas of a text.

Make connections between central ideas and author's purpose.

Word Choice and Extended Metaphor in a Poem by Maya Angelou

Analyze the tone of a poem.

Interpret the use of extended metaphor.

Interpret the use of literal, figurative, and connotative meaning in poetry.



Making Inferences about a Time Period in "A Century Ride"

Compare writing style of the late 1800s to modern writing.

Make inferences about culture and values.

Use context to figure out the meanings of unfamiliar words.

Comparing Argumentative Texts: Silent Spring and "Save the Redwoods"

Analyze the impact of word choice on tone and purpose.

Analyze the structure of an argument.

Compare and contrast arguments.

The Scarlet Letter

Analyze an author's choice of words in conveying setting, time, and mood.

Describe the plot and sequence of events in the beginning of a novel.

Monitor comprehension to understand and interpret a complex text.

Informational Text Analysis

Analyzing Career Information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Website

Determine an author's purpose.

Evaluate the effectiveness of a text's structure.

Interpret information in charts and graphs.

Analyzing US World War II Political Messages

Analyze the visual and textual elements of persuasive messages.

Compare and contrast a political speech with a media campaign.

Determine a speaker's purpose in a speech.

Part 3: Text Structure in an Informational Text

Analyze the author's use of chronological text structure.

Evaluate the effectiveness of text structure and style.

Identify chronological text structure.

Part 1: An Introduction to Elizabethan England

Analyze the effects of point of view on a reader.

Cite textual evidence to support inferences.

Identify explicit and implicit information about a time period.

Part 2: Summarizing Central Ideas about Elizabethan England

Analyze the development of central ideas.

Determine central ideas in an informational text.

Objectively summarize a text.

Text Structures in Wheels of Change, Part 2

Analyze the purpose of text features.

Analyze the use of chronology in a text.

Trace problems and solutions in a text.

Summarizing Central Ideas and Purpose: The Hot Zone

Define and understand the purpose of technical language in an informational text.

Recognize the author's purpose in an informational text.

Summarize the central idea of an informational text.



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

Synthesizing Ideas in an Informational Text

Interpret information from charts and graphs Synthesize information from different formats Understand chronological order in a nonfiction text