

Prep for Language Arts 8	Scope and Sequence
Unit Lesson	Objectives
Diagnostic PreTest	
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Reading Literary Text	
Making Inferences about "Birdfoot's Grampa"	
	Make inferences in a poem
	Determine the theme of a poem
	Identify figurative language in a poem
Pursuing the Dream as a Central Idea in Poetry	
	Identify figurative language
	Determine the central idea of a poem
	Compare the messages of two different poems
Overcoming the Odds: The Miracle Worker, Act I	
	Identify the elements of a drama
	Analyze characterization in a play
	Summarize the central idea of a scene
Character Development in White Fang	
	Identify techniques the author uses to develop characters in a text
	Analyze how story elements interact
	Trace character development
Introduction to Identity and Expectations: Story Elements in "Seventh Grade"	
	Identify the elements of a story
	Determine a character's expectations

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		Analyze how setting, plot, and character interact in a text
	Word Choice and Structure in "The Turtle"	
		Examine the elements of poetry
		Analyze the effect of word choice in a poem
		Determine the theme of a poem
	Looking Out for Others: Allegory in "Aunty Misery"	
		Explain the use of allegory in a folktale
		Interpret figurative language in a story
		Determine the theme of a folktale
	Visions of the Past and Future: Structure in "I Hear America Singing"	
		Evaluate the effect of repetition
		Examine free verse structure
		Interpret metaphors
	Elements of Drama in The Miracle Worker, Acts II and III	
		Identify how information is communicated through dialogue
		Examine the role of setting in a play
		Analyze how stage directions contribute to the meaning of a play
	Point of View in White Fang	
		Identify point of view in a fictional text
		Contrast the perspective of different characters
		Analyze the role of point of view in a fictional text

Reading Informational Text

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Making Info	erences in an Article about Roberto Clemente	
		Distinguish sequences of events
		Make inferences using supporting details
		Explore multiple sources for information
Influences	and Inferences in "Names/Nombres"	
		Analyze influences that shape an author.
		Make and support inferences using evidence from the text.
		Determine the theme of an essay.
Summarizi	ng a Text by Jackie Robinson	
		Identify central ideas and supporting details
		Summarize a text
		Determine an author's purpose for writing
Influences	on Ideas in The Riddle of the Rosetta Stone	
		Analyze the influence of individuals on other individuals within the
		Compare and contrast individuals within the same text
		Make predictions about a nonfiction text
Word Rela	tionships: Using Context	
		Understand the importance of context
		Use context clues to determine meaning
		Recognize the difference between connotation and denotation
		Use context to understand the author's meaning

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	Distinguish between connotation and denotation
	Analyze the use of figurative language in the text
	Use evidence to make inferences from a text
Cause and Effect in The Riddle of the Rosetta Stone	
	Identify causal relationships
	Cite textual details as evidence
	Sequence events to explain cause and effect
Informational Text Features	
	Analyze text features.
	Analyze a text's organization.
	Explain how text features and organization support ideas.
Perseverance and Focusing on an Objective: Viewpoint in The Riddle of the Rosetta Stone	
	Identify an author's viewpoint in an informational text
	Distinguish the author's views from those of others
	Differentiate fact from opinion
Persuasion in Susan B. Anthony's "On Women's Right to Vote"	
	Assess the author's tone
	Determine the purpose of a persuasive speech
	Recognize evidence in an argument
Reasoning and Logic in The Riddle of the Rosetta Stone	
	Recognize an argument's use of logic
	Identify the big picture and specific details to understand a text

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	Draw conclusions
Argumentation in "The Girl Who Silenced the World for Five Minutes"	
	Evaluate the reasoning of an argument
	Distinguish fact from opinion
	Recognize the purpose of questioning
Writing	
Phrases and Clauses	
	Distinguish between phrases and clauses
	Place phrases and clauses appropriately within sentences
	Punctuate simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences
Sentence Structure	
	Identify the parts of simple, compound, and complex sentences
	Understand the function of sentence parts
	Use a graphic organizer (sentence diagram) to improve sentence formation
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

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