

Options FRMS Language Arts 8A-OR		Scope and Sequence
Unit	Lesson	Objectives
Rising to the Challenge		
Perseverance and Rising to the Challenge: The Call of the Wild		
		Explore the historical context and setting of the Alaska Gold Rush
		Distinguish between dialogue and dialect
		Ask questions to make predictions about The Call of the Wild
Plot and Characters in The Call of the Wild		
		Identify and explain elements of plot
		Monitor comprehension while reading a fictional text
		Analyze characterization
Theme Development in The Call of the Wild		
		Analyze character development
		Distinguish between static and dynamic characters
		Analyze major themes and theme development
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 using examples from the text.
		Explore how point of view influences readers' experiences

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	Imagery and Events in The Call of the Wild	
		Visualize to analyze descriptive language and imagery
		Use sensory descriptions to imagine scenes and understand characters
		Evaluate how episodes within a long text contribute to character development
	Symbols in The Call of the Wild	
		Consider plot structure and development in The Call of the Wild
		Explore symbols as a literary device
		Analyze an author's use of symbols
	Test	
Everyday Heroes		
	Everyday Heroes: Poems by Nikki Giovanni	
		Distinguish between explicit and implicit information
		Draw conclusions about the speaker and her viewpoint using implicit and explicit information
		Analyze how the poet's use of allusions and setting influence the poem
	Voice and Characters in "Raymond's Run"	
		Distinguish between direct and indirect characterization
		Analyze the relationship between voice and characterization
		Interpret characters through their words and actions
	Writing about Theme in Fiction and Citing Evidence	
		Identify a theme in a short story
		Cite evidence to support a theme
		Organize a paragraph using effective structure and transition words

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	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	
		Use background knowledge about a historical event to understand the context of a text
		Monitor comprehension through re-reading
		Determine the author's purpose in an informational text
	Connotation and Denotation	
		Distinguish between connotations and denotations of words
		Examine the relationship between the author's purpose and word choice
		Analyze choices a writer makes based on word connotations
	Capitalization, Punctuation, and Spelling	
		Correctly capitalize when using quotations
		Use ellipses before, in the middle of, and after a quotation to indicate an omission
		Place commas correctly
		Recognize and distinguish between common spelling errors
	Parts of Speech: Words and Basic Phrases	
		Distinguish between and manipulate parts of speech.
		Identify phrases that work as parts of speech.
		Use prepositions correctly in phrases and with verbs.
	Writing a Personal Narrative about an Important Person	

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		Develop narrative with strong supporting examples.
		Revise to show relationships among experiences and events.
		Write a descriptive personal narrative.
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Setting Goals		
	Setting Goals: Evaluating a Speech by Randy Pausch	
		Evaluate the structure of a speech.
		Draw conclusions about an author's purpose.
		Connect details to a central idea.
		Read "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch.
	Dramatic Structure in Monster	
		Explore elements of dramatic structure
		Make observations about the function of different perspectives
		Compare the functions of narrative and dramatic structure in a text
	Characters in Monster	
		Analyze the way a protagonist is characterized
		Make and support inferences about a character
		Evaluate a character based on actions and dialogue
	Cause and Effect in The Evolution of Useful Things	
		Use signal words to understand the relationships between ideas in a text
		Sequence to analyze cause-and-effect relationships
		Explore the development of a central idea in an informational text

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	Verb Tense and Voice	
		Understand what verb tense, aspect, and voice mean
		Explore the different ways verbs can be used
		Use verbs to discuss goals
	Writing a Literary Analysis through the Lens of a Quotation	
		Write a literary analysis that draws evidence from a work of literature.
		Choose evidence to support an interpretation.
		Use appropriate and relevant terminology when discussing a work of literature.
		Revise writing to include transitions and expand on ideas.
	Unit Test	
The Promise of America		
	The Promise of America: Different Genres' Approaches to the Same Topic	
		Interpret the themes in a poem
		Analyze the argument in a nonfiction text
		Analyze how two different texts address a similar topic
	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 use of description
		Analyze the author's purpose in a nonfiction text

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		Connect descriptive language to the overall purpose
	Theme and Purpose in Poems Written by Teenage Girls	Interpret theme in poetry
		Compare themes in two different poems
		Analyze the function of repetition in poetry
	Verbs and Their Moods	Understand the structure and uses of indicative, imperative, interrogative verb moods
		Understand the use of subjunctive mood in past, present, and future
		Understand how the subjunctive may be used with and without the conditional
	Unit Test	
Bravery and Resistance		
	Bravery and Resistance: The Diary of Anne Frank	Investigate the historical context of The Diary of Anne Frank
		Analyze what dialogue reveals about character
		Analyze how stage directions reveal shifts in time
	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
		Explore how authors convey mood

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		Compare and contrast the experience of reading two texts of different genres
	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
		Take notes to generate a summary
		Analyze the purpose of information presented in an audio report
	Writing Coherent Sentences	Apply rules for agreement and parallelism of grammatical structures.
		Vary sentence structure.
		Choose words and phrases for effect and purpose.
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Cumulative Exam		
	Cumulative Exam Review	
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