Grade 7 Language Arts Unit 1

Fiction

What is fiction?

What are the elements of fiction?

How does fiction differ from other genres?

PA Common Core Standards:

- CC.1.3.7.A Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.
- **CC.1.3.7.B** Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly, as well as inferences, conclusions, and/or generalizations drawn from the text.
- CC.1.3.7.C Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact and how setting shapes the characters or plot.
- CC.1.3.7.D Analyze how an author develops and contrasts the points of view of different characters or narrators in a text.
- **CC.1.3.7.E** Analyze how the structure or form of a text contributes to its meaning.
- CC.1.3.7.F Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in grade-level reading and content, including interpretation of figurative, connotative meanings.
- **CC.1.3.7.G** Compare and contrast a written story, drama, or poem to its audio, filmed, staged, or multimedia version, analyzing the effects of techniques unique to each medium (e.g., lighting, sound, color, or camera focus and angles in a film).
- CC.1.3.7.H Compare and contrast a fictional portrayal of a time, place, or character and a historical account of the same period as a means of understanding how authors of fiction use or alter history.
- CC.1.3.7.I Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade-level reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies and tools.
- **CC.1.3.7.J** Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
- **CC.1.4.7.X** Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
- CC.1.5.7.A Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions, on grade-level topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own

Objectives

Objectively summarize the content in a fictional text.

Analyze the development of themes or central ideas in fiction literature.

Analyze the characterizations used by authors of fiction literature.

Analyze the use of figurative language and determine the author's purpose of using these elements.

Analyze the elements used in narrative fiction literature as well as how these elements affect each other.

Grade 7 Language Arts Unit 1 **Suggested Activities Exemplar Texts Additional Resources Tier 3 Vocabulary Assessments** Plot Close reading Little Women by Louisa May The Giver by Lois Lowry Observation Alcott Exposition Self and Peer Assessment Walk Two Moons, by Sharon Creech Inciting Incident Active reading Student Record Keeping Rising Action The Dark is Rising by Susan **AR Tests** Various **short stories** in textbook Climax **Literature Circles** Cooper Worksheets including but not limited to: Falling Action **Oral Questioning** Bellringers "The People Could Fly" by Resolution **Quick Writes** "Rikki-Tikki-Tavi" by Rudyard Kipling Virginia Hamilton Setting Literary Responses Conflict Question Boards Class Discussions "Amigo Brothers" by Piri Thomas Dragonwings by Lawrence Yep - Internal John Collins Type 1 & 2 Ticket Out the Door - External 'Ribbons" by Laurence Yep Theme **Summative** Tone **Jigsaw** State Assessment 'The Treasure of Lemon Brown" by Mood District Benchmarks Reading Workshop Walter Dean Myers Point of View End of chapter/unit Test - 1st Person Graded writing samples with "Two Kinds" by Amy Tan 2nd Person Rubrics - 3rd Person objective **Graded Oral Reports** "He-y, Come On Ou-t" by Shinichi Hoshi - 3rd Person limited John Collins 3 &4 3rd Person omniscient **Grammar & Writing** Characterization **Benchmark** Glencoe Grammar & Writing Handbook - Flat character 4sight Round character John Collins Writing Program Star Static character Dibels (See Appendices) - Dynamic character Aimsweb Protagonist Vocabulary Antagonist Sadlier-Oxford Vocabulary Genre Diagnostic Novel CDT Novella

Grade 7 Language Arts Unit 2

Nonfiction

What is nonfiction?

What are the styles of nonfiction writing?

How does nonfiction differ from fiction?

PA Common Core Standards:

- CC.1.2.7.A Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.
- **CC.1.2.7.B** Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly, as well as inferences, conclusions, and/or generalizations drawn from the text.
- CC.1.2.7.C Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text.
- CC.1.2.7.D Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of others.
- CC.1.2.7.E Analyze the structure of the text through evaluation of the author's use of graphics, charts. and the major sections of the text.
- **CC.1.2.7.F** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in grade-level reading and content, including interpretation of figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.
- **CC.1.2.7.G** Compare and contrast a text to an audio, video, or multimedia version of the text, analyzing each medium's portrayal of the subject (e.g., how the delivery of a speech affects the impact of the words).
- CC.1.2.7.H Evaluate an author's argument, reasoning, and specific claims for the soundness of the argument and the relevance of the evidence.
- **CC.1.2.7.I** Analyze how two or more authors present and interpret facts on the same topic.
- **CC.1.2.7.J** Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
- CC 1.2.7 K. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade-level reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of Objectives

Objectively summarize the content in a nonfiction text.

Analyze a nonfiction text to determine its purpose.

Distinguish between fact and opinion.

Comprehend the elements of argumentative writing—logos, pathos, & ethos—and synthesize these elements into their writing.

Critique a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance of the evidence.

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Suggested Activities	Exemplar Texts	Additional Resources	Tier 3 Vocabulary	Assessments
Close reading		Various nonfiction and	Appeal to Emotion	Formative
	Travels with Charley by John	informational texts in textbook	(pathos)	Observation
Active reading	Steinbeck	including but not limited to:	Appeal to Logic	Self and Peer Assessment
			(logos)	Student Record Keeping
Literature Circles		"Life Without Gravity" by Robert	Appeal to Authority	AR Tests
		Zimmerman	(ethos)	Worksheets
Bellringers			Informational Text	Oral Questioning
		"Conversational Ballgames" by	Chronological Order	Quick Writes
Question Boards		Nancy Masterson Sakamoto	Cause/Effect	Literary Responses
			Problem/Solution	Class Discussions
Ticket Out the Door		"All Together Now" by Barbara	Spatial Order	John Collins Type 1 & 2
		Jordan	Order of Importance	
Jigsaw			Functional Text	Summative
		"The Eternal Frontier" by Louis	Narrative Nonfiction	State Assessment
Reading Workshop		L'Amour	Article	District Benchmarks
			Essay	End of chapter/unit Test
		from <i>The Story of My Life</i> by Helen	Speech	Graded writing samples with
		Keller	Persuasive Essay	Rubrics
			Narrative Essay	Graded Oral Reports
		from <i>An American Childhood</i> by	Descriptive Essay	John Collins Type 3 & 4
		Annie Dillard	Reflective Essay	
			Humorous Essay	Benchmark
			Analytical Essay	4sight
		Grammar & Writing	Text Features	Star
		Glencoe Grammar & Writing	Key Ideas	Dibels
		Handbook	Supporting Details	Aimsweb
		John Collins Writing Program		
		(See Appendices)		Diagnostic
				CDT

Grade 7 Language Arts Unit 3

Poetry

What is poetry?

What are the different forms of poetry?

How does poetry differ from prose?

PA Common Core Standards:

CC.1.3.7.A Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.

CC.1.3.7.B Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly, as well as inferences, conclusions, and/or generalizations drawn from the text.

CC.1.3.7.E Analyze how the structure or form of a text contributes to its meaning.

CC.1.3.7.F Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in grade-level reading and content, including interpretation of figurative, connotative meanings.

CC.1.3.7.H Compare and contrast a fictional portrayal of a time, place, or character and a historical account of the same period as a means of understanding how authors of fiction use or alter history.

CC.1.3.7.I Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade-level reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies and tools.

CC.1.3.7.J Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

CC.1.5.7.A Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions, on grade-level topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

CC.1.5.7.B Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.

CC.1.5.7.C Analyze the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how the ideas clarify a topic, text, or issue under study.

CC.1.5.7.D Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eve contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

Objectives

Objectively summarize a piece of poetry

Understand the meaning of words—figurative meanings, connotations, nuances, etc.—in poetry.

Analyze a poet's use of rhyme and other poetic devices (alliteration, meter, figurative language, etc.).

Analyze the structure (soliloguy, sonnet, haiku, stanzas, etc.) of poetry.

Determine a poet's meaning and purpose through analysis of the text.

Write various forms of poetry.

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Suggested Activities	Exemplar Texts	Additional Resources	Tier 3 Vocabulary	Assessments
Close reading	"Twelfth Song of Thunder," a	Various poems in textbook	Poetry	Formative
	traditional Navajo poem	including but not limited to:	Rhythm	Observation
Active reading			Meter	Self and Peer Assessment
L'houstone Cindon	"The Song of Wandering	"Mother to Son" by Langston	Rhyme	Student Record Keeping
Literature Circles	Aengus," by William Butler Yeats	Hughes	Imagery	AR Tests
Bellringers			Simile	Worksheets
belli liigets	"The Book of Questions" by	Haiku by Buson	Metaphor	Oral Questioning
Question Boards	Pablo Neruda		Hyperbole	Quick Writes
		"Winter" by Nikki Giovanni	Figurative & Sensory	Literary Responses
Ticket Out the Door	"The Railway Train" by Emily		Language	Class Discussions
	Dickinson	"Forsythia" by Mary Ellen	Onomatopoeia	John Collins Type 1 &2
Jigsaw		Solt	Alliteration	
			Consonance	Summative
Reading Workshop		Haiku by Matsuo Basho	Assonance	State Assessment
			Concrete poetry	District Benchmarks
		"Life" by Naomi Long	Haiku	End of chapter/unit Test
		Madgett	Stanza	Graded writing samples
			Lines	with Rubrics
		"Fog" by Carl Sandburg	Narrative Poem	Graded Oral Reports
			Limerick	John Collins 3 & 4
		"'Nature' is what We see-" by	Ballad	
		emily Dickinson	Ode	Benchmark
			Diamante	4sight
			Sonnet	Star
		Grammar & Writing		Dibels
		Glencoe Grammar & Writing		Aimsweb
		Handbook		
		John Collins Writing Program		
		-		Diagnostic
		(See Appendices)		CDT

Grade 7 Language Arts Unit 4

Drama

What is drama?

What are the elements of drama?

How does drama differ from other types of literature?

PA Common Core Standards:

- CC.1.3.7.A Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.
- **CC.1.3.7.B** Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly, as well as inferences, conclusions, and/or generalizations drawn from the text.
- CC.1.3.7.C Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact and how setting shapes the characters or plot.
- CC.1.3.7.D Analyze how an author develops and contrasts the points of view of different characters or narrators in a text.
- **CC.1.3.7.E** Analyze how the structure or form of a text contributes to its meaning.
- CC.1.3.7.F Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in grade-level reading and content, including interpretation of figurative, connotative meanings.
- **CC.1.3.7.G** Compare and contrast a written story, drama, or poem to its audio, filmed, staged, or multimedia version, analyzing the effects of techniques unique to each medium (e.g., lighting, sound, color, or camera focus and angles in a film).
- **CC.1.3.7.H** Compare and contrast a fictional portrayal of a time, place, or character and a historical account of the same period as a means of understanding how authors of fiction use or alter history.
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- **CC.1.3.7.J** Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
- **CC.1.5.7.A** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions, on grade-level topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

Objectives

Objectively summarize the content in a dramatic text.

Analyze the development of themes or central ideas in dramatic literature.

Analyze the characterizations used by authors of dramatic literature.

Analyze the elements used in drama—monologue, dialogue, aside, stage direction, etc.

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Exemplar Texts	Additional Resources	Tier 3 Vocabulary	Assessments	1
Sorry, Wrong Number by Lucille	The Monsters are Due on Maple Street	Drama	Formative	1
Fletcher		Monologue	Observation	ì
	A Christmas Carol by Israel Horowitz	Dialogue	Self and Peer Assessment	1

Suggested Activities	Exemplar Texts	Additional Resources	Tier 3 Vocabulary	Assessments
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	Fletcher		Monologue	Observation
Active reading		A Christmas Carol by Israel Horowitz	Dialogue	Self and Peer Assessment
			Stage Directions	Student Record Keeping
Literature Circles		Various pieces of drama in the textbook	Aside	AR Tests
			Soliloquy	Worksheets
Bellringers		Grammar & Writing	Playwright	Oral Questioning
		Glencoe Grammar & Writing Handbook	Script	Quick Writes
Question Boards		John Collins Writing Program	Acts	Literary Responses
			Scenes/scenery	Class Discussions
Ticket Out the Door		(See Appendices)	Props	John Collins Type 1 & 2
			Comedy	
Jigsaw		<u>Vocabulary</u>	Tragedy	Summative
		Sadlier-Oxford Vocabulary	Screenplay	State Assessment
Reading Workshop			Teleplay	District Benchmarks
			Radio Play	End of chapter/unit Test
			Tragic Hero	Graded writing samples
			Structure	with Rubrics
				Graded Oral Reports
				John Collins Type 3 & 4
				Benchmark
				4sight
				Star
				Dibels
				Aimsweb
				Diagnostic
				CDT