This nine weeks expands upon information learned in previous nine weeks. Students will use informational text to read and research a specific topic. After researching the topic, students will use the information to write and publish a research paper.

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Standard	Skills
Report Card	Students are able to:
Describes characters, settings and relationships between events or ideas.	 describe relationships between events, ideas or concepts, or steps
CCRS Standard	 use language appropriate to text structure (time, sequence, or cause/effect)
[RI.3.3] Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause and effect.	apply this skill to historical, scientific, and technical texts
Report Card	Students are able to:
Describes the structure of text	describe how parts of a story, drama, or poem fit together to create a cohesive whole
Uses text features	• use appropriate vocabulary to refer to parts of a text (such as chapter, scene, stanza
CCRS Standard	Series states
[RL.3.5] Refer to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking about a text, using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections	
[RI.3.5] Use text features and search tools (e.g., key words, sidebars, hyperlinks) to locate information relevant to a given topic efficiently.	Students are able to: • efficiently use various text features and search tools to locate information relevant to a given topic.
Report Card	Students are able to:
Uses illustrations to explain or demonstrate understanding	 understand a text because of information gained through words support thinking with examples from the text.
CCSR Standard	
[RI.3.7] Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and	
how key events occur).	
now key events occur).	

Standard	Skills
Report Card	Students are able to:
Describes the connection between sentences and paragraphs in a nonfiction text CCSR Standard [RI.3.8] Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison; cause and effect; first, second, third in a sequence).	 describe the structure of a sentence or paragraph (including the use of terms such as comparison, cause/effect, sequence) describe the logical connection between sentences within a paragraph describe the logical connection between paragraphs within a section or text
Report Card Compares and contrasts themes, settings, plots or important points from two texts CCSR Standard	Students are able to compare and contrast books from a series including: discussion of setting discussion of plot discussion of theme
[RL.3.9] Compare and contrast the themes, settings, and plots of stories written by the same author about the same or similar characters (e.g., in books from a series).	
[RI.3.9] Compare and contrast the most important points and key details presented in	Students are able to:
two texts on the same topic.	compare and contrast two or more texts about the same topic by discussing the most important points and key details of each text
Report Card	Students are able to:
Determines the meaning of words in text	distinguish between domain-specific and academic wordsidentify unfamiliar words and phrases
CCSR Standard	• use features of a text to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and phrases
[RI.3.4] Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a <i>Grade 3 topic or subject area</i> .	use a dictionary (online or print) to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and phrases
CCSR Standard	Students are able to:
RL 3.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language.	 find examples from a text to support a literal or nonliteral interpretation of a word or phrase determine meaning of unfamiliar words and phrases based on how they are used in a text

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Report Card	Students are able to:
Reads text with purpose and understanding at expected grade level	read with purpose and understandingread orally with accuracy
Reads text fluently with at expected grade level	read orally at an appropriate rateready orally with expression
Reads with accuracy at expected grade level	use context to aid in word recognitionbreak text up into meaningful groups of words (phrases)
CCSR Standard	 recover if they make a mistake (self-correct) make appropriate changes in voice, pitch, and expression while
[RF.3.4] Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.	reading orally
a. Read on-level text with purpose and understanding.b. Read on-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.	
Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.	S
Report Card	Students are able to:
Uses the writing process to communicate ideas and information effectively	use adult and peer guidance and support to strengthen writingplan writing
Strengthens writing using the writing process	• revise writing
CCSR Standard	edit writing
[W.3.5] With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.	produce writing that is well-developed and strong
Report Card	Students are able to:
Produces writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task,	use adult guidance and support
purpose, and audience	use technology to produce and publish writing
	• use keyboarding skills
CCSR Standard	use technology to interact and collaborate with others
[W.3.6] With guidance and support from adults, use technology to produce and publish	

Standard	Skills
Report Card	Students are able to:
Uses the writing process to communicate ideas and information effectively CCSR Standard [W.3.7] Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.	 select a topic for short research locate resources to learn about topic use a graphic organizer to record thoughts build knowledge about a topic through research
Report Card	Students are able to:
Uses the writing process to communicate ideas and information effectively CCSR Standard	 Students are able to: -recall information from experience -locate print and digital sources -take brief notes on sources -sort evidence into provided categories
[W.3.8] Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories.	
Report Card	Students are able to:
Demonstrates a command of the grade-level conventions of standard English grammar and usage	 capitalize appropriate words in titles use commas in addresses use commas in dialogue
Applies correct spelling of grade-level words in written work	use quotation marks in dialogueform and use possessives
CCSR Standard	spell high-frequency words
[L.3.2] Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.	 spell studied words add suffixes to base words generalize learned spelling patterns consult word reference materials to check and correct spellings