	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Title	Close Reading NARRATIVE	Evidence LITERARY ANALYSIS	Understanding Perspective RESEARCH	Decision Making ARGUMENT
	<u>Narrative</u>	<u>Character Analysis</u>	Nonfiction, Research Oriented Paper	Argumentative Writing
End of Unit Performance	Formative: Students will write a first person narrative that demonstrates understanding of plot as a literary element.	<u>Formative:</u> Students will analyze a character in the exposition of a novel.	<b>Formative:</b> How did this person use their life experiences to affect change in the world?	Formative: Students will develop an argument and use relevant evidence that strengthens the claim.
Task(s)	Summative: How does personal experience shape an individual? (Unit 1: District Summative Writing Assessment)	Summative: Students will write an analytical essay that demonstrates how a character from one of the required readings changes or transforms over time. Students will consider how this impacts the theme of the text.	Summative: Students will research a current educational/societal issue. They will synthesize information from a variety of sources in MLA format, demonstrating their understanding of the issue and its impact on society.	Summative: Students will create an argument that addresses the concept that each person has a moral obligation to stand up against injustice.
Essential Questions/	Thematic Essential Question How does personal experience shape an individual?	Thematic Essential Question How do people deal with adversity? How does adversity impact people?	Thematic Essential Question How can students use their voice to impact educational/societal decisions to effect change?	Thematic Essential Question How does evidence strengthen or weaken an argument?
Essential Understandin gs	Thematic Understanding People often learn as they reflect upon their past; perspective impacts meaning.  Through close reading and annotation, students will gain insight that can deepen understanding.	Thematic Understanding We can learn and gain a better understanding of how others have dealt with injustice through analysis of both fictional and nonfictional texts.	Thematic Understanding Effective research presents an answer to a question, demonstrates understanding of the inquiry, and properly cites information from multiple sources.  Writing should be purposely focused, detailed, organized in a way that clearly communicates the ideas to the reader.	Thematic Understanding A successful argument: -contains an engaging introduction that clearly establishes the claim being madesupports the claim with clear reasons and relevant evidence from credible sourcesestablishes and maintains a formal tone.
Texts	REQUIRED:  "Eleven" (short story/fiction)  "My Name" (vignette) Sandra Cisneros (excerpt from The House on Mango Street)  "Thank You, Ma'am" (short story/ fiction) Langston Hughes	REQUIRED: The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963 (novel/historical fiction) Christopher Paul Curtis  "The First Day of School" (nonfiction)	REQUIRED:  "Matthew Henson at the Top of the World" Jim Haskins (nonfiction) (Native American)  "Chief Wilma Mankiller, from Every Day	REQUIRED: (Your Choice of Texts) The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen  "Aaron's Gift" by Myron Levoy  Washington Post opinion article: "Why
	Thank You Ma'am (Text)	R.V. Cassill	is a New Day" biography by Susannah Abbey	children have such powerful moral authority."  Walk two Moons, Sharon Creech

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	"Life Doesn't Frighten Me," Maya Angelou	"The Road not Taken," (poem) Robert	Conducting Research	"Tribute to the Dog" George Graham Vest	
	(poem)	Frost			
	"The Ravine," (fiction) Graham Salisbury	"The White Umbrella" Jen Gish		"Arachne" retold by Olivia Coolidge	
Supplemental	Collections, page 3	Collections Assessment, page 89		Teacher created Mythology Unit	
Texts					
	<u>Journey, (novel) Patricia Maclachlan</u>	"The Red and Blue Coat," an African			
		<u>folktale Collections Common Core</u>			
	<u>Crossover, (novel) Kwame Alexander</u>	Assessment, page 80			
	<b>RL6.9:</b> Compare and contrast texts in different forms	or genres (e.g., stories and poems; historic	al novels and fantasy stories) in terms of their	approaches to similar themes and topics.	
Reading	,		·		
Standards	<b>RL6.10:</b> By the end of the year, read and comprehend	literature, including stories, dramas, and i	poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band	l proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the	
Across Units	high end of the range.	g	r	Y S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S	
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	<b>RI6.10:</b> By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.				
	<b>R10.10.</b> By the end of the year, read and comprehend			is needed at the high end of the range.	
	<b>RL/RI6.1:</b> Cite textual evidence to support analysis	<b>RL/RI6.2:</b> Determine the theme, or	<b>RI6.1:</b> Cite textual evidence to support	<b>RI/L6.6:</b> Explain how an author develops the	
	of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences	central idea of a text and how it is conveyed	analysis of what the text says explicitly as	point of view of the narrator or speaker in a	
	drawn from the text.	through particular details; provide a	well as inferences drawn from the text.	text.	
	drawn from the text.	summary of the text distinct from personal	wen as interences arawn from the text.	toxt.	
	<b>RL6.5:</b> Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter,	opinions or judgments.	<b>RI.6.2:</b> Determine a central idea of a text	<b>RI6.10:</b> Read and comprehend complex	
	scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text		and how it is conveyed through particular	literary and informational texts independently	
	and contributes to the development of the theme,	<b>RL6.3:</b> Describe how a particular story or	details; provide a summary of the text	and proficiently.	
	setting, or plot.	drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes	distinct from personal opinions or	and proneiently.	
	setting, or prot.	as well as how the characters respond, or	judgments.	RI6.7: Integrate and evaluate content	
Reading	<b>RL6.5:</b> Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter,	change as the plot moves toward a	Judgments.	presented in diverse media and formats,	
Standards	scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text	resolution.	<b>RI6.8:</b> Trace and evaluate the argument	including visually and quantitatively, as well as	
<b>Central to Unit</b>	and contributes to the development of the theme,		and specific claims in a text, distinguishing	in words.	
	setting, or plot.	<b>RL/RI6.4:</b> Determine the meaning of	claims that are supported by reasons and	in words.	
	setting, or prot.	words and phrases as they are used in a	evidence from claims that are not.	<b>RI6.8:</b> Trace and evaluate the argument and	
	<b>RL6.6:</b> Explain how an author develops the point of	text, including figurative and connotative	evidence from claims that are not.	specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims	
	view of the narrator or speaker in a text.	meanings; analyze the impact of a specific	<b>RI6.9:</b> Compare and contrast one author's	that are supported by reasons and evidence	
	view of the narrator of speaker in a text.	word choice on meaning and tone.	presentation of events with that of another	from claims that are not.	
			(e.g., a memoir written by and a biography	from claims that are not.	
		RI.6.3: Analyze in detail how a key	on the same person).		
		individual, event, or idea is introduced,	on the same person).		
		illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g.,			
		through examples or anecdotes).			
	<b>N6.4:</b> Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose and audience.				
Writing					
Standards					
<b>Across Units</b>					
	W.6.10: 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.				
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Writing Standards Central to Unit	W6.3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.	<ul> <li>W6.4: Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)</li> <li>W6.9: Draw evidence from literary, or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.</li> </ul>	W6.7: Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.  W6.6: Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of three pages in a single sitting.	<ul> <li>W6.1: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.</li> <li>W6.9: Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.</li> <li>W6.6: Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of three pages in a single sitting.</li> <li>W6.8: Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.</li> </ul>
Speaking/ Listening Standards Across Units	<b>SL6.1:</b> Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. <b>SL6.6:</b> Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.			
Speaking/ Listening Standards Central to Unit	<b>SL6.4:</b> Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.	<b>SL6.5:</b> Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, images, music, sound) and visual displays in presentations to clarify information.	<b>SL6.2:</b> Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.	SL6.5: Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, images, music, sound) and visual displays in presentations to clarify information.  SL6.3: Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.
Language Standards Central to Unit	<ul> <li>L.6.1a: Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, and possessive).</li> <li>L.6.1b: Use intensive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves).</li> <li>L.6.1c: Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person.* video on YouTube: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bgaw9qe7DEE">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bgaw9qe7DEE</a></li> </ul>	L.6.1d: Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).*  L.6.1e: Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.*	<ul><li>L.6.3a: Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.*</li><li>L.6.3b: Maintain consistency in style and tone.</li></ul>	L.6.2a: Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.*  L.6.2b: Spell correctly.

Grammar Focus	<ul> <li>subject and predicate</li> <li>nouns: common and proper</li> <li>verbs: action, helping, linking</li> <li>pronouns</li> <li>capitalization</li> <li>types of sentences</li> <li>end punctuation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>adjectives</li> <li>prepositions</li> <li>conjunctions</li> <li>adverbs</li> <li>commas</li> <li>semicolons</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Research related</li> <li>In-text citations</li> <li>Creating a work cited page</li> <li>citing dialogue</li> </ul>	Culminating Review
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• As we transition into our new textbook series, My *Perspectives*, REQUIRED TEXT CHOICES AND SUPPLEMENTAL TEXT CHOICES may be different than the texts listed above. Decisions regarding replacement texts are ongoing and include educators and administrators alike.