Anchor Texts:	ELA Grade: 8	Unit 1 Focus: Building
	Module 2 - Working With	Background Knowledge
Harper Lee, To Kill a	Evidence: Taking a Stand	Duration – 4 weeks or 19 lessons
Mockingbird	Duration: 8 weeks	Essential Question(s):
		 How does taking a stand in
		small ways show integrity?
		• Is it worth taking a stand for
		one's self? For others?

Lesson	Standard/Long Term Target	I can statement	Ongoing Assessment	Anchor Charts & Protocols
1 Launching the Module: Taking a Stand	• I can evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different media to present an idea. (RI.8.7)	 I can get information from photographs about people who are taking a stand about something. I can explain the advantages and disadvantages of gathering information from photographs. 	• Taking a Stand: Frayer Model	• Gallery Walk protocol
2 Taking a Stand: "Equal Rights for Women"	• I can cite text-based evidence that provides the strongest support for an analysis of literary text. (RI.8.1)	• I can cite the evidence that Shirley Chisholm uses to support her claims in "Equal Rights for Women."	• Answers to text- Dependent questions • Students' notes: "Who Is Ha?"	 Things Close Readers Do Numbered Heads Together protocol
3 Analyzing Text Structure and Summarizing Text: "Equal Rights for Women" by Shirley Chisholm	• I can analyze the structure of a specific paragraph in a text (including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept). (RI.8.5) • I can identify the argument and specific claims in a text. (RI.8.8)	• I can analyze the structure of a specific paragraph in "Equal Rights for Women," including the role of a particular sentence in developing a key concept. • I can analyze the development of a central idea in "Equal Rights for Women." • I can identify specific claims that Shirley Chisholm makes in "Equal Rights for Women."	• Annotated text "Equal Rights for Women"	
4 Central Idea	• I can analyze the	• I can identify specific	•Highlighting	• Quiz-Quiz-

and Supporting Details: "Equal Rights for Women"	development of a theme or central idea throughout the text (including its relationship to supporting ideas). (RI.8.2 • I can objectively summarize informational text. (RI.8.2) • I can identify the argument and specific claims in a text. (RI.8.8) • I can evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text (assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims). (RI.8.8)	claims that Shirley Chisholm makes in "Equal Rights for Women." • I can evaluate evidence that supports a claim in "Equal Rights for Women." • I can objectively summarize "Equal Rights for Women."	in student copies of "Equal Rights for Women"	Trade protocol • Jigsaw protocol
5 Analyzing the Author's Perspective: "Equal Rights for Women" by Shirley Chisholm	 I can determine an author's point of view or purpose in informational text. (RI.8.6) I can analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints. (RI.8.6) 	 I can analyze Shirley Chisholm's perspective in "Equal Rights for Women." I can analyze how Shirley Chisholm acknowledges and responds to conflicting viewpoints. 	• "Equal Rights for Women": Lesson 5 Close Reading	• Chalk Talk protocol
6 World Café: Analyzing Sojourner Truth's "Ain't I A Woman?"	• I can determine the theme or central ideas of an informational text. (RI.8.2) • I can use a variety of strategies to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases. (L.8.4) • I can effectively engage in discussions with diverse partners about eighth-grade topics, texts, and issues. (SL.8.1)	• I can analyze the development of a central idea in "Ain't I a Woman?" • I can analyze the structure of a paragraph, including the role of particular sentences, in "Ain't I a Woman?" • I can analyze Sojourner Truth's perspective in "Ain't I a Woman?"	• Students' questions and notes for section 1 of the text	• Think-Pair-Share protocol
7 Mid-Unit Assessment: Analyzing Excerpts of Lyndon Johnson's	I can determine a theme or the central ideas of informational text. (RI.8.2) I can analyze the development of a theme or central idea throughout the	 I can analyze the development of a central idea in "The Great Society." I can analyze the structure of a paragraph in 	• Mid-Unit 1 Assessment	

Speech "The Great Society"	text (including its relationship to supporting ideas). (RI.8.2) • I can objectively summarize an informational text. (RI.8.2) • I can analyze the structure of a specific paragraph in a text (including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept). (RI.8.5) • I can determine an author's point of view or purpose in informational text. (RI.8.6) • I can analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints. (RI.8.6)	"The Great Society," including the role of particular sentences in developing a key concept. • I can objectively summarize "The Great Society." • I can analyze Lyndon Johnson's perspective in "The Great Society."		
8 Launching To Kill a Mockingbird: Establishing Reading Routines (Chapter 1)	• I can cite text-based evidence that provides the strongest support for my analysis of literary text. (RL.8.1) • I can effectively engage in discussions with diverse partners about eighth-grade topics, texts, and issues. (SL.8.1) • I can analyze the impact of word choice on meaning and tone (analogies or allusions). (RL.8.4)	 I can use the strongest evidence from To Kill a Mockingbird in my understanding of the first part of Chapter 1. I can participate in discussions about the text with a partner, small group, and the whole class. I can analyze the impact of allusions to world events in To Kill a Mockingbird. 	• Structured Notes graphic organizer	• Think- Write-Pair- Share protocol
9 Analyzing Character: Understanding Atticus (Chapter 1, cont.)	• I can cite text-based evidence that provides the strongest support for my analysis of literary text. (RL.8.1) • I can effectively engage in discussions with diverse partners about eighth-grade topics, texts, and issues. (SL.8.1)	 I can support my inferences about Chapter 1 of To Kill a Mockingbird with the strongest evidence from the text. I can participate in discussions about the text with a partner, small group, and the whole 	• Structured notes for Chapter 1 (from homework)	

	• I can analyze how specific dialogue or incidents in a plot propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision. (RL.8.3)	class. • I can analyze how what other characters say about Atticus reveals his character. • I can analyze how Atticus' words and actions reveal his character.		
10 Analyzing Text Structure: To Kill a Mockingbird (Chapter 2)	• I can analyze how different structures affect meaning and style (RL.8.5) • I can objectively summarize literary text (RL.8.2)	 I can analyze the narrative structure of Chapter 2 of To Kill a Mockingbird. I can objectively summarize Chapter 2 of To Kill a Mockingbird. 	Narrative structureRevised Summary Writing handout	
11 Close Reading: Focusing on Taking a Stand (Chapter 2, cont.)	• I can cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.8.1) • I can use a variety of strategies to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases. (L.8.4)	I can deepen my understanding of key words in To Kill a Mockingbird by using a vocabulary square. I can identify the strongest evidence in Chapter 2 that shows why characters take a stand.	• Structured notes for Chapter 2 (from Lesson 9 homework) • Summary Writing handout (from Lesson 10 homework) • Vocabulary square • Answers to text-dependent questions • Exit ticket	• Taking a Stand
12 Analyzing How Literature Draws on Themes from the Bible and World Religions: The Golden Rule (Chapter	• I can cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.8.1) • I can analyze the extent to which a filmed version of a story stays faithful to or departs from the text,	 I can deepen my understanding of key words in To Kill a Mockingbird by using a vocabulary square. I can support my inferences about Chapter 3 of To Kill a Mockingbird with the strongest evidence from 	• Structured notes, Chapter 3 (from homework) • Vocabulary square • Golden Rule Notecatcher	• Gallery Walk protocol
Rule (Chapter 3)	departs from the text, evaluating the choices made by actors or directors.	strongest evidence from the text. • I can evaluate the	• Text to Film	

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	(RL.8.7).	similarities and	Comparison	
	• I can analyze the	differences between the	Note-catcher	
	connections between	novel and the film version		
	modern fiction and myths,	of To Kill a Mockingbird.		
	traditional stories, or	• I can analyze how the		
	religious works (themes,	author draws on the		
	patterns of events, character	theme of the Golden Rule		
	types). (RL.8.9)	in Chapter 3.		
	• I can use a variety of			
	strategies to determine the			
	meaning of unknown words			
	or phrases. (L.8.4)			
13 Making	• I can cite the textual	• I can support my	 Structured 	•Networking
Inferences:	evidence that most strongly	inferences about Chapter	notes,	Sessions
The Golden	supports an analysis of	4 of To Kill a	Chapter 4	protocol
Rule and the	what the text says explicitly	Mockingbird with the	(from	
Radleys'	as well as inferences drawn	strongest evidence from	homework)	
Melancholy	from the text. (RL.8.1)	the text.	• Chapter 4	
Little Drama	• I can objectively	• I can summarize	summary	
(Chapter 4)	summarize literary text.	Chapter 4 of To Kill a	• Golden	
	(RL.8.2)	Mockingbird.	Rule Note-	
	• I can analyze the	• I can analyze how the	catcher	
	connections between	author draws on the	 Networking 	
	modern fiction and myths,	theme of the Golden Rule	Sessions	
	traditional stories, or	in Chapter 4.	Note-catcher	
	religious works (themes,	• I can use context clues		
	patterns of events, character	to determine the meaning		
	types). (RL.8.9)	of phrases in Chapter 4 of		
	• I can use a variety of	To Kill a Mockingbird.		
	strategies to determine the			
	meaning of unknown words			
	or phrases. (L.8.3)			
14 Inferring	• I can cite the textual	• I can deepen my	• Quick	• Quiz-Quiz-
about	evidence that most strongly	understanding of key	Write	Trade
Character:	supports an analysis of	words in To Kill a		protocol
Atticus	what the text says explicitly	Mockingbird by engaging		• Chalk Talk
(Chapter 5)	as well as inferences drawn	in Quiz-Quiz-Trade.		protocol
	from the text. (RL.8.1)	• I can support my		
	• I can determine figurative	inferences about Chapter		
	and connotative meanings	5 of To Kill a		
	of words and phrases as	Mockingbird with the		
	they are used in a text	strongest evidence from		
	including analogies or	the text.		
	allusions to other texts.	• I can determine the		
	(RL.8.4).	figurative meanings of		
	• I can use a variety of	words and phrases as they		

	strategies to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases. (L.8.4)	are used in Chapter 5 of To Kill a Mockingbird.		
15 Comparing Text Structures: To Kill a Mockingbird and "Those Winter Sundays" (Chapters 6 and 7)	• I can objectively summarize literary text. (RL.8.2) • I can cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.8.1) • I can compare and contrast the structure of multiple texts. (RL.8.5) • I can analyze how different structures impact meaning and style of a text. (RL.8.5)	 I can compare and contrast the structure of Chapter 6 of To Kill a Mockingbird and "Those Winter Sundays." I can analyze how the structures of Chapter 6 of To Kill a Mockingbird and "Those Winter Sundays" affect meaning. 	• Close Reading "Those Winter Sundays" Note-catcher • Comparing and Contrasting Text Structures Note-catcher	
16 Jigsaw to Analyze Mood and Tone in To Kill a Mockingbird (Chapter 8)	• I can cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. (RL.8.1) • I can analyze the connections between modern fiction and myths, traditional stories, or religious works (themes, patterns of events, character types). (RL.8.9) • I can analyze how specific dialogue or incidents in a plot propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision. (RL.8.3)	 I can analyze how the structure of "Incident" helps create meaning. I can infer how Scout's perspective about Boo Radley changes from Chapter 1 to Chapter 8 based on events in these chapters. 	• Analyzing Scout's Perspective about Boo Radley Note- catcher	• Jigsaw protocol

17 Text • I can cite the textual • I can compare and • Comparing • Written	
Comparisons: evidence that most strongly contrast the structure of and Conversa	ition
Comparing supports an analysis of Chapter 8 of To Kill a Contrasting protocol	
Text what the text says explicitly Mockingbird and Text • Taking	a
Structures and as well as inferences drawn "Incident." Structures Stand	
Text Types from the text. (RL.8.1) • I can analyze how the Note-catcher	
(Chapter 9) • I can compare and structures of Chapter 8 of • Text to	
contrast the structure of To Kill a Mockingbird Film	
multiple texts. (RL.8.5) and "Incident" affect Comparison	
• I can analyze how meaning. Note-catcher	
different structures impact • I can evaluate the • Written	
meaning and style of a text. similarities and Conversation	
(RL.8.5) differences between the Note-catcher	
• I can analyze the extent to novel and the film version	
which a filmed version of a of To Kill a Mockingbird.	
story stays faithful to or	
departs from the text,	
evaluating the choices	
made by actors or directors.	
(RL.8.7)	
18 World • I can cite the textual • I can support my • Exit ticket • World •	Café
Café to evidence that most strongly inferences about Chapter protocol	
Analyze supports an analysis of 10 of To Kill a	
Themes in To what the text says explicitly Mockingbird with the	
Kill a as well as inferences drawn strongest evidence from	
Mockingbird from the text. (RL.8.1) the text.	
(Chapter 10) • I can analyze the • I can analyze how the	
connections between author draws on the	
modern fiction and myths, theme of the Golden Rule	
traditional stories or in Chapter 10.	
religious works (themes,	
patterns of events, character	
types). (RL.8.9)	
19 End of • I can analyze the impact • I can analyze how the • End of Unit	
Unit of word choice on meaning author uses the allusion to 1	
Assessment: and tone (analogies or the Golden Rule in a new Assessment	
Analyzing allusions). (RL.8.4) way.	
Author's Craft • I can compare and • I can compare and	
in To Kill a contrast the structure of contrast how two texts, a	
Mockingbird: multiple texts. (RL.8.5) poem, and a scene from	
Allusions, • I can analyze how the novel have different	
Text different structures impact structures, which	
Structure, meaning and style of a text. contribute to meaning and	
Connections (RL.8.5) style.	
to Traditional • I can analyze the • I can analyze how the	
Themes, and connections between author draws on the	

Figurative	modern fiction and myths,	theme of the Golden Rule	
Language	traditional stories, or	in the novel.	
	religious works (themes,	• I can analyze the	
	patterns of events, character	figurative language in an	
	types). (RL.8.9)	excerpt from Chapter 18.	
	• I can analyze figurative		
	language, word		
	relationships and nuances		
	in word meanings. (L.8.5)		

Academic and Reading Vocabulary:

taking a stand, advantages, disadvantages; characteristics, evaluate, objectively summarize; demeaning, "old darkey," immorality, tokenism, oppression, evolutionary, unconscious, menial, sweeping, supremacist, racket, out of kilter, bear the lash, obliged to you, indignation, unbridled, ills, despoiling, communion, sustenance, material, exploits, allusion; assuaged (3), "the disturbance" (4), ambled (6), vague optimism (6), inference, satisfactory (6), routine contentment (9), malevolent phantom (10), stealthy (10), alien (11), connotation, denotation, narrative, plot, story arc, exposition, setting, rising action, conflict, climax, resolution, chronological; meditating (17), illicitly (17), sentimentality (19), vexations (21), sojourn (22), vocabulary square, applicable,; malevolent (8), meditating (17), wallowing illicitly (17), delegation (20), entailment (20), mortification (21), vexations (21), sojourn (22), evaluate, stay faithful, depart; erratic (24), tranquility (24), contemptuous (27), compromise (31), concessions (31), compassion, transcend, ethical culture (35), scuppernongs (35), melancholy (39), benign, tacit (42) cordiality, benevolence, morbid (43) edification (49), commotion (54) malignant (55), pilgrimage (57), burdensome, rendered (61), infer, render; commotion (54), malignant (55), pilgrimage (57), burdensome, rendered (61), infer, render; commotion (54), malignant (55), pilgrimage (57), burdensome, rendered (61), unfathomable, aberration (63), procured (66), caricature (67), quelled (71), compare, contrast, faithful, depart, evaluate/evaluation (review), connotation, denotation; inordinately (76), ingenuous (77), wary, innate (78), obstreperous (85), "Maycomb's usual disease" (88), feeble, inconspicuous, attributes (89), peril (91), vaguely articulate (97)

Central Texts:

- 1. Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird (New York: Warner Books, 1982), ISBN: 978-0-446-31486-2.
- 2. Shirley Chisholm, "Equal Rights for Women," speech made on May 21, 1969.
- 3. Sojourner Truth, "Ain't I a Woman?" speech made in May 1851.
- 4. Lyndon Johnson, "The Great Society," speech made on May 22, 1964.
- 5. To Kill a Mockingbird, film directed by Robert Mulligan (and starring Gregory Peck), 1962.
- 6. Robert Hayden, "Those Winter Sundays," 1966.
- 7. Countee Cullen, "Incident," 1925.
- 8. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, "Solitude," 1883.