

NEPTUNE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

English Language Arts Curriculum 8th Grade



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The Neptune City School District, in partnership with the parents and the community, will support and sustain an excellent system of learning, promote pride in diversity, and expect all students to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all grade levels to become responsible and productive citizens.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
CURRICULUM
8TH GRADE

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Unit Plan Title	Unit 1 Gadgets and Glitches
Suggested Time Frame	6 Weeks

Overview / Rationale

Unit 1 theme “Gadgets and Glitches” students will consider the ways technology both makes our lives better and create challenges. The summative task of each novel is a writing task to demonstrate mastery of the skills taught through each unit. Each week students will complete writing geared toward the writing task for ELA. The objective is to build stamina to write routinely over an extended period of time addressing a variety of themes; preparing students for monthly writing tasks. Each writing should be a passage from the novel and a prompt for open-ended constructed response. As they explore and create written, oral, and visual texts, students expand and deepen their understanding of both real and imaginary worlds, and gain insight into their own lives and the lives of others. Students deeply understand and employ strategies to evaluate texts on various levels; factual, critical, interpretive and analytical. Through close reads & text mining of novels, short stories and nonfiction texts; as well as class discussions, students will achieve independence, confidence and demonstrate growth as critical thinkers

Stage 1 – Desired Results

Established Goals:
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RI.MF.8.6. Evaluate the choices made (by the authors, directors, or actors) when presenting an idea in different mediums and the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) to address a question or solve a problem.

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Social Studies Connections:

Social Studies Standard 6.1.8.CivicsHR.4.a

Social Studies Standard 6.3.8CivicsPR.3)

Science Connections:

Transplant Medicine (“Mirror Image”)

Computer Science and Design Thinking

Computing Science

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- 8.2.8.EC.1: Explain ethical issues that may arise from the use of new technologies.

Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills

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TECH.9.4.8.IML.12 Use relevant tools to produce, publish, and deliver information supported with evidence for an authentic audience.

TECH.9.4.8.GCA.2 Demonstrate openness to diverse ideas and perspectives through active discussions to achieve a group goal.

Key Skills

- Act as a responsible and contributing community member and employee.
- Attend to financial well-being.
- Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decision
- Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

- Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management
- Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.
- Use technology to enhance productivity, increase collaboration and communicate effectively.
- Work productively in teams while using cultural/global competence

Holocaust

All the Light We Cannot See: Anthony Doerr

LBGT and Special Needs Mandate

Social Justice: First Hijab-Wearing Law Maker

Social Justice: Grassroots Activism in the US

Social Justice: Quilting and Politics

Social Justice: First Woman Senator

Social and Emotional Learning Competencies

Self Awareness

Responsible Decision Making

Relationship Skills

Social Awareness

Self Management

Amistad

Jump Ship to Freedom: James Collier and Christopher Collier

Essential Question:

Does technology Improve or Control our lives?

Unit Goals

Students will be able to

- Analyze Plot
- Analyze Science Fiction
- Identify Central Ideas and Details
- Analyze Organization
- Analyze Structure
- Analyze Irony
- Analyze Claim and Evidence
- Analyze Graphic Features
- Evaluate Rhetoric
- Compare Arguments
- Write an Argument
- Compare Arguments
- Use Context clues for meaning of unknown words
- Use Participles
- Identify Synonyms and Antonyms
- Use Commonly Confused words properly
- Write an Informative Essay
- Create a Graphic Aid
- Write A Sonnet
- Present A Sonnet
- Use Transitional words and Phrases
- Use a dictionary
- Create Public Service Announcement
- Use Greek Roots
- Identify Active and Passive Voice
- Cite Sources and Use Evidence Effectively

<p>Texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Brave Little Toaster</i> (Science Fiction) by Cory Doctorow 990L • <i>Are Bionic Superhumans on the Horizon?</i> (Informational Text) by Ramez Naam 110L • <i>Interflora</i> (Poem) by Susan Hamlyn N/A • Compare Arguments: <i>The Automation Paradox</i> (Argument) by James Bessen 1140L /<i>Heads Up, Humans</i> (Argument) by Claudia Alarcón 1300L 	<p>Novel Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fuzzy</i> (Novel) by Tom Angleberger 700L • <i>I, Robot</i> (Science Fiction) by Isaac Asimov 820L • <i>Feed</i> (Novel) by M.T. Anderson 770L <p>End-Of-Unit Tasks:</p> <p>Write an Argument Using ideas, information, and examples from multiple texts in this unit, write an argument on a topic related to technology.</p> <p>Present an Argument We're faced with important issues related to technology every day in our daily lives. You've chosen a specific topic related to technology to write about. Now you will adapt your argument for presentation to your classmates.</p>
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Student Resources
<p>Rich selection of diverse books Reading/Writing Companion Literature Anthology Flexible Reader's Choice Texts Flexible Long Read Options Online access Tool ED Peer Coach Videos: Analyze Plot Anchor Chart: Analyze Plot Level UP Practice: Plot Stages Peer Coach: Video: Identify Main Idea, Determine Text Structure Anchor Chart: Level Up: Identify Main Idea, Determine Text Structure Level Up: Main Idea and Supporting Details, Point-by-Point Organization Peer Coach Video: Analyze Form in Poetry, Analyze Irony Peer Coach Video: Evaluate Author's Argument Anchor Chart: Evaluate Author's Argument</p>

Level Up: Analyze Arguments, Informational Text
Level Up: Elements of Poetry and Analyze Form in Poetry
Notice and Note Handbook
Interactive Writing and Collaboration tool “Writable”
HMH Text Library

Teacher Resources

Teacher’s Edition Into Literature
Unit Planning Guides
Online access “Teacher Corner”
Notice and Note Handbook
Digital Tools
HMH Text Library

Stage 2 – Assessment Evidence

Pre-Assessments:

- Placement and Diagnostic Assessment

Formative Assessments:

- Selection Tests
- Comprehension Quizzes
- Participation in class discussions/debates
- Exit tickets
- Daily Lesson Checks and Correct & Redirect Opportunities in Teacher’s Guide
- Conference notes
- Small group work notes
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Benchmarks

- IXL, I-Ready or Commonlit

Summative Assessments:

- Unit Test
- IXL or Iready Assessment

Stage 3 – Learning Plan

Unit 1: Recommended Activities, Investigations, Interdisciplinary Connections, and/or Student Experiences to Explore within Unit

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- Engage in a debate on the topic of technology.
- Collaborate in a group discussion.
- Determine meanings of words and phrases.
- Analyze multiple points of view of a shared topic.
- Cite evidence to support analysis of the text and analyze argumentative claims.
- Analyze and use evidence to explain the structure and rhetorical devices used to develop an argument.
- Conduct research about smartphones and social media
- Compare the characteristics and strengths of two arguments.
- Write an argument about whether technology and social media are obstacles to friendship.
- Use strategies to plan and develop your argument.
- Use the Mentor Text as a model for writing an appealing introduction and using reasons and evidence to support a claim.
- Revise your draft, working with a partner in a peer review.
- Edit drafts using standard English conventions, correcting misspelling and grammatical errors.
- Publish your argument to share it with an audience.

Accommodations/Modifications

Below please find a list of suggestions for accommodations and modifications to meet the diverse needs of our students. Teachers should consider this a resource and understand that they are not limited to the recommendations included below.

An **accommodation** *changes HOW a student learns*; the change needed does not alter the grade-level standard. A **modification** *changes WHAT a student learns*; the change alters the grade-level expectation.

Special Education and 504 Plans

All modifications and accommodations must be specific to each individual child's IEP (Individualized Educational Plan) or 504 Plan.

- Pre-teach or preview vocabulary
- Repeat or reword directions
- Have students repeat directions
- Use of small group instruction
- Pair visual prompts with verbal presentations
- Ask students to restate information, directions, and assignments
- Repetition and time for additional practice
- Model skills/techniques to be mastered
- Extended time to complete task/assignment/work
- Provide a copy of class notes
- Strategic seating (with a purpose - eg. less distraction)
- Flexible seating
- Repetition and additional practice
- Use of manipulatives
- Use of assistive technology (as appropriate)
- Assign a peer buddy
- Emphasize key words or critical information by highlighting
- Use of graphic organizers
- Scaffold with prompts for sentence starters
- Check for understanding with more frequency
- Provide oral reminders and check student work during independent practice
- Chunk the assignment - broken up into smaller units, work submitted in phases
- Encourage student to proofread assignments and tests
- Provide regular home/school communication
- Teacher checks student planner
- Provide students with clear expectations in writing and grading criteria for assignments (rubrics)

Testing Accommodations:

Students should receive all testing accommodations for Benchmark assessments that they receive for State testing.

English Language Learners:

All modifications and accommodations should be specific to each individual child's LEP level as determined by the WIDA screening or ACCESS, utilizing the WIDA Can Do Descriptors.

- Pre-teach or preview vocabulary
- Repeat or reword directions
- Have students repeat directions
- Use of small group instruction
- Scaffold language based on their Can Do Descriptors
- Alter materials and requirements according to Can Do Descriptors

- Adjust number of paragraphs or length of writing according to their Can Do Descriptor
- TPR (Total Physical Response-Sheltered Instruction strategy) Demonstrate concepts through multi sensory forms such as with body language, intonation
- Pair visual prompts with verbal presentations
- Repetition and additional practice
- Model skills and techniques to be mastered
- Native Language translation (peer, assistive technology, bilingual dictionary)
- Emphasize key words or critical information by highlighting
- Use of graphic organizers
- Scaffold with prompts for sentence starters
- Check for understanding with more frequency
- Use of self-assessment rubrics
- Increase one-on-one conferencing; frequent check ins
- Use study guide to organize materials
- Make vocabulary words available in a student created vocabulary notebook, vocabulary bank, Word Wall, or vocabulary ring
- Extended time
- Select text complexity and tiered vocabulary according to Can Do Descriptors
- Projects completed individually or with partners
- Use online dictionary that includes images for words:
<http://visual.merriamwebster.com/>.
- Use an online translator to assist students with pronunciation:
http://www.reverso.net/text_transla tion.aspx?lang=EN.

Students at Risk of Failure:

- Use of self-assessment rubrics for check-in
- Pair visual prompts with verbal presentations
- Ask students to restate information and/or directions
- Opportunity for repetition and additional practice
- Model skills/techniques to be mastered
- Extended time
- Provide copy of class notes
- Strategic seating with a purpose
- Provide student opportunity to make corrections and/or explain their answers
- Support organizational skills
- Check daily planner
- Encourage student to their proofread work
- Assign a peer buddy
- Build on students' strengths based on Multiple Intelligences: Linguistic (verbal); Logical (reasoning); Musical/Rhythmic; Intrapersonal Intelligence (understanding of self); Visual Spatial Intelligence; Interpersonal Intelligence (the ability to interact with others effectively); Kinesthetic

(bodily); Naturalist Intelligence; and Learning Styles: Visual; Auditory; Tactile; Kinesthetic; Verbal

High Achieving:

Extension Activities

- Allow for student choice from a menu of differentiated outcomes; choices grouped by complexity of thinking skills; variety of options enable students to work in the mode that most interests them
- Allow students to pursue independent projects based on their individual interests
- Provide enrichment activities that include more complex material
- Allow opportunities for peer collaboration and team-teaching
- Set individual goals
- Conduct research and provide presentation of appropriate topics
- Provide student opportunity to design surveys to generate and analyze data to be used in discussion
- Allow students to move through the assignment at their own pace (as appropriate)

Strategies to Differentiate to Meet the Needs of a Diverse Learning Population

- Vocabulary Sorts-students engage with the vocabulary word by sorting into groups of similar/different rather than memorizing definitions
- Provide “Realia” (real life objects to relate to the five senses) and ask questions relating to the senses
- Role Play-students create or participate in role playing situations or Reader’s Theater
- Moving Circle-an inside and outside circle partner and discuss, circles moves to new partner (Refer to Kagan Differentiated Strategies)
- Brainstorm Carousel-Large Post Its around the room, group moves in a carousel to music. Group discusses topics and responses on paper. Groups rotate twice to see comments of others. (Refer to Kagan Differentiated Strategies)
- Gallery Walk-Objects, books, or student work is displayed. Students examine artifacts and rotate.
- Chunking-chunk reading, tests, questions, homework, etc to focus on particular elements.
- Think Pair Share Write
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- Note-taking -can be done through words, pictures, phrases, and sentences depending on level
- KWL (Know, Want to Know, Learned)/KWHL(Know, What to Know, How Will I Learn, learned)/KWLS (Know, Want to Know, Learned, Still Want to Know) /KWLQ (Know, What to Know, Learned, Questions I Still Have) Charts
- Corners Cooperative Learning Strategy:
<http://cooperativelearningstrategies.pbworks.com/w/page/28234420/Corners>.
- Circle Map strategy- place the main topic in a small circle and add student ideas in a bigger circle around the topic. Students may use their native language with peers to brainstorm.
- Flexible grouping -as a whole class, small group, or with a partner, temporary groups are created:

- Jigsaw Activities -cooperative learning in a group, each group member is responsible for becoming an "expert" on one section of the assigned material and then "teaching" it to the other members of the team: <http://www.adlit.org/strategies/22371/>.

Unit Plan Title	Unit 2 The Thriller of Horror
Suggested Time Frame	6 Weeks

Overview / Rationale

Unit 2 theme “The Thriller of Horror” students will learn about the horror genre and why people enjoy scary stories. This unit will examine how to analyze literary criticism, suspense, theme, and mood. Students will know how to analyze digital texts, analyze structure and meter, and describe the use of figurative language, make predictions, and analyze novels.

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Social Studies Connections:

Social Studies Standard 6.2.8GeoHE4c

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Holocaust

LBGT and Special Needs Mandate **Disabilities: Cognitive Disabilities**

Social and Emotional Learning Competencies

Self Awareness
Responsible Decision Making
Relationship Skills
Social Awareness
Self Management

Amistad

Essential Question:

Why do we sometimes like to feel frightened?

Unit Goals

Students will be able to

- Analyze Literary Criticism
- Paraphrase and Summarize Text
- Analyze Point of View
- Analyze Suspense
- Analyze Theme
- Analyze Foreshadowing
- Analyze Epic Poetry
- Analyze an Adoption
- Compare Versions
- Analyze Film
- Write a Literary Analysis
- Use Suffixes
- Use commas properly
- Use Dictionary
- Use Dashes Properly
- Latin Roots
- Subjunctive Mood

Texts:

- **What Is the Horror Genre?** (*Literary Criticism*) by Sharon A. Russell 1000L
- **The Tell-Tale Heart** (*Short Story*) by Edgar Allan Poe 1020L
- **Compare Versions: The Monkey’s Paw** (*Short Story*) by W.W. Jacobs 1020L /**from The Monkey’s Paw** (*Film Clip*) by Ricky Lewis Jr.
- **Compare Versions: from The Aeneid of Virgil** (*Epic Poem*) translated by Allen Mandelbaum N/A L / **from Hades: Lord of the Dead** (*Graphic Novel*) by George O’Connor N/A L

Novel Options:

- **Coraline** (Novel) by Neil Gaiman 740L
- **The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde** (Novella) by Robert Louis Stevenson 1060L
- **Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children** (Novel) by Ransom Riggs 890L

End-Of-Unit Tasks:

Write a Literary Analysis

Using ideas, information, and examples from multiple texts in this unit, write a literary analysis for other students in your class in which you analyze and interpret one of the stories in this unit.

Student Resources

Rich selection of diverse books
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- The Tell-Tale Heart
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W.NW.8.3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

W.WP.8.4. With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, sustaining effort to complete complex writing tasks; seeking out assistance, models, sources or feedback to improve understanding or refine final products; focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

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L.SS.8.1. Demonstrate command of the system and structure of the English language when writing or speaking.

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L.VL.8.3. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, including technical meanings, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

L.VI.8.4. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

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SL.AS.8.6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

Social Studies Connections:

Social Studies Standard 6.3.8CivicsDP.1

Studies Standard 6.3.8Civics DP.3

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Computer Science and Design Thinking

Computing Science

8.2.8.ITH.5: Compare the impacts of a given technology on different societies, noting factors that may make a technology appropriate and sustainable in one society but not in another.

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Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills

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Key Skills

- Act as a responsible and contributing community member and employee.
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Holocaust

“A Common Bond: Teens Forge Friendships Despite Differences”: Brooke Hauser

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**Spirit Walking in the Tundra, Poem by Joy Harjo
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Salmon Boy by Michael J. Caduto and Joseph Bruchac**

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Essential Question:

What are the places that shape who you are?

Unit Goals

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- Analyze
- Imagery
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- Elevate a documentary
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- Use Semicolons, colons and Parentheses
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<p>Texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>from The Book of Unknown Americans (Novel) by Cristina Henríquez 870L</i> ● <i>My Favorite Chaperone (Short Story) by Jean Davies Okimoto 780L</i> ● <i>Spirit Walking in the Tundra (Poem) by Jean Joe Harjo N/A L</i> ● <i>Compare Purposes: New Immigrants Share Their Stories (Documentary) produced by The Working Group / A Common Bond (Informational Text) by Brooke Hauser 1150L</i> 	<p>Novel Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Enrique’s Journey (Biography) by Sonia Navarro 770L</i> ● <i>The Late homecomer (Memoir) by Kao Kalia Yang 890L</i> ● <i>Inside Out and Back Again (Novel in Verse) by Thanhà Lai 800L</i> <p>End-Of-Unit Tasks:</p> <p>Write a Short Story Using ideas, information, and examples from multiple texts in this unit, write a short story about a character who is struggling with an obstacle in relation to a place.</p>
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Amistad

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Essential Question:

What will people risk to be free?

Unit Goals

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- Analyze Autobiography
- Analyze Structure
- Analyze Setting
- Analyze Literary Devices
- Analyze Figurative Language
- Analyze Poetry
- Analyze Biography
- Analyze Word Choices
- Analyze Chronological Order
- Compare Treatments
- Write a Research Report
- Participate in Collaborative Discussion
- Connotation and Denotation
- Infinitives and Infinitive Phrases
- Interpret Figures of Speech
- Indicative Mood
- Create a Memorial
- Choral Reading
- Latin Roots
- Conditional Mood
- Write a Letter
- Recite a Poem

Texts:

- **from *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*** (*Autobiography*) by Frederick Douglass 1070L
- ***The Drummer Boy of Shiloh*** (*Historical Fiction*) by Ray Bradbury 1020L
- ***O Captain! My Captain!*** (*Poem*) by Walt Whitman N/A L
- **from *Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad*** (*Biography*) by Ann Petry 1020L
- ***Compare Treatments: Not My Bones*** (*Poem*) by Marilyn Nelson N/A L / from *Fortune's Bones* (*History Writing*) by Pamela Espeland 790L

Novel Options:

- ***The Not So Boring Letters of Private Nobody*** (*Novel*) by Matthew Landis HL580L
- ***March Toward the Thunder*** (*Novel*) by Joseph Bruchac 850L
- ***March Forward, Girl*** (*Memoir*) by Melba Pattillo Beals 950L

End-Of-Unit Tasks:**Write a Research Report**

Using ideas, information, and examples from multiple sources, research and write a report about an aspect of the abolition movement in the United States.

Participate in a Collaborative Discussion

Imagine you are invited to design a new unit that addresses the essential question: What will people risk to be free? Work collaboratively with group members to choose a topic for such a unit, select materials to teach it, and then present your ideas to the class.

Student Resources

Rich selection of diverse books
 Reading/Writing Companion
 Literature Anthology
 Flexible Reader's Choice Texts
 Flexible Long Read Options
 Online access Tool ED
 Peer Coach Videos: Analyze Cause and Effect Text Structures
 Anchor Chart: Analyze Cause and Effect Text Structures
 Level Up: Biographies and Autobiographies, cause and effect organization
 Peer Coach Videos: Analyze Characterization and Analyze Tone
 Level Up: Methods of Characterization and Tone
 Peer Coach Video: Analyze Figurative Language and Determine Text Structure

Anchor Chart: Analyze Figurative Language and Determine Text Structure
Level Up; Figurative Language and Chronological Order
Notice and Note Handbook
Interactive Writing and Collaboration tool “Writable”
HMH Text Library

Teacher Resources

Teacher’s Edition Into Literature
Unit Planning Guides
Online access “Teacher Corner”
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Stage 2 – Assessment Evidence

Pre-Assessments:

- Placement and Diagnostic Assessment

Formative Assessments:

- Selection Tests
- Comprehension Quizzes
- Participation in class discussions/debates
- Exit tickets
- Daily Lesson Checks and Correct & Redirect Opportunities in Teacher’s Guide
- Conference notes
- Small group work notes
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Benchmarks

- IXL, I-Ready or Commonlit

Summative Assessments:

- Unit Test
- IXL or Iready Assessment

Stage 3 – Learning Plan

Unit 4: Recommended Activities, Investigations, Interdisciplinary Connections, and/or Student Experiences to Explore within Unit

- from Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass
- The Drummer Boy of Shiloh
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- Not My Bones
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- Reading: Analyze Chronological Structure
- Reading: Compare Treatments
- Writing: Write a Speech
- Writing: Write a Letter
- Writing: Literary Analysis
- Writing: Write Informative/Explanatory Text
- Writing: Address Task, Purpose, and Audience
- Writing: Improve Writing by Planning, Revising, Editing, and Rewriting
- Writing: Gather Information from Multiple Sources
- Writing: Conduct Short Research Projects
- Writing: Draw Evidence from Informational Texts
- Social & Emotional Learning: Discuss with a Small Group
- Social & Emotional Learning: Research the Battle of Shiloh
- Speaking & Listening: Express Ideas Visually
- Media: Create a Graphic Adaptation
- Media: Dramatize a Scene
- Media: Recite a Poem
- Research: Create a Timeline
- Vocabulary: Connotation and Denotation
- Vocabulary: Interpret Figures of Speech
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- Grammar: Infinitives and Infinitive Phrases

- Grammar: Use Verb Moods

Accommodations/Modifications

Below please find a list of suggestions for accommodations and modifications to meet the diverse needs of our students. Teachers should consider this a resource and understand that they are not limited to the recommendations included below.

An **accommodation** *changes HOW a student learns*; the change needed does not alter the grade-level standard. A **modification** *changes WHAT a student learns*; the change alters the grade-level expectation.

Special Education and 504 Plans

All modifications and accommodations must be specific to each individual child's IEP (Individualized Educational Plan) or 504 Plan.

- Pre-teach or preview vocabulary
- Repeat or reword directions
- Have students repeat directions
- Use of small group instruction
- Pair visual prompts with verbal presentations
- Ask students to restate information, directions, and assignments
- Repetition and time for additional practice
- Model skills/techniques to be mastered
- Extended time to complete task/assignment/work
- Provide a copy of class notes
- Strategic seating (with a purpose - eg. less distraction)
- Flexible seating
- Repetition and additional practice
- Use of manipulatives
- Use of assistive technology (as appropriate)
- Assign a peer buddy
- Emphasize key words or critical information by highlighting
- Use of graphic organizers

- Scaffold with prompts for sentence starters
- Check for understanding with more frequency
- Provide oral reminders and check student work during independent practice
- Chunk the assignment - broken up into smaller units, work submitted in phases
- Encourage student to proofread assignments and tests
- Provide regular home/school communication
- Teacher checks student planner
- Provide students with clear expectations in writing and grading criteria for assignments (rubrics)

Testing Accommodations:

Students should receive all testing accommodations for Benchmark assessments that they receive for State testing.

English Language Learners:

All modifications and accommodations should be specific to each individual child's LEP level as determined by the WIDA screening or ACCESS, utilizing the WIDA Can Do Descriptors.

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- Repeat or reword directions
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- Use of small group instruction
- Scaffold language based on their Can Do Descriptors
- Alter materials and requirements according to Can Do Descriptors
- Adjust number of paragraphs or length of writing according to their Can Do Descriptor
- TPR (Total Physical Response-Sheltered Instruction strategy) Demonstrate concepts through multi sensory forms such as with body language, intonation
- Pair visual prompts with verbal presentations
- Repetition and additional practice
- Model skills and techniques to be mastered
- Native Language translation (peer, assistive technology, bilingual dictionary)
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- Use of graphic organizers
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- Check for understanding with more frequency
- Use of self-assessment rubrics
- Increase one-on-one conferencing; frequent check ins
- Use study guide to organize materials
- Make vocabulary words available in a student created vocabulary notebook, vocabulary bank, Word Wall, or vocabulary ring
- Extended time
- Select text complexity and tiered vocabulary according to Can Do Descriptors
- Projects completed individually or with partners
- Use online dictionary that includes images for words:

<http://visual.merriamwebster.com/>.

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http://www.reverso.net/text_translation.aspx?lang=EN.

Students at Risk of Failure:

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- Opportunity for repetition and additional practice
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- Check daily planner
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High Achieving:

Extension Activities

- Allow for student choice from a menu of differentiated outcomes; choices grouped by complexity of thinking skills; variety of options enable students to work in the mode that most interests them
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- Provide enrichment activities that include more complex material
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<http://cooperativelearningstrategies.pbworks.com/w/page/28234420/Corners>.
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Unit Plan Title	Unit 5 Finding Your Path
Suggested Time Frame	6 Weeks

Overview / Rationale

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Stage 1 – Desired Results

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**Amistad
From Bronx Masquerade - Harlem Renaissance**

Essential Question:

How do challenges you face today help to shape your future?

Unit Goals

Students will be able to

- Analyze Perspectives
- Analyze Characterization
- Analyze Structure
- Analyze Author's Purpose
- Compre Poetic Structure
- Compare Poems
- Analyze Claim and Evidence
- Identify Counterclaims
- Analyze Rhetoric Devices
- Compare Arguments
- Write an Argument
- Present an Argument
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Social Studies Connections:

Social Studies Standard 6-8.D.3.2.6-8

Science Connections: "The Debt We Owe to the Adolescent Brain"

Computer Science and Design Thinking

Computing Science

8.2.8.ITH.5: Compare the impacts of a given technology on different societies, noting factors that may make a technology appropriate and sustainable in one society but not in another.

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Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills

TECH.9.4.8.GCA.2 Demonstrate openness to diverse ideas and perspectives through active discussions to achieve a group goal.

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- Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
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- Use technology to enhance productivity, increase collaboration and communicate effectively.
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Holocaust
The Diary of Anne Frank: Anne Frank

LGBT and Special Needs Mandate

Social and Emotional Learning Competencies

Self Awareness
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Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Mandate: N.J.S.A 18A:35-4.44:

Amistad

Essential Question:

What can we learn from tragic events?

Unit Goals

Students will be able to

- Analyze Drama
- Analyze a Diary
- Make Inferences
- Analyze Appeals
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- Analyze Sound Devices
- Analyze Figurative Language
- Compare Poems
- Use Prefixes
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- Recite a Poem

Texts:

- *The Diary of Anne Frank (Drama)* by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett N/A
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Novel Options:

- *The Book Thief (Novel)* by Mark Zusack 730L
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End-Of-Unit Tasks:

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Using ideas, information, and examples from multiple texts in this unit, including the November 11, 1943, entry from *The Diary of a Young Girl*, in which Anne Frank writes about a pen she values, write a personal narrative about an experience involving a treasured object..

Student Resources

Rich selection of diverse books
Reading/Writing Companion
Literature Anthology
Flexible Reader's Choice Texts
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Peer Coach Video: Analyze Dialogue
Anchor Chart: Analyze Dialogue
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