



Houston County Schools 6-12 Grade ELA Lesson Supplement: Ten Days of Reading, Writing, Thinking, and More



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	DAY 1-2	DAY 3-4	DAY 5-6	DAY 7-8	DAY 9-10
Lesson	Scholastic: Celebrating Differences	Khan Academy (6-8): Reading Literature OR Khan Academy (9-12): SAT Reading and Writing Practice	Scholastic: Girl Hero of the American Revolution	Scholastic: Escape from Alcatraz	Khan Academy (6-8): Reading Literature OR Khan Academy (9-12): SAT Reading and Writing Practice
Vocabulary Extension	BrainPop: Antonyms, Synonyms, & Homonyms	Khan Academy: Vocabulary	BrainPop: Roots, Prefixes, & Suffixes	Khan Academy: Vocabulary	BrainPop: Etymology
Grammar Extension	BrainPop: Parts of Speech	Khan Academy: Parts of Speech			BrainPop: Dialogue
Reading Extension	Choose one of the Read Aloud Choices below.				
Writing Extension	Watch Author Veera Hiranandani talk on character.	Watch Author Paula Chase talk about unique traits of stories.	Author Elly Swartz shares tips on how to use emotions to create authentic characters.	Author Chris Tebbetts teaches a lesson a four elements of character.	Watch Author Chris Tebbetts share a lesson on how to create a good beginning for a story.
	Use what you learned about character and differences to create a graphic story (using template from Scholastic) starring a hero that is different in some way.	Create a two slide presentation or story summary (directions in video).	Using the information you learned about Sybil Ludington, the American Revolution, and using emotion to build a character, write a diary entry from Sybil's perspective on a day in her life.	Using details from the article and what you learned about character, write a short story about the escape from Alcatraz from the point of view of Frank Morris or one of the Anglin brothers. Be sure to include their fate—that is, whether they survived or not.	Take one of the stories you've written this week and add or rewrite the beginning based on what you learned.

Parent Resources

Lesson Planning/Learning at Home	Kristi Mars post daily lesson plans	Lessons and resources for Special Needs Students	Texts in various languages.	Khan Academy provides practical resources for families including a schedule for students aged 4-18.	100 resources for gifted learners.	The Atlantic's How Parents can Keep Kids Busy (and Learning) in Quarantine
Explaining and Exploring the Coronavirus	A Comic Exploring the New Coronavirus	Coronavirus PSA: How to Fight the New Bad Guy in Town by Jason Reynolds	PBS NewsHour Extra Coronavirus Student Guide and Discussion Questions	BrainPop video on Coronavirus	Multilingual Resources about the Coronavirus	NYTimes Special Coronavirus Edition for Kids

Read Alouds for YA Choice Chart

	Read Aloud	Further Exploration	Write about It!
Realistic Fiction	Jason Reynolds' reads an excerpt from Ghost. (GRL: Z; Lexile: 730)	Kids Guinness World Records	Create a documentary about trying to break one of the records (or activities from the website).
Realistic Fiction	Jo Knowles' reads the first chapter from Where the Heart Is. (GRL: X; Lexile: 680)	NY Times' Mentor Texts: Writing Dialogue: "The Missing Piece Son" NY Times' Mentor Texts: Dropping the Reader into a Scene: "A Wedding Dress I Never Expected: A Sari"	Write a personal narrative focusing on the time you first met your best friend.
Adventure Fiction	Chris Tebbetts' reads the first chapters of Stranded. (GRL: U; Lexile 690)	Outdoor Life's Survival Skills: 5 Survival Tricks Your Kids Should Know	Choose a wilderness setting (such as the Artic, the desert, the rainforest, etc) and imagine you're stranded there. Do some research and then write a journal documenting your adventure.
Poetry	Nikki Grimes reads poetry selections from Words with Wings.	Ted-Ed's What Makes a Poem ... a Poem?	Write your own poem in the style of one shared in the read aloud.
Realistic Fiction	Ann Braden reads an excerpt from The Benefits of Being an Octopus. (Lexile: 770)	National Geographic Kids' Octopus	Write an information essay where you identify benefits and disadvantages of being an octopus (or another animal of your choice).
Realistic Fiction	Debbi Michiko Florence reads an excerpt of Keep It Together Keiko Carter. (Upcoming Publication Date)	Khan Academy's Introduction to Character	Write a short story where something the character loves plays a major role in the story.
Realistic Fiction	Lisa Yee reads an excerpt from Millicent Min, Girl Genius. (GRL: X, Lexile: 800)	Lesson on Perspective and Point of View	Rewrite a scene from this chapter from a different character's point of view.
Realistic Fiction (Novel in Verse)	K.A. Holt reads an excerpt from House Arrest. (GRL: Y; Lexile: 610)	Watch Flocabulary's video on Figurative Language.	Rewatch the excerpt from K.A. Holt and see how many times you hear figurative language being used as poetic devices.

Read Alouds with Further Research Opportunities

	Read about It!	Websites for Additional Research			Write about It!
Coral Reefs	The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs by Kate Messner (GRL: O, Lexile: 830)	Coral Resotration Foundation	NASA Climate Kids: Coral Bleaching Game	Smithsonian: Helping Kids Help the Ocean	Make a poster or drawing to teach people about how we can help coral and other sea creatures. (Information Writing)
Social Justice	Someday is Now by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich	Zinn Education Project: Katz Drugstore Sit-Ins	Zinn Education Project: Counter Histories	NY Times's Article Clara Luper, a Leader of Civil Rights Sit-Ins, Dies at 88	Write an essay on the impact of Clara Luper and her actions.

Want More?

Podcasts/TedTalks	Story Seeds Podcast: 6-12 Kids talk with Best-Selling Authors	TedEd provides TedTalks for students.	Tumble is a science podcast for kids that tells stories, with the help of scientist, about science discoveries	Book Club for Kids is a podcast where kids discuss books they're reading.	Shabam! is a podcast that blends fictional stories with real science.
Art with Authors	Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems! (LIVE: Every Week Day, 1 pm EST; sessions archived)	Draw Every Day with Jarrett J. Krossockzka (LIVE: Every Week Day, 2 pm EST; sessions archived)	Draw a Chinese Dragon and learn about Chinese culture with Author Grace Lin.	Illustrate a Book Cover with Kelley McMorris (Ranger in Time Illustrator)	Debbie Ridpath Ohi reads aloud her picture book Where Are My Books, gives drawing demonstrations, and gives activities.
Writer's Notebooks	Erin Entrada Kelly gives a look into her writer's notebook for Hello, Universe among other books.	Lynn Plourde shares tips on starting an observation notebook.	Amy Ludwig VanDerwater shares her writer notebook and tips on keeping one.	Nina Lacour shares writing notebook tips through a podcast.	Ralph Fletcher gives tips on how to use a writer's notebook.
Hands-On Creativity/STEM	Author Kristen Larson shares an engineering design activity based on her book Wood, Wire, Wings.	Take an online tour of The Musee du Louvre.	Go to Mars with this 360-degree tour.	Virtually visit the San Diego Zoo. Also find activities and play games while learning about animals.	Maker Challenges for Students YouTube Playlist
Poetry	Watch Author Liz Garton Scanlon teach a lesson on writing an Etheree poem.	Author & poet Laura Shovan shares poetry mini-lessons.	Author & poet Kathryn Apel shares how to write a didactic cinquain poem.	Poet Joyce Sidman shares way to get started writing poetry.	Academy of Poets shares poetry and writing advice for Teens.
Quick Writes	5-minute Writes inspired by pictures, poems, videos, etc. – updated periodically.	Author Madelyn Rosenberg provides a variety of writing prompts.	NYTimes' The Learning Network: Picture Prompts	Wonderopolis provides tons of materials to spark writing ideas.	Wordless News provides pictures from current events. Use to inspire a quick write.
News, Articles, Etc.	Smithsonian TweenTribune has articles for grades 6-12	Kelly Gallagher's Article of the Week and activities	PBS NewsHour Extra is geared towards 6-12 grade students.	The New York Times' Learning Network has tons of articles curated for you.	Newsela has articles with questions for varying levels.