

Unit 1: Bold Actions

Word Wall Vocabulary	Vocabulary Words and Strategy Used	Text	Students will be able to...	Task
plot exposition rising action climax setting conflict 5 Ws 1 H central idea editorial counterargument myth theme alliteration author's purpose	<u>Latin Roots</u> navigation mariner	Short Story: Rogue Wave	Identify, analyze, and make inferences about elements of plot in a story	Argumentative Essay Can parents go too far in supporting their child's dream? Short Story (Narrative): Your main character must take a BOLD action in the face of a seemingly overwhelming challenge.
		Compare Media: Parents of Rescued Teenage Sailor (online news article) Ship of Fools (editorial) Was Abby Too Young to Sail (TV news interview)	Analyze and compare news stories about the same event from various sources	
	<u>Noun Suffixes</u> -ty/-ity	Greek Myth: The Flight of Icarus	Analyze the elements of a myth and determine two or more themes	
		Poem: Icarus's Flight	Understand how the elements of form and the use of alliteration emphasize ideas and meaning in a poem	
	<u>Connotation and Denotation</u>	Informational Text: Women in Aviation	Identify, analyze, and draw conclusions about an author's purpose for writing information texts	
		Poem: Powwow at the End of the World	Use imagery and allusion to make inferences about the deeper meaning of a poem	

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Unit 2: Perception and Reality

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folk tales summarize dialect idiom diction simile metaphor personification text features perspective mood	<p><u>Latin Suffixes</u> -ure -ary/-ery -ence/-ance -ive/-ative -ion/-ation</p>	Folk Tale: The People Could Fly	Identify elements of a folk tale and summarize the story	<p>Giving a Presentation: perform a magic trick and explain the trick to your audience</p>
		Compare Texts (Poems): The Song of Wandering Aengus/Sonnet 43	Analyze a poem’s form, as well as the use of figurative language and sound devices, to understand their effects on meaning	
	<p><u>Greek Prefix</u> neuro-</p>	Magazine Article: Magic and the Brain	Analyze how text features contribute to a text and to summarize a text objectively	
		Compare Media: Pavement Chalk Art	Analyze the purposes of public art and the techniques Beever uses to create the illusion of three-dimensionality	
	<p><u>Reference Aids</u> using a dictionary</p>	Short Story: Another Place, Another Time	Identify and analyze how setting affects characters’ traits, motivations, and actions	
		Drama: Sorry Wrong Number	Analyze the elements of a drama and make comparison	

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		Novel: A Wrinkle in Time	-Evaluate three major themes of the novel: knowledge vs. wisdom, language & communication, good vs. evil -Summarize the plot -develop character sketches	Argumentative Essay: <i>Is A Wrinkle in Time</i> fantasy or science fiction?

Unit 3: Risk and Exploration

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audience purpose claim counter-argument support paraphrasing cause-and-effect figurative language	<u>Use Context Clues</u> host substantiate impairment profound	Speech: Remarks at the Dedication of the Aerospace Medical Health Center	Trace and evaluate and argument	Persuasive Speech: prepare and deliver a persuasive speech in which you try to persuade others whether that our nation should use its resources to explore space or the ocean
	<u>Prefixes</u> dis- ex-	Commentary: Why Exploring the Ocean is Mankind's Next Giant Leap	Evaluate the reasoning used to support a claim and identify tone	
	<u>Greek Roots</u> hydro therm photo syn/sym scope micro bio tecto geo logy	Science Article: Living in the Dark	Analyze the structure of an informational text and paraphrase central ideas and details	
		Poem: Your World	Identify and analyze how imagery and extended metaphor can express a particular message or idea.	
		Novel: A Long Walk to Water		

Unit 5: Guided By a Cause

Word Wall Vocabulary	Vocabulary Words and Strategy Used	Text	Students will be able to...	Task
subjective author's perspective primary sources portrayals chronological order historical fiction metaphor dialogue allusions idiom characterization flashback	<u>Latin Roots</u> spec- -struct dic-	Compare Texts (History Writing): from Flesh & Blood So Cheap/from Triangle Factory Fire	determine central ideas and details, analyze chronological order, and analyze author's writings on the same topic	<p>Narrative: Research a historical event and write a narrative creating characters that lived during that event</p> <p>Personal Essay: Write a personal narrative describing a challenge that you have faced</p>
	<u>Analogies</u> antonym/synonym whole/part object/function	Historical Novel: from Uprising	analyze points of view in a text and compare and contrast different genres	
	<u>Multiple Meanings</u> using context	Personal Essay: Craig Kielburger Reflects on Working Toward Peace	identify and analyze elements of a personal essay and determine an author's point of view	
		Documentary: from It Takes a Child	analyze the purpose of a documentary and understand the features used in it	
		Poem: A Poem for My Librarian, Mrs. Long	analyze a poet's style and to determine a theme	
	<u>Using a Dictionary</u> pronunciation and parts of speech	Short Story: Train Time	analyze methods of characterization and flashback in a short story	