**9th Collection 1 Overview –** *Finding Common Ground*

*What are the forces that unite us?*

In this collection, students will explore the theme “Finding Common Ground,” examining topics such as the individual and society from multiple viewpoints.

**Performance Task: Write an Analytical Essay**

**Choose three texts from this collection, including “Once Upon a Time,” and identify a powerful symbol or image used in each text to convey an idea about the individual’s role in society. Write an analytical essay explaining how the authors use symbols or images to develop themes or central ideas in their work.**

**Core Lessons**

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| **Informational Text** | **Sample Instructional Supports** |  | **Literary Text** | **Sample Instructional Supports** |
| **ARGUMENT | ANCHOR TEXT**  “A Quilt of a Country”  by Anna Quindlen | • Close Read Screencasts **ONLINE**  • Collaborative Discussion Activity **TE 6**  • Analyzing the Text Questions **TE 8**  • Guiding Questions **OTR**  • Delineate and Evaluate Arguments **TE 10A**  • Level Up Tutorial: Analyzing Arguments **OTR** |  | **SHORT STORY | ANCHOR TEXT**  “Once Upon a Time”  by Nadine Gordimer | • Close Read Screencasts **ONLINE**  • Collaborative Discussion Activity **TE 16**  • Analyzing the Text Questions  **TE 18**  • Guiding Questions **OTR** |
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| **Informational Text** | **Sample Instructional Supports** |  | **Informational Text** | **Sample Instructional Supports** |
| **BLOG | CLOSE READER**  “Making the Future Better, Together”  by Eboo Patel | • Short Response **TE 10F**  • Dig Deeper **TE 10G**  • IWB Lesson: Evaluating Arguments **OTR** |  | **ARGUMENT**  “The Gettysburg Address”  by Abraham Lincoln | • Collaborative Discussion Activity **TE 28**  • Analyzing the Text Questions **TE 30**  • Guiding Questions **OTR**  • Analyze Seminal U.S. Documents **TE 32A** |

**Additional Resources**

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| **Informational Text** | **Sample Instructional Supports** |  | **Literary Text** | **Sample Instructional Supports** |
| **ESSAY**  “Rituals of Memory”  by Kimberly M. Blaeser | • Collaborative Discussion Activity **TE 24**  • Analyzing the Text Questions  **TE 25**  • Guiding Questions **OTR**  • Determine Central Idea **TE 26A**  • Level Up Tutorial: Main Idea and Supporting Details **OTR** |  | **PHOTO ESSAY | MEDIA**  “Views of the Wall”  **CONNECTED SELECTION POEM**  “The Vietnam Wall”  by Alberto Ríos | • Analyzing Text and Media Questions **TE 36**  • Determine Central Idea **TE 36B**  • IWB Lesson: Poetry: Language and Form **OTR** |
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| **Informational Text** | **Sample Instructional Supports** |  |  |  |
| **SPEECH | CLOSE READER**  “Oklahoma Bombing Memorial Address”  by Bill Clinton | • Short Response **TE 32E**  • Dig Deeper **TE 32E**  • IWB Lesson: Author’s Purpose and Perspective **OTR** |  |  |  |

