

5th Grade Journeys Classroom Blueprint

5th Grade		Unit 1: Meet the Challenge						
Date	Lesson	Domain/Lesson Topic	Stories	Vocabulary	Comprehension	Decoding	Spelling	Writing
Q1	1	Domain: Physical Science Lesson Topic: Experiments Domain-Specific Vocabulary: acceleration, inertia, momentum	Anchor Text: "A Package for Mrs. Jewls" from Wayside School Is Falling Down Genre: Humorous Fiction Paired Selection: Questioning Gravity Genre: Reader's Theatre Essential Question: How can an experiment clarify an idea?	Target Vocabulary: disturbing, interrupted, squashing, specialty, struggled, staggered, wobbled, collapsed, numb, shifted Vocabulary Strategies: Using Context	Skill: Story Structure Strategy: Summarize 2nd Read Skills: Irony Point of View	Skill: VCV Syllable Fluency: Expression	Skill: Short Vowels Spelling Words: breath, wobble, blister, crush, direct, promise, grasp, numb, hymn, shovel, gravity, frantic, swift, feather, comic, bundle, solid, weather, energy, stingy Review: bunch, district, track, pleasant, odd Challenge: instruct, distress, summit, physical	Writing Mode: Narrative Writing Writing Form: Short Story Focus Trait: Purpose Grammar Skill: Complete Sentences How English Works: Using Nouns and Noun Phrases
Q1	2	Domain: The Arts Lesson Topic: Performance and Visual Arts Domain-Specific Vocabulary: alternative, medium, dimension, mood, performance, technique	Anchor Text: A Royal Mystery Genre: Play Paired Selection: The Princess and the Pea Genre: Fairy Tale Essential Question: How can art and performance help people understand a text?	Target Vocabulary: discomfort, primitive, interior, honored, secretive, immersed, bungled, contagious, brandishing, imprinted Vocabulary Strategies: Prefixes non-, un-, dis-, mis-	Skill: Theme Strategy: Question Elements of Drama 2nd Read Skills:	Skill: Vowel Sounds in VCV Syllable Patterns Fluency: Accuracy	Skill: Long a and Long e Spelling Words: awake, feast, stray, greet, praise, disease, repeat, display, braces, thief, ashamed, sleeve, waist, beneath, sheepish, release, remain, sway, training, niece Review: stale, afraid, freedom, eager, explain Challenge: terrain, succeed, betray, motivate, upheaval	Writing Mode: Narrative Writing Writing Form: Descriptive Narrative Focus Trait: Development Grammar Skill: Kinds of Sentences How English Works: Using Nouns and Noun Phrases
Q1	3	Domain: Civics Lesson Topic: Politics Domain-Specific Vocabulary: ballot, campaign, debate, election, slogan	Anchor Text: Off and Running Genre: Realistic Fiction Paired Selection: Vote for Me! Genre: Persuasive Text	Target Vocabulary: debate, inflated, shaken, decorated, gradually, hesitated, scanned, stalled,	Skill: Compare and Contrast Strategy: Infer/Predict 2nd Read Skills: Idioms	Skill: VCCV Pattern Fluency: Intonation	Skill: Long I and Long o Spelling Words: sign, groan, reply, thrown, strike, mighty, stroll, compose, dough, height, excite, apply,	Writing Mode: Narrative Writing Writing Form: Dialogue Focus Trait: Elaboration

			Essential Question: Why is determination a good quality for a politician to have?	beckoned, prodded Vocabulary Strategies: Using Context	Formal and Informal Language		slight, define, odor, spider, control, silent, brighten, approach Review: sigh, twice, shown, tonight, remote Challenge: require, reproach, defy, plight, opponent	Grammar Skill: Compound Sentences How English Works: Understanding Cohesion
Q1	4	Domain: Health and Safety Lesson Topic: Physical Fitness Domain-Specific Vocabulary: athletics, cardiovascular, physical exam, sportsmanship	Anchor Text: Double Dutch: A Celebration of Jump Rope, Rhyme, and Sisterhood Genre: Narrative Nonfiction Paired Selection: Score! Genre: Poetry Essential Question: How can being active in sports improve someone's attitude?	Target Vocabulary: unison, uniform, mastered, competition, identical, element, routine, intimidated, recite, qualifying Vocabulary Strategies: Suffixes -ion, -tion	Skill: Sequence of Events Strategy: Monitor/Clarify 2nd Read Skills: Rhythm Narrative Pacing	Skill: Digraphs In Multi-Syllable Words Fluency: Phrasing Pauses	Skill: Vowel Sounds: /oo/, /yoo/ Spelling Words: glue, flute, youth, accuse, bruise, stew choose, loose, lose, view, confuse, cruise, jewel, execute, route, cartoon, avenue, include, assume, souvenir Review: fruit, group, refuse, argue, foolish Challenge: conclude, pursuit, intrude, subdue, presume	Writing Mode: Narrative Writing Writing Form: Fictional Narrative Focus Trait: Purpose Grammar Skill: Common and Proper Nouns How English Works: Understanding Cohesion
Q1	5	Domain: Cultures Lesson Topic: Language and Expression Domain-Specific Vocabulary: cultural identity, language barrier, perspective, non-verbal communication, translation	Anchor Text: Ella's Diary Genre: Realistic Fiction Genre: Poetry Essential Questions: How can overcoming a challenge change someone's life?	Target Vocabulary: officially, preliminary, opponents, brutal, embarrassed, typically, gorgeous, supposedly, sweeping, obvious Vocabulary Strategies: Suffixes -ly, -ful	Skill: Theme Strategy: Visualize 2nd Read Skills: Dialogue Sequence of Events	Skill: Stressed and Unstressed Syllables Fluency: Stress	Skill: Vowel Sounds /ou/, /o/, /oi/ Spelling Words: ounce, sprawl, launch, loyal, avoid, basketball, moist, haunt, scowl, naughty, destroy, saucer, pounce, poison, August, auction, royal, coward, awkward, encounter Review: cause, faucet, tower, false, amount Challenge: poise, loiter, exhaust, assault, alternate	Writing Mode: Narrative Writing Writing Form: Fictional Narrative Focus Trait: Conventions Grammar Skill: Singular and Plural Nouns How English Works: Modifying to Add Detail
5th Grade Unit 2: Wild Encounters								
Date	Lesson	Domain/Lesson Topic	Stories	Vocabulary	Comprehension	Decoding	Spelling	Writing

Q1	6	Domain: Life Science Lesson Topic: Wild Animals Domain-Specific Vocabulary: adaptive, endangered species, habitat, preservation, satellite tracking	Anchor Text: Quest for the Tree Kangaroo Genre: Informational Text Paired Selection: Why Koala Has No Tail Genre: Myth Essential Question: Why is it important to research and protect endangered animals?	Target Vocabulary: dwarfed, presence, procedure, outfitted, transferred, calculate, snug, perch, enthusiastic, beaming Vocabulary Strategies: Synonyms and Antonyms	Skill: Cause and Effect Strategy: Question 2nd Read Skills: Quotes and Description Domain-Specific Vocabulary	Skill: Common Beginning Syllables Fluency: Expression	Skill: Vowel + /r/ Sounds Spelling Words: glory, aware, carton, adore, aboard, dairy, ordeal, pardon, warn, vary, barely, torch, barge, soar, beware, absorb, armor, stairway, perform, former Review: board, repair, sharp, square, compare Challenge: discard, forfeit, orchestra, rarity, hoard	Writing Mode: Informative Writing Writing Form: Procedural Composition Focus Trait: Organization Grammar Skill: Verbs How English Works: Connecting Ideas
Q1	7	Domain: Values Lesson Topic: Responsibility Domain-Specific Vocabulary: decisiveness, devotion, maturity, obligation, self-sacrificing	Anchor Text: Old Yeller Genre: Historical Fiction Paired Selection: What Makes it Good? Genre: Persuasive Text Essential Question: How can dangerous situations bring people closer together?	Target Vocabulary: frantic, lunging, stride, checking, wheeled, bounding, shouldered, strained, romp, picturing Vocabulary Strategies: Adages and Proverbs	Skill: Understanding Characters Strategy: Visualize 2nd Read Skills: Dialect Author's Word Choice	Skill: Vowel = /r/ Sounds Fluency: Intonation	Skill: More Vowel + /r/ Sounds Spelling Words: earth, peer, twirl burnt, smear, further, appear, worthwhile, nerve, pier, squirm, weary, alert, murmur, one-third, reverse, worship, career, research, volunteer Review: early, world, rear, current, cheer Challenge: yearn, engineer, interpret, dreary, external	Writing Mode: Informative Writing Writing Form: Compare-Contrast Essay Focus Trait: Elaboration Grammar Skill: Direct and Indirect Objects How English Works: Understanding Cohesion
Q1	8	Domain: Life Science Lesson Topic: Conservation Domain-Specific Vocabulary: carbon, footprint, ecosystem, natural resource, wilderness	Anchor Text: Everglades Forever: Restoring America's Great Wetland Genre: Narrative Nonfiction Paired Selection: National Parks of the West Genre: Informational Text Essential Question: What reasons do people have for protecting the environment?	Target Vocabulary: endangered, unique, adapted, vegetation, conserving, restore, guardians, attracted, regulate, responsibility Vocabulary Strategies: Prefixes en-, re-, pre-, pro-	Skill: Author's Purpose Strategy: Analyze/Evaluate 2nd Read Skills: Explain Scientific Ideas Domain-Specific Vocabulary	Skill: Homophones Fluency: Adjust Rate to Purpose	Skill: Homophones Spelling Words: steel, steal, aloud, allowed, ring, wring, lesson, lesson, who's whose, manor, manner, pedal, peddle, berry, bury, hanger, hangar, overdo, overdue Review: wait, weight, vain, vane, vein Challenge: canvass, canvas, site, sight, cite	Writing Mode: Informative Writing Writing Form: Cause-and-Effect Essay Focus Trait: Evidence Grammar Skill: Conjunctions How English Works: Using Nouns and Noun Phrases

Q1	9	Domain: Values Lesson Topic: Courage Domain-Specific Vocabulary: bald, competent, humility, purpose, unflappable	Anchor Text: Storm Warriors Genre: Historical Fiction Paired Selection: Pea Island's Forgotten Heroes Genre: Informational Text Essential Questions: How can an act of courage reveal a person's true nature?	Target Vocabulary: critical, secured, realization, annoyance, bundle, clammy, squalling, commotion, demolished, elite Vocabulary Strategies: Green and Latin Roots	Skill: Conclusions And Generalizations Strategy: Infer/Predict 2nd Read Skills: Point of View Characterization	Skill: Compound Words Fluency: Phrasing Punctuation	Skill: Compound Words Spelling Words: wildlife, uproar, home run, headache, top-secret, teammate, wheelchair, light bulb, well-known, throughout, life preserver, barefoot, part-time, warehouse, overboard, post office, outspoken, up-to-date, awestruck, newscast Review: goodbye, all right, forever, twenty-two, somebody Challenge: motorcycle, overseas, quick-witted, stomachache, bulletin board	Writing Mode: Informative Writing Writing Form: Research Report Focus Trait: Evidence Grammar Skill: Complex Sentences How English Works: Using Verbs and Verb Phrases
Q2	10	Domain: Life Science Lesson Topic: Animal Behaviors Domain-Specific Vocabulary: adaptation, development, instinctive, observation, trait	Anchor Text: Cougars Genre: Informational Text Paired Selection: Purr-fection Genre: Poetry Essential Question: What can a scientist learn by observing the behaviors of a particular animal?	Target Vocabulary: unobserved, available, detecting, mature, ferocious, resemble, particular, vary, contentment, keen Vocabulary Strategies: Shades of Meaning	Skill: Main Ideas and Details Strategy: Monitor/Clarify 2nd Read Skills: Explain Scientific Ideas Domain-Specific Vocabulary	Skill: Recognizing Schwa + /r- Sounds Fluency: Stress	Skill: Final Schwa + /r/ Sounds Spelling Words: cellar, flavor, cougar, chapter, mayor, anger, senator, passenger, major, popular, tractor, thunder, pillar, border, calendar, quarter, lunar, proper, elevator, bitter Review: collar, honor, doctor, enter, answer Challenge: stellar, clamor, tremor, circular, adviser	Writing Mode: Informative Writing Writing Form: Research Report Focus Trait: Conventions Grammar Skill: Direct Quotations and Interjections How English Works: Modifying to Add Details
5th Grade Unit 3: Revolution!								
Date	Lesson	Domain/Lesson Topic	Stories	Vocabulary	Comprehension	Decoding	Spelling	Writing
Q2	11	Domain: Civics Lesson Topic: Early American Government Domain-Specific Vocabulary: checks and balances,	Anchor Text: Dangerous Crossing Genre: Historical Fiction Paired Selection: Revolution and Rights Genre: Informational Text	Target Vocabulary: cramped, distracted, viewpoint, shattered, surveyed, pressing,	Skill: Cause and Effect Strategy: Visualize 2nd Read Skills: Visual Elements Primary Sources	Skill: Vowel Sounds in Stressed Syllables Fluency:	Skill: VCCV Pattern Spelling Words: bargain, journey, pattern, arrive, object, suppose, shoulder, permit, sorrow, tunnel, subject, custom, suggest, perhaps,	Writing Mode: Opinion Writing Writing Form: Opinion Essay Focus Trait: Elaboration

		congress, declaration, individual rights, representation	Essential Question: What can individuals do to help shape a new government?	representatives, embark, bracing, conduct Vocabulary Strategies: Reference Materials		Accuracy and Self Correction	lawyer, timber, common, publish, burden, scissors Review: perfect, danger, narrow, survive, valley Challenge: narrate, mentor, attempt, collide, ignore	Grammar Skill: Subject and Object Pronouns How English Works: Connecting Ideas
Q2	12	Domain: American History Lesson Topic: Independence Domain-Specific Vocabulary: colonies, freedom, protest, patriots, revolution	Anchor Text: Can't You Make Them Behave, King George? Genre: Narrative Nonfiction Paired Selection: Tea Time! Genre: Narrative Nonfiction Essential Question: How can people's differences of opinion lead to a revolution?	Target Vocabulary: benefit, repeal, advantages, temporary, contrary, prohibit, previously, midst, objected, rebellious Vocabulary Strategies: Figurative Language	Skill: Fact and Opinion Strategy: Question 2nd Read Skills: Tone Similes	Skill: Open and Closed Syllables VCV Pattern Fluency: Rate	Skill: VCV Pattern Spelling Words: human, exact, award, behave credit, basic, vivid, evil, modern, nation, robot, panic, select, cousin, item, police, prefer, menu, novel, deserve Review: figure, total, model, equal, amaze Challenge: autumn, nuisance, logic, column, laser	Writing Mode: Opinion Writing Writing Form: Problem-Solution Composition Focus Trait: Organization Grammar Skill: Verb Tenses How English Works: Condensing Ideas
Q2	13	Domain: American History Lesson Topic: Life on the Battlefield Domain-Specific Vocabulary: commendation, duty, general, officer, regiment	Anchor Text: They Called Her Molly Pitcher Genre: Narrative Nonfiction Paired Selection: A Spy for Freedom Genre: Play Essential Question: How do individual acts of bravery help shape history?	Target Vocabulary: legendary, formal, gushed, strategy, retreat, foes, shimmering, magnificent, revolution, plunged Vocabulary Strategies: Reference Materials	Skill: Conclusions and Generalizations Strategy: Analyze/Evaluate 2nd Read Skills: Text Structure Domain-Specific Vocabulary	Skill: Recognizing Initial and Medial Digraphs Fluency: Phrasing Pauses	Skill: VCCCV Pattern Spelling Words: conflict, orphan, instant, complex, simply, burglar, laundry, laughter, employ, anchor, merchant, improve, arctic, mischief, childhood, purchase, dolphin, partner, complain, tremble Review: hundred, example, although, supply, empty Challenge: anthem, illustrate, function, conscience, apostrophe	Writing Mode: Opinion Writing Writing Form: Persuasive Letter Focus Trait: Purpose Grammar Skill: Regular and Irregular Verbs How English Works: Understanding Cohesion

Q2	14	Domain: American History Lesson Topic: African American History Domain-Specific Vocabulary: abolitionist, emancipate, ethics, humanity, slavery	Anchor Text: "James Forten" from Now is Your Time! Genre: Biography Paired Selection: Modern Minute Man Genre: Informational Text Essential Question: What events or feelings would lead someone to fight for freedom?	Target Vocabulary: persuade, apprentice, contributions, influential, aspects, authorities, bondage, provisions, dexterity, tentative Vocabulary Strategies: Greek and Latin Roots: graph, meter, port, ject	Skill: Sequence of Events Strategy: Summarize 2nd Read Skills: Explain Historical Events Main Ideas and Details	Skill: VV Syllable Pattern Fluency: Expression	Skill: VV Pattern Spelling Words: actual, cruel, influence, diet, museum, casual, ruin, pioneer, trial, visual, realize, create, riot, genuine, area, annual, audio, dial, theater, patriot Review: video, science, February, period, usual Challenge: diagnose, media, appreciate, society, prior	Writing Mode: Opinion Writing Writing Form: Persuasive Essay Focus Trait: Organization Grammar Skill: Commas and Semicolons How English Works: Using Verbs and Verb Phrases
Q2	15	Domain: American History Lesson Topic: Patriotism Domain-Specific Vocabulary: defense, democracy, nationalism, pride, union	Anchor Text: We Were There, Too! Joseph Plumb Martin and Sybil Ludington Genre: Biography Paired Selection: Patriotic Poetry Genre: Poetry Essential Question: How are patriotism and courage related?	Target Vocabulary: mimic, mocking, efficient, personally, lacked, rural, tedious, organize, summons, peal Vocabulary Strategies: Prefixes in-, im-, il-, ir-	Skill: Compare and Contrast Strategy: Monitor/Clarify 2nd Read Skills: Text and Graphic Features	Skill: Vowel + /l/ sounds in Unstressed Final Syllables Fluency: Intonation	Skill: Final Schwa + /l/ Sounds Spelling Words: formal, whistle,, label, puzzle, legal, angle, normal, needle, angel, pupil, struggle, level, local, bicycle, channel, global, stumble, quarrel, article, fossil Review: title, nickel, special trouble, simple Challenge: identical, vehicle, mineral, colonel, artificial	Writing Mode: Opinion Writing Writing Form: Persuasive Essay Focus Trait: Evidence Grammar Skill: Transitions How English Works: Using Nouns and Noun Phrases
5th Grade Unit 4: The Power of Storytelling								
Date	Lesson	Domain/Lesson Topic	Stories	Vocabulary	Comprehension	Decoding	Spelling	Writing
Q3	16	Domain: The Arts Lesson Topic: Visual Arts Domain-Specific Vocabulary: continuity, frame, movement, storyline	Anchor Text: Lunch Money Genre: Realistic Fiction Paired Selection: Zap! Pow! A History of the Comics Genre: Informational Text Essential Question: In what ways can illustrations	Target Vocabulary: record, mental, launch, assuming, episodes, developed, feature, incredibly, villains, thumbed Vocabulary Strategies: Word Origins	Skill: Author's Purpose Strategy: Monitor/Clarify 2nd Read Skills: Voice Visual Elements	Skill: Word Parts and Inflectional Endings Fluency: Rate	Skill: Words with -ed or -ing Spelling Words: scrubbed, listening, stunned, knitting, carpeting, wandered, gathered, beginning, skimmed, chatting, shrugged, bothering, whipped, quizzed, suffering, scanned, ordered, totaled, answered, upsetting	Writing Mode: Narrative Writing Writing Form: Friendly Letter Focus Trait: Development Grammar Skill: Adjectives How English Works: Modifying to Add Detail

			enhance a reader's experience?				Review: wandering, dimmed, stripped, ordered, snapping Challenge: compelling, deposited, occurred, threatening, canceled	
Q3	17	Domain: Technology and Innovation Lesson Topic: Creative Inventions Domain-Specific Vocabulary: experimentation, futuristic, ingenuity, patent, revolutionize	Anchor Text: "LAFF" from Best Shorts Genre: Science Fiction Paired Selection: From Dreams to Reality Genre: Informational Text Essential Question: What role does imagination play in the invention process?	Target Vocabulary: impressed, admitted, produced, destination, original, concentrate, collected, rumor, suspense, compliment Vocabulary Strategies: Reference Materials	Skill: Story Structure Strategy: Infer/Predict 2nd Read Skills: Literary Devices Point of View: First-Person	Skill: Recognizing Common Word Parts Fluency: Intonation	Skill: More Words with -ed or -ing Spelling Words: tiring, borrowed, freezing, delivered, whispered, losing, decided, amazing, performing, resulting, related, attending, damaged, remarked, practicing, supported, united, expected, amusing, repeated Review: pleasing, dared, traveled, checking, landed Challenge: assigned, entertaining, operated, rehearsing, donated	Writing Mode: Narrative Writing Writing Form: Character Description Focus Trait: Elaboration Grammar Skill: Adverbs How English Works: Correcting Ideas
Q3	18	Domain: Media and Communication Lesson Topic: Creative Writing Domain-Specific Vocabulary: brainstorm, creative, license, manuscript, publication, target audience	Anchor Text: "The Dog Newspaper" from Five Pages a Day Genre: Autobiography Paired Selection: Poetry About Poetry Genre: Poetry Essential Question: What do facts and opinions contribute to a story?	Target Vocabulary: career, publication, household, edition, required, formula, background, insights, uneventful, destruction Vocabulary Strategies: Homophones and Homographs	Skill: Fact and Opinion Strategy: Analyze/Evaluate 2nd Read Skills: Main Ideas and Details Narrative Pacing	Skill: Recognizing Suffixes Fluency: Phrasing: Punctuation	Skill: Changing Final y to i Spelling Words: duties, earlier, loveliest, denied, ferries, sunnier, terrified, abilities, dirtier, scariest, trophies, cozier, enemies, iciest, greediest, drowsier, victories, horrified, memories, strategies Review: easier, families, studied, countries, happiest Challenge: unified, dictionaries, boundaries, satisfied, tragedies	Writing Mode: Narrative Writing Writing Form: Autobiography Focus Trait: Development Grammar Skill: Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases How English Works: Condensing Ideas
Q3		Domain: Community	Anchor Text: Darnell Rock Reporting	Target Vocabulary: Issue, deteriorating,	Skill: Author's Purpose Strategy: Summarize	Skill: More Common Suffixes Fluency:	Skill: Suffixes: -ful, -ly, -ness, -less, -ment	Writing Mode: Narrative Writing

	19	<p>Lesson Topic: Community Involvement Domain-Specific Vocabulary: charity, coalition, generosity, neighborhood, volunteer</p>	<p>Genre: Realistic Fiction Paired Selection: Volunteer! Genre: Persuasive Text Essential Question: Why is it important to be aware of your community's needs?</p>	<p>depended, exception, granted, effective, urge, violations, ordinance, minimum Vocabulary Strategies: Greek and Latin Suffixes -ism, -ist, -able, -ible</p>	<p>2nd Read Skills: Dialogue Characterization</p>	<p>Stress</p>	<p>Spelling Words: lately, settlement, watchful, countless, steadily, closeness, calmly, government, agreement, cloudiness, delightful, noisily, tardiness, forgetful, forgiveness, harmless, enjoyment, appointment, effortless, plentiful Review: clumsiness, movement, pavement, lonely, penniless Challenge: suspenseful, merciless, seriousness, contentment, suspiciously</p>	<p>Writing Form: Personal Narrative Focus Trait: Purpose Grammar Skill: More Kinds of Pronouns How English Works: Understanding Text Structure</p>
Q3	20	<p>Domain: Life Science Lesson Topic: Human-Animal Interaction Domain-Specific Vocabulary: behaviors, cooperation, patience, relationship, training</p>	<p>Anchor Text: The Black Stallion Genre: Informational Text Paired Selection: Horse Power Genre: Informational Text Essential Question: What can a person learn by building a relationship with an animal?</p>	<p>Target Vocabulary: piercing, descended, quivered, savage, delicacy, fitful, heave, diminishing, rhythmic, marveling Vocabulary Strategies: Figurative Language</p>	<p>Skill: Story Structure Strategy: Question 2nd Read Skills: Characterization Theme</p>	<p>Skill: Stress in Three Syllable Words Fluency: Accuracy</p>	<p>Skill: Words from Other Languages Spelling Words: salsa, mattress, tycoon, burrito, bandanna, tomato, poncho, dungarees, lasso, patio, siesta, cargo, vanilla, tsunami, iguana, plaza, caravan, hammock, pajamas, gallant Review: canyon, mirror, magazine, rodeo, monkey Challenge: mosquito, cathedral, alligator, tambourine, sombrero</p>	<p>Writing Mode: Narrative Writing Writing Form: Personal Narrative Focus Trait: Conventions Grammar Skill: Proper Mechanics and Writing Titles How English Works: Understanding Cohesion</p>

5 th Grade		Unit 5: Under Western Skies						
Date	Lesson	Domain/Lesson Topic	Stories	Vocabulary	Comprehension	Decoding	Spelling	Writing
Q3	21	Domain: Earth Science Lesson Topic: Extreme Environments Domain-Specific Vocabulary: atmosphere, barometer, climate, drought, thunderstorm	Anchor Text: Tucket's Travels Genre: Historical Fiction Paired Selection: Wild Weather Genre: Technical Text Essential Question: What does it mean to have good instincts?	Target Vocabulary: undoubtedly, salvation, shuffled, stunted, evident, pace, seep, vain, mirages, factor Vocabulary Strategies: Shades of Meaning	Skill: Sequence of Events Strategy: Visualize 2nd Read Skills: Figurative Language Author's Word Choice	Skill: Common Final Syllables Fluency: Phrasing: Pauses	Skill: Final /n/ or /en/, /cher/, /zher/ Spelling Words: nature, certain, future, villain, mountain, mixture, pleasure, captain, departure, surgeon, texture, curtain, creature, treasure, gesture, fountain, furniture, measure, feature, adventure Review: picture, capture, surprise, receive, idea Challenge: leisure, sculpture, architecture, chieftain, enclosure	Writing Mode: Opinion Writing Writing Form: Editorial Focus Trait: Purpose Grammar Skill: The Verbs be and have How English Works: Using Verbs and Verb Phrases
Q3	22	Domain: Cultures Lesson Topic: Traditions Domain-Specific Vocabulary: customs, indigenous, language, mythology, values	Anchor Text: The Birchbark House Genre: Historical Fiction Paired Selection: Four Seasons of Food Genre: Informational Text Essential Question: How can traditions influence a person's thoughts and feelings?	Target Vocabulary: reasoned, margins, envy, upright, bared, spared, nerve, banish, astonished, deserted Vocabulary Strategies: Reference Materials	Skill: Theme Strategy: Infer/Predict 2nd Read Skills: Author's Word Choice Visual Elements	Skill: More Final Syllables Fluency: Rate	Skill: Final /ij/, /iv/, /is/ Spelling Words: storage, olive, service, relative, cabbage, courage, native, passage, voyage, knowledge, image, creative, average, justice, detective, postage, cowardice, adjective, village, language Review: notice, marriage, package, office, manage Challenge: prejudice, cooperative, beverage, heritage, apprentice	Writing Mode: Opinion Writing Writing Form: Response to Literature Focus Trait: Organization Grammar Skill: Perfect Tenses How English Works: Using Nouns and Noun Phrases
Q3	23	Domain: American History Lesson Topic: The West Domain-Specific Vocabulary: gold rush, pioneer,	Anchor Text: Vaqueros: America's First Cowboys Genre: Informational Text	Target Vocabulary: extending, dominated, residents, flourished, acquainted,	Skill: Text and Graphic Features Strategy: Summarize 2nd Read Skills: Main Ideas and Details Adages	Skill: Unstressed Syllables Fluency: Expression	Skill: Unstressed Syllables Spelling Words: entry, limit, talent, disturb, entire, wisdom, dozen, impress, respond,	Writing Mode: Opinion Writing Writing Form: Persuasive Argument Focus Trait: Organization

		prospector, rancher, westward expansion	Paired Selection: Rhyme on the Range Genre: Poetry Essential Question: What kinds of lessons were learned by people who lived in the Old West?	prospered, hostile, acknowledged, sprawling, decline Vocabulary Strategies: Adages and Proverbs			fortress, neglect, patrol, kitchen, forbid, pirate, spinach, adopt, frighten, surround, challenge Review: honest, instead, whether, event, attend Challenge: adapt, refuge, distribute, industry, somber	Grammar Skill: Easily Confused Words How English Works: Modifying to Add Details
Q4	24	Domain: American History Lesson Topic: Pioneers Domain-Specific Vocabulary: frontier, trailblazers, prairie, settlement wagon train	Anchor Text: Rachel's Journal: The Story of a Pioneer Girl Genre: Historical Fiction Paired Selection: Westward to Freedom Genre: Informational Text Essential Question: Why would pioneer traveler record events in a journal?	Target Vocabulary: rustling, balked, lectured, disadvantaged, quaking, beacon, mishap, surged, torment, fared Vocabulary Strategies: Using Context	Skill: Cause and Effect Strategy: Analyze/Evaluate 2nd Read Skills: Figurative Language Point of View	Skill: Simple Prefixes Fluency: Accuracy and Self-Correction	Skill: Prefixes -in, un-, dis-, mis- Spelling Words: mislead, dismiss, insincere, unstable, indirect, mistreat, disaster, dishonest, insecure, unknown, incomplete, unequal, unstable, misspell, disagree, informal, discover, unwise, mislaid, disgrace Review: untidy, disorder, mistake, uneven, dislike Challenge: invisible, mishap, unfortunate, discourage, unnecessary	Writing Mode: Opinion Writing Form: Response Essay Focus Trait: Evidence Grammar Skill: Making Comparisons How English Works: Connecting Ideas
Q4	25	Domain: American History Lesson Topic: Exploration Domain-Specific Vocabulary: discovery, expedition, route, supplies, traveler	Anchor Text: Lewis and Clark Genre: Narrative Nonfiction Paired Selection: A Surprise Reunion Genre: Play Essential Question: How did explorers help America become the country it is today?	Target Vocabulary: expedition, barrier, despite, fulfilled, range, techniques, resumed, edible, tributaries, trek Vocabulary Strategies: Analogies	Skill: Main Ideas and Details Strategy: Monitor/Clarify 2nd Read Skills: Primary Sources Explain Historical Events	Skill: Consonant Alternations Fluency: Phrasing: Punctuation	Skill: Suffix: -ion Spelling Words: elect, election, tense, tension, react, reaction, confess, confession, decorate, decoration, contribute, contribution, express, expression, imitate, imitation, connect, connection, admire, admiration Review: camera, famous, question, movie, minute Challenge: fascinate, fascination, construct, construction	Writing Mode: Opinion Writing Writing Form: Response Essay Focus Trait: Elaboration Grammar Skill: Contractions How English Works: Condensing Ideas

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Q4	26	Domain: Life Science Lesson Topic: Adaptations and Instincts	Anchor Text: Animals on the Move Genre: Informational Text Paired Selection: Skywoman's Rescue Genre: Play Trade Book: Skunk Scout Trade Book: Frindle Essential Question: What can people learn by reading about how different animals adapt and survive?	Review Vocabulary: disturbing, struggled, gradually, scanned, identical, routine, gorgeous, sweeping, primitive, brandishing Vocabulary Strategies: Multiple-Meaning Words	Skill: Text and Graphic Features Strategy: Visualize	Skill: Prefixes and Word Roots Fluency: Phrasing: Pauses	Skill: Word Parts: com-, con-, pre-, pro- Spelling Words: produce, company, protect, preview, contain, combat, prejudice, commotion, contest, prefix, progress, computer, confide, convince, preflight, provide, propose, promotion Review: continue, protest, pretend, prepare Challenge: concurrent, conscious, commercial, complete, conversation	Writing Mode: Informative Writing Writing Form: Definition Paragraph Focus Trait: Elaboration Grammar Skill: Possessive Nouns How English Works: Understanding Text Structure
Q4	27	Domain: Cultures Lesson Topic: World Travel	Anchor Text: Mysteries at Cliff Palace Genre: Reader's Theatre Paired Selection: Cave of the Crystals Genre: Reader's Theatre Trade Book: Skunk Scout Trade Book: Frindle Essential Question: What lessons can we learn from other cultures?	Review Vocabulary: dwarfed, procedure, transferred, enthusiastic, adapted, conserving, critical, realization, available, resemble Vocabulary Strategies: Suffixes -ness, -less, -ment	Skill: Theme Strategy: Analyze/Evaluate	Skill: More Familiar Suffixes Fluency: Adjust Rate to Purpose	Skill: Suffixes -ant, -ent, -able, -ible, -ism, -ist Spelling Words: vacant, insistent, reversible, patriotism, finalist, honorable, contestant, observant, urgent, pessimist, comfortable, absorbent, optimism, journalism, novelist, terrible, frequent, laughable, radiant, collectible Review: president, important, becoming, cheerful, illness Challenge: evident, triumphant, occupant, digestible, curable	Writing Mode: Informative Writing Writing Form: Journal Entry Focus Trait: Purpose Grammar Skill: Titles and Abbreviations How English Works: Understanding Cohesion

Q4	28	<p>Domain: Earth Science Lesson Topic: Archaeology</p>	<p>Anchor Text: Fossils: A Peek into the Past Genre: Informational Text Paired Selection: Trapped in Tar! Genre: Informational Text Trade Book: Skunk Scout Trade Book: Frindle Essential Question: How does the study of fossils relate to our everyday lives?</p>	<p>Review Vocabulary: viewpoint, surveyed, advantages, previously, legendary, retreat, persuade, aspects, rural, organize Vocabulary Strategies: Idioms</p>	<p>Skill: Fact and Opinion Strategy: Question</p>	<p>Skill: Greek Word Roots Fluency: Expression</p>	<p>Skill: Greek Word Parts Spelling Words: telephone, autograph, microscope, photograph, televise, biology, microphone, paragraph, symphony, telegraph, megaphone, microwave, photocopy, biography, saxophone, telescope, calligraphy, xylophone, homophone, homograph Review: athlete, history, melody, type, topic Challenge: telecommute, bibliography, phonetic, microbe, autobiography</p>	<p>Writing Mode: Informative Writing Writing Form: Summary Focus Trait: Evidence Grammar Skill: Commas in Sentences How English Works: Using Verbs and Verb Phrases</p>
Q4	29	<p>Domain: Life Science Lesson Topic: Encounters with Nature</p>	<p>Anchor Text: The Case of the Missing Deer Genre: Realistic Fiction Paired Selection: Fossil Fish Found Genre: Informational Text Trade Book: Skunk Scout Trade Book: Frindle Essential Question: Why are people fascinated by nature?</p>	<p>Review Vocabulary: record, incredibly, destination, suspense, required, insights, dependent, effective, diminishing, marveling Vocabulary Strategies: Greek and Latin Roots Tele, photo, graph, meter, scribe, rupt, port, ject</p>	<p>Skill: Conclusions and Generalizations Strategy: Infer/Predict</p>	<p>Skill: Conclusions And Generalizations Fluency: Infer/Predict</p>	<p>Skill: Latin Word Parts Spelling Words: inspect, export, erupt, predict, respect, bankrupt, dictate, porter, report, spectacle, deport, interrupt, dictator, import, disrupt, portable, transport, spectator, verdict, dictionary Review: support, hospital, polite, recent, memory Challenge: spectacular, contradict, corrupt, retrospect, rupture</p>	<p>Writing Mode: Informative Writing Writing Form: Informational Essay Focus Trait: Organization Grammar Skill: More Commas How English Works: Using Nouns and Noun Phrases</p>
Q4	30	<p>Domain: Values Lesson Topic: Curiosity</p>	<p>Anchor Text: Get Lost! The Puzzle of Mazes Genre: Informational Text Paired Selection: Journey to Cuzco Genre: Myth</p>	<p>Review Vocabulary: undoubtedly, pace, reasoned, nerve, underestimated, disadvantage, extending,</p>	<p>Skill: Main Ideas and Details Strategy: Summarize 2nd Read Skills:</p>	<p>Skill: Identifying VCV, VCCV, and VCCCV Syllable Patterns Fluency: Accuracy</p>	<p>Skill: Words from Other Languages Spelling Words: ballet, echo, bouquet, cassette, coupon, safari, portrait, barrette, depot, courtesy, petite,</p>	<p>Writing Mode: Informative Writing Writing Form: Informational Essay Focus Trait: Elaboration</p>

			<p>Trade Book: Skunk Scout</p> <p>Trade Book: Frindle</p> <p>Essential Question: What traits help make a person good at solving problems?</p>	<p>residents, balked, techniques, barrier</p> <p>Vocabulary Strategies: Word Origins</p>			<p>denim, brunette, buffet, garage, khaki, crochet, chorus, essay, alphabet</p> <p>Review: routine, rescue, crayon, amuse, reason</p> <p>Challenge: encore, collage, matinee, premiere, embarrass</p>	<p>Grammar Skill: Other Punctuation</p> <p>How English Works: Modifying to Add Details</p>
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Extended Reading with Trade Books - Do after Lessons 10, 20, 30

Date	After Lessons	Trade Book	Comprehension	Vocabulary	Decoding	Spelling	Speaking and Listening	Collaborative Writing Project
Q2	After Lesson 10	Trade Book: Hound Dog True Genre: Realistic Fiction	Target Strategies: Monitor/Clarify Visualize Question Infer/Predict Summative Analyze/Evaluate	Content Vocabulary Words: potluck, custodial, traitorous, apprentice, disposition, posterity, solitary, pursuit, matter-of-fact, pouty, postpone, scrutiny, instincts, deterioration, impeccable, visage, propriety, expertise, consequences, versus, lunge, nickname, taut, mum, potential, retrieve, ponder, prognostication, prone Domain Specific Vocabulary: touchstone, ambassador, diplomacy, promote	Review	Review	Read Aloud: Assignment: Notebook Friends Speaking/Listening: Paraphrase Portions of Text Read Aloud	Collaborative Project Building Bridges Write About Reading Write About Media Grammar Skill: Review
Q3	After Lesson 20	Trade Book: About Time: A First Look at Time and Clocks Genre: Nonfiction	Target Strategies: Monitor/Clarify Question Analyze/Evaluate	Content Vocabulary Words: principle, interval, revolution, coincided, aligned, consistent, cylinder, corrosion, medieval, mechanical, rudimentary, gears, coil, precision, regulate, adjacent, theory Domain Specific Vocabulary: equator, orbits, face, grandfather clock	Review	Review	Read Aloud Look What I Found! Speaking/Listening: Draw Conclusions Based on Details in Story Read Aloud	Collaborative Project Time Marches On Write About Reading Write About Media Grammar Skill: Review
Q4	After Lesson 30	Trade Book: Mysteries of the Mummy Kids Genre: Informational Text	Target Strategies: Visualize Analyze/Evaluate Question Infer/Predict Summarize	Content Vocabulary Words: notable, artifacts, incorporated, tolerated, chronicles, fermented, sanctuary, distinctive, compacted, treacherous, reverence, international, textiles, prominent, criticized, consistencies, negotiated, dignity, persistent, disruption, primitive, mortality, modified, evicted, expertise, adjacent, era, devoted, theory, guaranteeing Domain Specific Vocabulary: theocracy, withered, trinkets, nourishment, animism, meticulous	Review	Review	Read Aloud Journey to the Mummy Sites Speaking/Listening: Identify Main Ideas and Details	Collaborative Project A Virtual Tour Through Time Produce: Plan a Presentation Write About Reading Write About Media Grammar Skill: Review