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Unit Title	Unit Length (weeks)	Dates of Unit (Month - Month)	Essential Questions	Topics to be Covered Texts Used	Skills to be Assessed	Standard Alignment	Formative Assessments	Summative Assessments
How to Annotate/ Parts of a Story	2	August - September	What to annotate in a text? What are annotating stratagies and the benifits?	"Rumplestitskin", "The Twelve Dancing Princesses"	Reading for/ identifying important information	CCSS RL 7.2, L 7.6	Annotating practice, Annotating Me Assignment	
The Giver	6	September-October	What is the difference between a utopian and dystopian society, how does one create the other? What is the build up of a plot line? What is a theme of a story?	"Presto" pixar short, "Harrison Bergeron", *The Giver,* "Partly Cloudy" Pixar short, *The Giver* movie	Punctuation and capitalization, reading comprehension, sentence writing, using textual	CCSS RL 7.1, RL 7.2, RL 7. 7, W 7.3, 7.9	Reading Quizzes, paragraph responses, Comparative charts, plot diagrams, annotating skills	*The Giver* Final Project, Job Project
The Outsiders	6	November-December	What is a stereotype? How can stereotypes be harmful and affect people? How does a theme develop over the course of a text?	Author Biography, *The Outsiders, The Outsiders* Movie	Close Reading, Grammer, Thematic analysis, Sentence and paragraph writing, using textual evidence to prove a theme and argument.	CCSS RL 7.2, RL 7.6, RL 7.7, RL 7.3, W 7.1, W 7.4, 7.9	Reading Quizzes, Paragraph responses, Theme Statements	Character Diary Entries, *Theme Growth, The Outsiders* Book Cover Final Project
Intro to Poetry	1 ** During The Outsiders	December	What is the theme/ message of the poem? How does the poem add to the story of *The Outsiders?*	"Nothing Gold can Stay"	Paraphrasing, Identifying Figurative Language, Identifying Theme	CCSS RL 7.4, 7.5, W 7.5	Poem Analysis assignments, Personal Poem Rough Drafts	Personal Poems
Nonfiction History	10	January-March	Is the person you are reading about an important person in history? What words do you not know in the text and how can you find the definition?	*10 Days Nonfiction Books (Lincoln, Frank, Franklin, Edison, King Jr.), Articles about the different peoples time period.*	Finding Quotes in a text that answer a given question. Using those quotes to write a research paper arguing a point of view. Use context clues to help understand the definitions of unknown words in a text.	CCSS RI 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4 CCSS W 7.1, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8 CCSS SL 7.4, 7.5,7.6 CCSS L 7.1, 7.2, 7.4	Reading Quizzes, Vocab in Context, Grammer Work	Time Period Presentation, Research Paper
Poetry	4	April	Review: What is a theme message of a poem? What do poems look like?	"I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud" William Wordsworth	Using figurative language, rhyming, and counting syllables. Identifying different types of poems. Creative writing.	CCSS RL 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, W 7.4, 7.5, L 7.1, 7.2, 7.5, SL 7.1, 7.6	Poem analysis, poem types identifying, writing mini poems.	Spring Poem Analysis, Writing a poem.
Spelling and Homophones	1	May-June	What is a homophones? Which homophone belongs in the context?		Spelling, homophone use	CCSS L 7.2	Work sheets, spelling stories	spelling quiz
The Skin I'm In	6	May-June	How are certain character's used to develop a plot? How do characters develope over the course of a story? What is the character's journey?	*The Skin I'm In*	Reading Comprehension, Identifying character development, find quotes to prove ones answer.	CCSS RL 7.1, 7.2, 7. 3, 7.6, W 7.1, 7.3, 7.9, L 7.1, 7.2, 7.3	Reading Quizzes, paragraph responses, class discussions, Character Writing POV	Character development Poster.
Grammar/ Word Usage	All year *Incorparated into all units year long.	September-June	What are the common parts of speech? What parts of speech are in every sentence? What makes a sentence complete? What are different types of sentences? How do you use different parts of speech? What is figurative languge? How to use proper punctuation?		Identifying and using different parts of speech. Identifying when to use and how to use certain punctuation. How to write different types of sentences. Understanding different types of words and what they mean.	CCSS L 7.1, L 7.2, L 7.3, L 7.4, L 7.5, L 7.6	Grammer worksheets, Creative writing	Grammar test/ word usage test