

Connections: English Language Arts Skill Development

Grade 6			
Unit 1		Unit 2	
Chapter 1	Using Evidence to Support Inferences	Chapter 6	Analyzing the Power and Purpose of Nonfiction
	<i>Citing Textual Evidence to Support Inferences</i>		<i>Determining the Central Idea</i>
	<i>Analyzing Characters</i>		<i>Recognizing the Purpose of Repetition</i>
	<i>Analyzing Dialogue</i>		<i>Interpreting Literary Devices</i>
Chapter 2	Analyzing Plot and Theme in a Memoir	Chapter 7	Understanding Poetry
	<i>Summarizing Plot</i>		<i>Uncovering a Poem's Message</i>
	<i>Analyzing Theme</i>		<i>Understanding Images in Poetry</i>
	<i>Identifying How Word Choice Reveals Point of View</i>		<i>Recognizing a Tonal Shift</i>
Chapter 3	Identifying an Argument	Chapter 8	Exploring Character Development in Nonfiction
	<i>Understanding Word Meanings</i>		<i>Understanding Character Development</i>
	<i>Identifying Claims</i>		<i>Analyzing How Chapters Develop the Author's Ideas</i>
	<i>Identifying Reasons and Evidence</i>		<i>Determining the Author's Point of View</i>
Chapter 4	Comparing and Contrasting Ideas from Multiple Texts	Chapter 9	Determining Speaker's Purpose
	<i>Analyzing How Key Ideas Are Developed</i>		<i>What the Speech Says</i>
	<i>Understanding Author's Point of View</i>		<i>Exploring Rhetoric</i>
	<i>Comparing Ideas Presented in Multiple Texts</i>		<i>Determining a Speaker's Purpose</i>
Chapter 5	Understanding the Theme of a Play	Chapter 10	Reading and Comprehending Drama
	<i>Understanding Theme</i>		<i>Understanding Plot and Characters in Drama</i>
	<i>Analyzing Characters</i>		<i>Determining the Theme</i>
	<i>Analyzing the Structure of a Play</i>		<i>Comparing the Play with the Film</i>
Unit 1	Writing an Informative Essay	Unit 2	Writing a Personal Narrative
Unit 1	Practice Performance Task: Informational/Explanatory Paper	Unit 2	Practice Performance Task: Compare and Contrast Paper
Unit 3		Unit 4	
Chapter 11	Analyzing Sensory Language and Structure in Poetry	Chapter 16	Analyzing Characters and Point of View
	<i>Determining Theme</i>		<i>Summarizing Events</i>
	<i>Analyzing Sensory Language</i>		<i>Making Inferences About Characters</i>
	<i>Analyzing Structure</i>		<i>Understanding Point of View</i>
Chapter 12	Analyzing How Episodes in a Novel Reveal Conflict and Character	Chapter 17	Analyzing How Central Ideas Are Developed
	<i>Analyzing Exposition</i>		<i>Determining Word Meanings</i>
	<i>Analyzing Character Development</i>		<i>Analyzing the Development of the Central Idea</i>
	<i>Analyzing an Episode in a Novel</i>		<i>Analyzing the Structure of a Text</i>
Chapter 13	Analyzing Points of View in a Memoir	Chapter 18	Comparing and Contrasting Texts
	<i>Using Details to Determine the Central Idea</i>		<i>Summarizing Central Ideas</i>
	<i>Analyzing Varying Points of View in a Narrative</i>		<i>Analyzing Word Choice</i>
	<i>Integrating Visuals and a Text</i>		<i>Comparing and Contrasting Texts</i>
Chapter 14	Comparing and Contrasting Authors' Presentations of Events	Chapter 19	Analyzing Claims and Support
	<i>Identifying the Central Idea</i>		<i>Defining Key Terms</i>
	<i>Understanding Author's Purpose</i>		<i>Identifying Claims</i>
	<i>Comparing and Contrasting Presentations of Events</i>		<i>Integrating Information from a Text and a Graph</i>
Chapter 15	Analyzing Word Meaning	Chapter 20	Analyzing Theme Through Sensory Language
	<i>Defining Key Terms</i>		<i>Identifying a Theme</i>
	<i>Identifying Claims</i>		<i>Analyzing Sensory Description</i>
	<i>Identifying and Explaining</i>		<i>Analyzing Author's Craft</i>
Unit 3	Writing a Literary Analysis	Unit 4	Writing an Argument
Unit 3	Practice Performance Task: Essential Question Essay	Unit 4	Practice Performance Task: Argumentative Essay

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Unit 1		Unit 2	
Chapter 1	Identifying Key Ideas and Details	Chapter 6	Understanding Different Points of View
	<i>Summarizing a Text</i>		<i>Making an Inference</i>
	<i>Understanding Technical Terms</i>		<i>Analyzing Point of View</i>
	<i>Identifying Claims, Reasons, and Evidence</i>		<i>Comparing and Contrasting Presentations</i>
Chapter 2	Analyzing Theme Through Story Elements	Chapter 7	Analyzing Central Ideas
	<i>Analyzing Plot and Conflict</i>		<i>Analyzing Central Ideas</i>
	<i>Identifying Theme</i>		<i>Determining Word Meanings</i>
	<i>Understanding Point of View</i>		<i>Evaluating an Argument</i>
Chapter 3	Understanding Point of View Through Inferences	Chapter 8	Determining Author's Purpose
	<i>Making Inferences</i>		<i>Making an Inference</i>
	<i>Understanding Structure and Purpose</i>		<i>Analyzing Text Structure</i>
	<i>Determining Point of View</i>		<i>Determining Point of View and Purpose</i>
Chapter 4	Determining Characters' Points of View	Chapter 9	Evaluating Reasons and Evidence
	<i>Summarizing Central Ideas</i>		<i>Analyzing Interactions of Ideas, People, and Events</i>
	<i>Understanding Figurative Language</i>		<i>Analyzing Text Structure</i>
	<i>Determining Points of View</i>		<i>Evaluating Reasons and Evidence</i>
Chapter 5	Analyzing Arguments from Different Texts	Chapter 10	Analyzing Point of View
	<i>Identifying Author's Purpose</i>		<i>Citing Evidence</i>
	<i>Evaluating an Argument</i>		<i>Analyzing the Interaction of Story Elements</i>
	<i>Comparing and Contrasting Arguments</i>		<i>Analyzing Points of View</i>
Unit 1	Writing an Argumentative Essay	Unit 2	Writing an Informative Text
Unit 1	Practice Performance Task: Essential Question Essay	Unit 2	Practice Performance Task: Explanatory Essay
Unit 3		Unit 4	
Chapter 11	Analyzing Interactions of People, Ideas, and Events	Chapter 16	Discovering How Story Elements Shape Literature
	<i>Analyzing Interactions of People, Ideas, and Events</i>		<i>Analyzing How Setting Affects Conflict</i>
	<i>Analyzing Text Structure</i>		<i>How Point of View Affects a Story</i>
	<i>Analyzing Point of View and Purpose</i>		<i>Comparing and Contrasting Historical Fiction and Nonfiction</i>
Chapter 12	Analyzing Repetition and Structure in Poetry	Chapter 17	Learning About History Through Fiction
	<i>Determining a Central Idea</i>		<i>Making Inferences</i>
	<i>Examining the Impact of Repeated Sounds</i>		<i>Analyzing an Author's Use of Language</i>
	<i>Analyzing How Structure Helps Develop an Idea</i>		<i>Analyzing a Fictional Account of a Historical Event</i>
Chapter 13	Comparing Presentations of a Topic	Chapter 18	Analyzing the Structure of a Story
	<i>Analyzing the Development of Central Ideas</i>		<i>Analyzing Parallel Stories</i>
	<i>Comparing Media Portrayals of a Topic</i>		<i>Exploring Theme</i>
	<i>Analyzing Presentations of the Same Topic</i>		<i>Analyzing Figurative Language</i>
Chapter 14	Determining Theme	Chapter 19	Analyzing an Author's Portrayal of War
	<i>Comparing Points of View</i>		<i>Analyzing the Impact of Setting on Conflict</i>
	<i>Analyzing the Effects of Setting</i>		<i>Making Inferences About Characters</i>
	<i>Determining Theme</i>		<i>Analyzing Author's Use of Humor</i>
Chapter 15	Analyzing Different Interpretations of Evidence	Chapter 20	Analyzing the Format of a Play
	<i>Finding Supporting Evidence</i>		<i>Determining Theme</i>
	<i>Determining Point of View and Purpose</i>		<i>Analyzing the Unique Format of a Play</i>
	<i>Analyzing Interpretations of Evidence</i>		<i>Analyzing the Purpose of a Scene</i>
Unit 3	Writing a Fictional Narrative	Unit 4	Writing a Research Paper
Unit 3	Practice Performance Task: Argumentative Essay	Unit 4	Practice Performance Task: Comparative Essay

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Grade 8			
Unit 1		Unit 2	
Chapter 1	Analyzing Symbolism and Structure	Chapter 6	Examining Connections and Distinctions
	<i>Making Inferences</i>		<i>Analyzing Categories</i>
	<i>Analyzing Symbolism and Theme</i>		<i>Examining Word Choice and Tone</i>
	<i>Analyzing How Structure Contributes to Meaning</i>		<i>Analyzing How an Author Responds to Other Viewpoints</i>
Chapter 2	Comparing the Themes, Style, and Structure of Multiple Texts	Chapter 7	Understanding the Meanings of Words and Phrases
	<i>Analyzing Theme</i>		<i>Determining the Meaning of Words and Phrases</i>
	<i>Analyzing How Structure Reveals Character</i>		<i>Supporting an Analysis with Evidence</i>
	<i>Comparing the Themes, Style, and Structure of Multiple Texts</i>		<i>Summarizing Fiction</i>
Chapter 3	Analyzing Author's Point of View and Purposes	Chapter 8	Comparing Portrayals of a Topic
	<i>Analyzing Allusions</i>		<i>Supporting an Analysis with Evidence</i>
	<i>Author's Point of View</i>		<i>Analyzing the Structure of a Paragraph</i>
	<i>Author's Purpose</i>		<i>Evaluating Media Portrayals of a Topic</i>
Chapter 4	Analyzing the Structure of a Speech	Chapter 9	Analyzing Versions of a Fictional Incident
	<i>Determining the Central Idea</i>		<i>Analyzing an Incident in a Novel</i>
	<i>Analyzing Text Organizational Structures</i>		<i>Interpreting an Allusion to Another Text</i>
	<i>Analyzing Points of View</i>		<i>Comparing a Text Version to a Filmed Version</i>
Chapter 5	Evaluating Conflicting Arguments	Chapter 10	Analyzing Conflicting Interpretations
	<i>Defining Terms</i>		<i>Analyzing the Development of a Central Idea</i>
	<i>Evaluating an Argument</i>		<i>Evaluating an Argument</i>
	<i>Analyzing Conflicting Information</i>		<i>Analyzing Conflicting Interpretations</i>
Unit 1	Writing an Argumentative Essay	Unit 2	Writing a Comparative Essay
Unit 1	Practice Performance Task: Informative Essay	Unit 2	Practice Performance Task: Argumentative Essay
Unit 3		Unit 4	
Chapter 11	Responding to Frame Narratives	Chapter 16	Analyzing and Comparing Themes
	<i>Examining How Dialogue Propels Plot</i>		<i>Analyzing Character Interaction</i>
	<i>Recognizing the Impact of Words</i>		<i>Determining Theme</i>
	<i>Understanding the Purpose of a Story Within a Story</i>		<i>Comparing Themes</i>
Chapter 12	Analyzing Storytelling Techniques	Chapter 17	Understanding Author's Purpose
	<i>How Dialogue Reveals Character</i>		<i>Analyzing Key Elements</i>
	<i>Recognizing the Effects of Figurative Language</i>		<i>Analyzing Structure</i>
	<i>Identifying the Role of Minor Characters</i>		<i>Determining Author's Purpose</i>
Chapter 13	Reading Narrative Poetry	Chapter 18	Analyzing a Primary Source for Tone and Point of View
	<i>Summarizing Narrative Poetry</i>		<i>Analyzing Central Ideas</i>
	<i>Comparing and Contrasting Narrative Poetry and Prose</i>		<i>Analyzing Tone Through Word Choice</i>
	<i>Placing a Story into Cultural Context</i>		<i>Comparing Points of View in Primary Sources</i>
Chapter 14	Identifying Central Ideas and Point of View	Chapter 19	Evaluating Claims and Evidence
	<i>Analyzing the Development of the Central Idea</i>		<i>Making Inferences</i>
	<i>Recognizing Connections Among Events and People</i>		<i>Analyzing Structure</i>
	<i>Determining the Author's Point of View</i>		<i>Evaluating Claims and Evidence</i>
Chapter 15	How Stories Engage the Reader	Chapter 20	Analyzing the Effectiveness of an Argument
	<i>Making Inferences</i>		<i>Determining Central Idea and Supporting Details</i>
	<i>Identifying Events that Reveal Character</i>		<i>Analyzing the Development of Ideas</i>
	<i>Recognizing How Irony Creates Humor</i>		<i>Evaluating Reasoning and Evidence</i>
Unit 3	Writing a Personal Narrative	Unit 4	Writing a Research Paper
Unit 3	Practice Performance Task: Essay	Unit 4	Practice Performance Task: Argumentative Essay