Power of the Pedagogy

Step-by-Step Standards-Based Lesson Structure

Each of the text-based lessons in a chapter focuses on a key standard.

Chapter Focus—Literary Element

Preview Concepts — **Make Connections** → Activities to engage students, develop context, and introduce academic vocabulary.

Reading Passage/Text →
- Complex texts
- Range of genres
- Grade-level appropriate Lexile levels

Close Reading → Unpacking the standards and scaffolded instruction—develop proficiency and skilled readers—Students focus on a key skill standard as they read and respond to the text.

1. Establish Purpose
2. Develop Questions
3. Discover Evidence
4. Analyze & Evaluate
5. Respond & Share

Close Reading Process

Focus 1 Skill/Standard 1—Skill Check — **Focus 2** Skill/Standard 2—Skill Check — **Focus 3** Skill/Standard 3—Skill Check

Language → Explore the writer's use of language in the selection.

Evaluation →
- Project-based Assessments
- On Your Own: Integrating Ideas
- Connect to Testing

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