

BLUE VALLEY CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

English Language Arts | Fourth Grade

Reading



Unit #: 7 The Wide-Open West

🦬 essential skills	and content	
Overview	What makes the West exceptional? In Unit 7, students will be lead economy, regional characteristics, and life in the Mountain States Time Frame- 4 weeks	arning the social studies concepts of geography and its relation to s and Pacific States.
Essential Questions	How does identifying cause and effect relationships help me better understand the text? How does recalling and retelling events in chronological order support new learning? How does making a generalization help with comprehension? How does visualizing and making predictions help me determine important information? How does using synonyms and context clues help me to identify unfamiliar words?	
Content/Skills	 Target Skill Identify Cause and Effect (RI 4.3) (RL 4.3) Practice Companion Volume 2 page 214 Generalize (RL.4.1) (RI.4.1) Practice Companion Volume 2 page 196 Sequence Events (RCCR.4.3) Practice Companion Volume 2 page 243 Recall and Retell (RL.4.1) (RI.4.1) Practice Companion Volume 2 page 262 Comprehension Strategy Visualize (RL 4.1) (RI 4.1) Practice Companion page 193 Monitor Comprehension (RL 4.1) (RI 4.1) Practice Companion Volume 2 page 211 Making Predictions (RL 4.1) (RI 4.1) Practice Companion Volume 2 page 237 Determining Important Information (RL 4.2) (RI 4.2) Practice Companion Volume 2 page 257 	Suggested skills and strategies to introduce and reinforce with this unit. Theme (RL 4.2) Poetry Elements (RL 4.5) Figurative Language (L 4.5) Author's Purpose (bias and attitude) (RI 4.8) Character Traits (RL 4.3) *Please note that practice companion pages are used to help guide instruction through independent or whole group learning. Suggested tools and resources. Brain Pop *purchased item Discovery Education *purchased item Lead 21 Website Edmodo Thinglink Glogster Padlet

Skills and Strategies may require additional resources and teaching. Word Study and Phonics • Spelling Sounds vv; final e + I; three syllable words; silent consonants (RF 4.3) Practice Companion Volume 2 pages 188, 206, 232, 252 • Synonyms (L 4.5a) E Handbook 6.3g Practice Companion Volume 2 pages 195 & 239 • Context Clues (L 4.4a) E Handbook 6.3b Practice Companion Volume 2 pages 213 & 259 • Descriptive Language (L4.5) Practice Companion Volume 2 page 239 Vocabulary Strategy • Negative Prefixes (RF 4.3a) Practice Companion Volume 2 pages 197 & 244 • Contractions (L 4.3) Practice Companion Volume 2 pages 215 & 263	 Study Island *purchased item STARS and CARS *purchased item Scoot Pad *free and paid versions Common Core Language Arts 4 Today: Daily Skills Practice *purchased item Mountain Language *purchased item Time For Kids *purchased item Scholastic News *purchased item

🐂 balanced assessment		
COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Formative Assessment	Running Records	Weekly Assessments Week 1 and 2 as formatives Practice companion pages Study Island *purchased item STARS and CARS *purchased item Scoot Pad *free and paid versions

Summative Assessment	Quarterly Benchmark Assessment	Weekly Assessments Week 3 and 4 as summative E Handbook-Lead 21 online the last page Differentiated Assessment Vocabulary Quiz based on Theme Reader vocabulary
District-Wide Common Assessment	MAP Kansas State Test Placement Test	

🐂 learning experiences		
COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Suggested Resources/ Learning Experiences	LEAD 21 Close Reading-strategy/skill two to three a week	
Content Literacy		
Technology / Media	LEAD 21- online field trip	 SMART-Resources LEAD 21 online games and resources EDMODO Discovery Education *purchased item Study Island *purchase Brain Pop * purchase Book Flix *purchase IXL *purchase Tumble Books *purchase Pebble Go Read Naturally
Differentiation / Intervention	Differentiated Readers Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) (Reading Support) Literacy Centers	LEAD 21-online coaching

🦬 content-specifi	c components	
COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
	Inquiry Process 21 st Century Skills Research Note Taking & Paraphrasing Collaboration Listening Skills Evaluate & Cite Sources Use Library Resources	 Possible Inquiry Questions How does climate and geography affect the Mountain States? How was the Moffat Tunnel through the Rocky Mountains built? How was the Grand Canyon formed? What challenges did people face settling in the west? How did Hollywood become the center of the movie making industry in the U.S.?
		Presentation Ideas: