

## BLUE VALLEY CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

## **English Language Arts | Third Grade**

Reading



Unit #: 3	Geography and Economics -	

🦬 essential skil	ls and content	
Overview	How does geography shape a community?	
	Time Frame – 4 weeks	
Essential Questions	How can I ask and answer questions? How can I paraphrase? How can I monitor comprehension while reading? How can I sequence events within a text?	
Content/Skills	Target Skill  Paraphrase (RI.3.8)+ Use Text Feature: Captions (RI3.5) Maps  Sequence Events (RI.3.3)+ Comprehension Strategies Ask and answer questions (RI.3.1)+ Monitor comprehension (RI.3.1) Word Study and Phonic Noun Suffixes (ar,er,or) (Ex. farm/farmer, edit/editor) (L.3.2e) Inflected endings (ed, ing) (L.3.1.e) Spelling Unexpected consonant patterns (L.3.2.f) Vowel sounds in clown (L.3.2.f) Vowel sound in jay (L.3.2.f) Vocabulary Strategies Multiple-meaning words (RL.3.4) Context clues (RL.3.4)	<ul> <li>+ Additional reading sources for Sequence of Events         <ul> <li>Stella Louella Runaway Book by Lisa Campbell Ernst 640L</li> <li>Train to Somewhere by Eve Bunting 44L</li> <li>On Market Street by Arnold Lobel</li> <li>Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible by Judith Viorst 970L</li> <li>The Napping House by Audrey Wood 450L</li> </ul> </li> <li>+Additional resources for Ask and Answer Questions         <ul> <li>Never Spit on Your Shoes by Denys Cazet 280L</li> <li>+Additional resources for Plot</li> <li>William's Doll by Charlotte Tolotow 840L</li> <li>Strega Nona by Tomie DePaola 660L</li> <li>+Additional resources for Paraphrasing</li> <li>The Star-Spangled Banner by Tyler Monroe 680L</li> <li>John Henry by Julius Lester 640L</li> <li>The Blues of Flats Brown by Walter Dean Myers 510L</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<ul> <li>Literary Elements (RL.3.2, RL.3.3, RL.3.5, RL.3.7)</li> <li>Plot (RL.3.9)+</li> </ul>	

🐂 balanced assessment		
COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Formative Assessment		Weekly Unit Assessments Note: Weekly Assessments for this unit use terms that may need to be emphasized for example: Week 1: Paraphrasing – Q #6 "Which is the best paraphrase for this sentence?" Week 2: Paraphrase – 3 questions on assessment Week 3: Main Problem – Q #6 "How does the queen solve the main problem in the story?" Week 4: none  Differentiated Unit Test
Summative Assessment		Weekly Unit Assessments Differentiated Unit Test
District-Wide Common Assessment		

learning experiences		
COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Suggested Resources/ Learning Experiences	LEAD21	Literature:  Me on the Map by Joan Sweeney 280L  I Fly by Anne Rockwell 560L

COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Content Literacy		
Technology / Media	LEAD 21 Virtual Field Trips / e-tools	Differentiated Readers on-line
Differentiation / Intervention	Differentiated Readers Literacy Centers	Theme Bibliography located in Teacher's Lesson Guide pgs. 304-305 Differentiated Leveled Selections

🦬 content-specific components			
COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED	
Inquiry	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills	Presentation Ideas: Inquiry Question: How does the climate and geography of (state name) affect what kind of jobs people have?	