

BLUE VALLEY CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

English Language Arts | Third Grade

Reading



Unit #: 7	Government and Citizenship

🐂 essential skills and content			
Overview	In what ways do people make a difference? Time Frame – 4 weeks		
Essential Questions	How can I determine the author's purpose? How can text features aid in helping understand the text? How can I paraphrase the text after reading? How can I sequence events within the text? How can I generalize information? How can I determine the most important information in a selection? How can I make inferences while reading? How can I summarize the text?		
Learning Targets			
Content/Skills	Target Skills Determine Author's Purpose+ Text Features: Basic Labels (RI.3.5) Charts with rows and columns Paraphrase (RI.3.8) Sequence Events (RI.3.3)+ Generalize (RL.3.2) Comprehension Strategy Determine Important Information (RI.3.2) Make Inferences (RI.3.8) Make Predictions (RI.3.8) Summarize (RI.3.2)+	+Additional reading sources for Author's Purpose • Duck for President by Doreen Cronin 680L (Persuade) • Owls by Gail Gibbons 760L (Inform) • Favorite Authors (Entertain) +Additional reading resources for Sequence Events • The Day Jimmy Boa's Ate the Wash by Trinka Hakes Noble 540L • Flossy and the Fox by Patricia McKissack 610L +Additional reading resources for Summarizing • Mariette on a High Wire by Emily Arnold 580L +Additional reading resources for	

Word Study and Phonics

🐂 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: "The main purpose of the selection" (question 5) Week 2: none Week 3: "What event is the climax of the story?" (question 3) Week 4: Identify the summary (questions 1,3, and 4) Differentiated Unit Test
Summative Assessment		Weekly Unit Assessments Differentiated Unit Test
District-Wide Common Assessment		

COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Suggested Resources/ Learning Experiences	LEAD21	Literature: The Dot by Peter Reynolds 500L The Gardener by Sarah Stewart 570L John, Paul, George, and Ben by Elaine Smith 660L In Good Hands: Behind the Scenes of Orphaned and Injured Birds by Stephen Swinburne 920L
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 st Century Skills Listening Evaluate Sources Use Library Resources Inquiry	Presentation Ideas: Community Projects / Volunteers Community Leader Speaker – Brainstormed questions for the Community Leader		