

BLUE VALLEY CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

English Language Arts | Fifth GradeWriting



Unit: 2 Historical Fiction

essential sk	ills and content	
Overview	Historical fiction stories take place in the past. Historical fiction stories have characters, settings, and events based on historical facts. The characters can be based on real people or made up. The dialogue is made up. But the information about the time period must be authentic, or factually accurate. W.5.2 W.5.3 W.5.4 W.5.5 W.5.6 W.5.7 W.5.8 W.5.9 W.5.10 Time Frame-4 weeks	
Essential Questions	How can I use historical information to write a fictional story about a historical time period? How can I use the writing process to create a published piece of writing?	
Learning Targets		
Content/Skills	 Writing: Mentor historical fiction stories Features of historical fiction Brainstorming possible issues Narrowing focus (BLM 1) Explain problem/solution Developing strong characters and setting Voice; use distinct voices for characters in dialogue Selective research Organize ideas (BLM 3,5) Draft and publish Self-reflection 	Additional Lessons

Grammar:	
 Indefinite Pronouns (BLM 7, 9 for lessons on pgs. 28, 42) Past perfect tense (BLM 4, 8 for lessons on pgs. 18,32) Punctuating dialogue 	

🐂 balanced assessment		
COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Formative Assessment	Historical Fiction	
Summative Assessment		
District-Wide Common Assessment		

🐂 learning experiences		
COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Suggested Resources/ Learning Experiences	Benchmark Writing	 Pink and Say by Polacco When Jessie Came Across the Sea by Hest White Socks Only by Coleman Baseball Saved Us by Mochizuki Redcoats and Petticoats by Kirkpatrick
Content Literacy	 Respond to and interpret text Analyze the genre Distinguish and evaluate fact and opinion Identify main idea and supporting details 	
Technology / Media		Computers for word processing

COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Differentiation / Intervention	Conferencing with students	
	Mini-lessons as needed	

🦬 content-specific co	mponents	
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