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Reading: Literature and Key Ideas

Essential Skill: Identify and understand a range of genres

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class Discussion Ask: What is your favorite book? What genre is it?	Literary Genres Movie From mystery thrillers to hilarious comedies, explore how stories in each literary genre are defined by the conventions they share.	Primary Source Activity Watch the video clips, then cite evidence to answer the accompanying questions.	Quiz What did you learn about literary genres?	Types of Writing Mood and Tone Plot

Essential Skill: Identify and understand themes.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class Discussion Ask: What is the theme of your favorite book or movie?	Theme Movie Learn how authors use story elements like plot and characterization to develop a theme.	Primary Source Activity Review the Aesop's fables, and use evidence to answer the	Challenge Use critical thinking skills to show what you know about theme.	Plot



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Essential Skill: Identify story elements: Plot.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class Discussion Ask: What elements make a story engaging?	Plot Movie Learn the structure of most stories, from exposition to resolution and all the action in between.	Make a Concept Map Choose a favorite book or movie, and map out the story elements. Be sure to include plot, setting, theme, and characters.	Challenge Use critical thinking to show what you know about plot.	Theme Mood and Tone Point of View

Essential Skill: Identify author's purpose through the type of writing used.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class Discussion Read aloud a text, such as an ad, a news article, or a story.	Types of Writing Movie Explore the three main types of writing: narrative, informational, and opinion.	Make a Concept Map Choose a text: article, recipe, book, etc. Note the text and author's purpose in the center of	Challenge Use critical thinking to show what you know about types of writing.	<u>Literary Genres</u>



Ask: Does this text inform, persuade, or entertain? How do you know?	the concept map and the clues that helped you identify the author's purpose.	
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Reading: Literature/Craft and Structure

Essential Skill: Review elements of figurative language.

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Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Which is an example of figurative language?	Figurative Language Movie Review how figurative language, like similes, metaphors, and hyperbole, add extra impact to writing.	Make a Commercial Sell a new kind of sneaker using at least three types of figurative language to persuade people to buy them.	Quiz What did you learn about figurative language?	Poetry Similes and Metaphors

Essential Skill: Understand how point-of-view or purpose can shape content and style.

Warm Up Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
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Discussion Ask: <i>How does the</i>	on the role of point of view in a text.	Make a Concept Map Compare and contrast first person, third person omniscient, and third person objective point of view.	Challenge Use critical thinking to show what you know about point of view.	Mood and Tone Show, Not Tell
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Reading: Informational Text/Key Ideas and Details

Essential Skill: Determine main idea.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment What do you know about main idea and supporting details?	Main Idea Movie Learn how to find the main idea of a text, and supporting details.	Make a Concept Map Read one of the informational articles. Make a concept map identifying its main idea and supporting details.	Challenge Use critical thinking skills to show what you know about main idea and details.	Paraphrasing Outlines



Writing: Text Types and Purposes

Essential Skill: Use graphic organizers for prewriting.

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Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class Discussion Display graphic organizers, such as structure maps, spider maps, Venn diagrams or plot diagrams. Ask: How would you use each type of graphic organizer?	Concept Mapping Movie Learn how to use concept maps to connect ideas and concepts.	Make a Concept Map Read one of the informational articles, and organize the information on the concept map.	Quiz What did you learn about concept mapping?	Prewriting: Organizing Your Thoughts Note Taking Skills

Essential Skill: Understand different purposes of writing: to inform, persuade or entertain.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class Discussion Read aloud a text, such	Types of Writing Movie Discover how to write with purpose by using	Make a Concept Map Compare and contrast the purpose and	Challenge Use critical thinking to show what you	<u>Literary Genres</u>



as an ad, a news article, or a story. Ask: Does it inform, persuade, or entertain? How do you know?	one of the three main types of writing: narrative, informational, or opinion.	features of narrative, informational, and opinion writing.	know about types of writing.	
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Essential Skill: Understand and produce main sentence types.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment What are the four main types of sentences?	Types of Sentences Movie Learn about the different sentence types: declarative, imperative, interrogative, and exclamatory.	Make a Concept Map Find examples of each type of sentence in the informational articles. Type each sentence type into the concept map and identify it.	Quiz What did you learn about types of sentences?	Strengthening Sentences Diagramming Sentences



Persuasive Writing

Essential Skill: Create persuasive writing with valid reasons and relevant evidence.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Where in a five- paragraph essay would you first state your argument or opinion?	Five-Paragraph Essay Movie Learn how a five- paragraph essay can help organize ideas to make a strong, well-supported argument.	Make-a-Movie Take a stand on an issue you feel passionate about. Using elements of a five- paragraph essay, make a movie persuading viewers	Quiz What did you learn about five-paragraph essays?	Prewriting: Organizing Your Thoughts Citing Sources

Essential Skill: Show understanding of a topic by citing information from credible sources.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class Discussion	Citing Sources Movie Learn how to format	Make-a-Movie Make a how-to video	Challenge Use critical thinking	Online Sources
Ask: Why is it important to cite the sources that	MLA citations for sources like articles,	teaching viewers to make a bibliography	to show what you know about citing	<u>Research</u>
you use in your writing?	movies, or books in your		sources.	<u>Plagiarism</u>



bibliography.	that cites a book and an article.	

Essential Skill: Use words, phrases, and clauses to demonstrate relationships between claims and evidence.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Which statement of evidence supports the claim?	Critical Reasoning Movie Learn how to figure out when a claim is true or made up.	Make a Concept Map Make a claim or argument, and identify evidence to support it.	Challenge Use critical thinking to show what you know about critical reasoning.	<u>Research</u>

Explanatory/Informative Writing

Essential Skill: Demonstrate ability to develop a topic with facts, definitions, details, and examples.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class	Pre-Writing:	Make a Concept Map	Quiz	Prewriting:



Discussion Ask: What are strategies	Organizing Your Thoughts Movie	Organize facts, definitions, details, and	What did you learn about pre-writing	Choosing a Topic
for organizing your	Discover how to	examples about a	strategies?	Writing Process
thoughts and ideas	organize ideas before	favorite animal as a		
before you start writing?	you write.	pre-writing exercise.		<u>Outlines</u>

Narrative Writing

Essential Skill: Employ use of relevant, descriptive details in writing a story.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Which statement tells rather than shows?	Show, Not Tell Movie Discover how writers bring narration to life with vivid descriptions.	Make-a-Movie Tell a story of a character who gets caught in a thunderstorm. Use descriptive language and sensory details to show, not tell.	Quiz What did you learn about showing, not telling in writing?	Mood and Tone Similes and Metaphors



Essential Skill: Practice writing in sequence.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class Discussion Ask: What is something that might be written in a specific sequence?	Writing in Sequence Movie Learn how to write in sequence using transition words to connect the ideas.	Make-a-Movie Using transition words, make a movie teaching how to do something, like play a game, do a dance, or bake a cake.	Quiz What did you learn about writing in sequence?	Writing Process Concept Mapping

Essential Skill: Demonstrate techniques, such as dialogue, to develop characters and the story.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class Discussion Ask: How does dialogue reveal characters' personalities?	Dialogue Movie Learn how to recognize and write dialogue.	Make-a-Movie Tell a story of two hikers who get lost in the woods. Use dialogue to express their different personalities, like confidence or anxiety.	Challenge Use critical thinking to show what you know about dialogue.	<u>Drama</u>



Writing: Production and Distribution of Writing

Essential Skill: Demonstrate ability to use the writing process.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment What is the sequence of steps in the writing	Writing Process Movie Discover the steps of the writing process,	Make a Concept Map Using the In Practice article as a guide, plan	Quiz What did you learn about the writing	Prewriting: Choosing a Topic
process?	from note-taking to publishing.	and write a paragraph on a familiar topic.	process?	Strengthening Sentences

Essential Skill: Recognize and avoid run-on sentences.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment How can you fix a run-on sentence?	Run-On Sentences Movie Learn to recognize and fix run-on sentences.	Make a Concept Map Show three ways to correct this run-on sentence: "Moby thinks orange is an underrated color he should know."	Challenge Use critical thinking skills to show what you know about run-on sentences.	Strengthening Sentences



Essential Skill: Expand, reduce, and combine sentences to improve readability.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class Discussion Write this on the board: "The picture painted by Moby was less nice than the painting Moby made last time." Ask: How can you revise this sentence?	1	Make a Concept Map Show different ways to strengthen a weak sentence.	Quiz What did you learn about strengthening sentences?	Run-On Sentences Sentence Fragments

Language: Conventions of Standard English

Essential Skill: Review and correctly use the eight parts of speech.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class Discussion Write this on the board: "Silly Sally sheepishly sells shiny seashells."	Parts of Speech Movie Review the basic parts of speech: nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs.	Play a Sorting Game Sort words by part of speech.	Challenge Use critical thinking skills to show what you know about the eight parts of speech.	Nouns Verbs and their Objects



Ask: Which words are		<u>Adverbs</u>
verbs, nouns, adjectives,		
and adverbs?		<u>Adjectives</u>

Essential Skill: Demonstrate an understanding of pronouns.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment What can you conclude about what type of word a personal pronoun replaces?	Personal Pronouns Movie Find out how personal pronouns refer to their antecedents.	Make-a-Movie Make a movie that includes at least three examples of personal pronouns.	Quiz What did you learn about personal pronouns?	<u>I vs. Me</u> <u>They're, Their, and</u> <u>There</u>

Essential Skill: Demonstrate proper use of punctuation.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Identify which situation requires commas.	Punctuation Movie Explore the function of different punctuation.	Make a Concept Map Identify each type of punctuation you learned about and construct a sample	Quiz What did you learn about punctuation?	Semicolons Colons Hyphens and



	sentence using the punctuation.	<u>Dashes</u>
	•	Types of Sentences

Essential Skill: Demonstrate proper use of capitalization.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment What do you know about when to capitalize words?	Capitalization Movie Learn the rules of capitalization.	Make a Concept Map Show how the word "may" must be capitalized in at least three different situations.	Quiz What did you learn about capitalization?	Nouns Diagramming Sentences



Vocabulary Development

Essential Skill: Use a dictionary and thesaurus to determine word origin, pronunciation, meaning and part of speech.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Quiz What do you know about dictionaries and thesauruses?	Dictionary and Thesaurus Movie Review how to look up and learn about words and their meanings.	Make-a-Movie Create a tutorial that teaches viewers how to use a dictionary or a thesaurus.	Challenge Use critical thinking skills to show what you know about using dictionaries and thesauruses.	Etymology Antonyms, Synonym, and Homonyms

Essential Skill: Use synonyms and antonyms to help clarify word meaning.

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Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class Discussion Write the word "right" on the board. Ask: What is a synonym	Antonyms, Synonyms, and Homonyms Movie Explore the relationship among antonyms, synonyms, and	Make a Concept Map Identify an antonym, synonym, and homonym for the word "right." Use each in a	Challenge Use critical thinking to show what you know about antonyms, synonyms,	Dictionary and Thesaurus



for this word? An antonym? A homonym?	homonyms.	sentence that communicates its	and homonyms.	
		meaning.		