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Reading: Literature/Key Ideas & Details

Essential Skill: Identify theme and determine its development.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Why is a story's theme sometimes difficult to figure out?	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 accompanying questions.	Challenge Use critical thinking skills to show what you know about theme.	<u>Plot</u> <u>Literary Genres</u>

Essential Skill: Identify story elements: plot.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Who is the antagonist in this well-known story?	Plot Movie Discover the chain of events that drive a story's action and get	Make a Concept Map Pick a story and break down its plot into a Freytag Pyramid.	Challenge Apply critical thinking skills to show what you know about plot.	<u>Drama</u>



readers hooked.		

Reading: Craft & Structure

Essential Skill: Review elements of figurative language.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Which sentence is an example of figurative language?	Figurative Language Movie Discover how figurative language, like similes, metaphors, and hyperbole, give words extra impact.	Make a Concept Map Identify at least three types of figurative language, and give an example of each.	Quiz What did you learn about figurative language?	Similes and Metaphors



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 can a title tell you about a main idea?	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.	Critical Reasoning Five-Paragraph Essay

Writing: Text Types and Purposes

Essential Skill: Recognize the difference between writing to inform, persuade, or entertain.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class Discussion	Type of Writing Movie Explore the three main	Make a Concept Map	Quiz What did you learn	<u>Literary Genres</u>



Read aloud a text, such as an ad, a news article, or a story. Ask: Does this text inform, persuade, or entertain? How do you know?	types of writing: narrative, informational, and opinion.	Identify the three types of writing and share an example of each.	about the three main types of writing?	
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Persuasive/Argumentative 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 Learn about a five-paragraph essay formula that can help you make a strong, well-supported argument.	Make a Concept Map Identify the components of a five-paragraph essay, and what each paragraph achieves.	Quiz What did you learn about writing a five-paragraph essay?	Writing In Sequence Prewriting: Choosing a Topic



Essential Skill: Show understanding of a topic by using credible sources.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Where would you find an ".edu" domain?	Citing Sources Movie Learn how to format MLA citations for every type of source in your bibliography.	Make a Concept Map Create a map showing how, why and when to cite sources.	Challenge Use critical thinking skills to show what you know about citing sources.	Research Prewriting: Choosing a Topic

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 arguments can be broken down into claims, evidence, and reasoning	Make a Concept Map Make a claim or argument, and identify evidence to support it	Challenge Use critical thinking skills to show what you know about using evidence to support points in a text.	Main Idea Media Literacy



Explanatory/Informative Writing

Essential Skill: Use strategies to organize information prior to writing.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment What do you know about prewriting to organize your thoughts?	Prewriting: Organizing Your Thoughts Learn how prewriting can keep you focused and save you time.	Make a Concept Map Identify the steps of the prewriting process.	Quiz What did you learn about prewriting to organize your thoughts?	Parts of Speech Prewriting: Choosing a Topic

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 Learn how writers can make narration come to life using vivid descriptions.	Make a Concept Map Think of an event from your own life that might make a good story. List all of the sensory details	Quiz What did you learn about showing, not telling?	Idioms and Cliches Figurative Language



Essential Skill: Organize the sequence of the story.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Place the events in sequence.	Writing In Sequence Movie Discover what it means to write in sequence.	Make-a-Movie Describe a process, such as tying a shoelace or making a sandwich, using sequence words.	Quiz What did you learn about writing in sequence?	Prewriting: Choosing a Topic

Essential Skill: Demonstrate use of 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	<u>Dialogue Movie</u>	Make-a-Movie Retell a favorite story as	Challenge Use critical thinking	<u>Filmmaking</u>



Ask: How does dialogue reveal characters' personalities?	Discover how to make your dialogue sound realistic, so that your characters seem more lifelike.	a movie, using dialogue between the characters.	skills to show what you know about dialogue	Point of View
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Writing: Production and Distribution of Writing

Essential Skill: Demonstrate ability to plan, draft, revise, edit, and rewrite.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment What is the order of steps in the writing process?	Writing Process Movie Discover the stages of the writing process, from pre-writing to publishing.	Make a Concept Map Identify the stages and sequence of the writing process.	Quiz What did you learn about the writing process?	Pre-Writing: Choosing a Topic



Essential Skill: Recognize and avoid run-on sentences.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Identify the run-on sentence.	Run-On Sentences Movie Learn how run-on sentences happen, what they look like, and two ways to fix them.	Make-a-Movie Make a tutorial describing ways to fix run-on sentences.	Challenge Use critical thinking skills to show what you know about run-on sentences.	Sentence Fragments 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 How would you strengthen the	Strengthening Sentences Movie Discover how to write	Make-a-Movie Make a video tutorial on how to turn weak	Quiz What did you learn about strengthening	Active and Passive Voice
sentence?	stronger, clearer, and	sentences into strong ones.	sentences?	Types of Sentences



more attention- grabbing sentences.		

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: Five cute kittens sleep lazily in the sun. Ask: Which words are nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs?	Parts of Speech Movie Learn about the four main parts of speech including nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs.	Play a Sorting Game Sort words by part of speech.	Quiz What did you learn about parts of speech?	Nouns Verbs and their Objects Adverbs Adjectives



Essential Skill: Show knowledge of subject/verb agreement.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Select the verb that agrees with this sentence's subject.	Subject-Verb Agreement Movie Learn about subject-verb agreement and how it works in sentences.	Make-a-Movie Create a video tutorial describing how to make subjects and verbs agree.	Quiz What did you learn about subject-verb agreement?	Diagramming Sentences Subject and Predicate

Essential Skill: Identify difference between phrases and clauses and their function in specific sentences.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment What is the difference between an independent clause and a dependent clause?	Clauses Movie Find out when a group of words become a clause, and the difference between independent and dependent clauses.	Make a Concept Map Create and identify clauses that act as nouns, adjectives, and adverbs.	Quiz What did you learn about clauses?	Sentence Fragments Diagramming Sentences



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	Quiz What did you learn about punctuation?	Hyphens and Dashes
·		about and type a sample sentence using the punctuation.	·	<u>Colons</u> Semicolons

Essential Skill: Demonstrate proper use of capitalization.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More BrainPOP Topics
Pre-Assessment Identify the proper noun.	Capitalization Movie Learn the rules of capitalization.	Make a Concept Map Identify at least three capitalization rules and provide an example of each.	Quiz What did you learn about capitalization?	Nouns Types of Sentences



Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

Essential Skill: Determine unknown word meaning by using context clues.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Identify the word that means the opposite of another word.	Context Clues Movie Discover how context clues help you detect the meaning of unknown words.	Meaning of Beep Game Use your context clue smarts to figure out the meaning of unknown words!	Quiz What did you learn about context clues?	Antonyms, Synonyms, and Homonyms Reading Skills

Essential Skill: Use and understand common Greek or Latin affixes and roots to decipher word meaning.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment How does the prefix "un-" change the meaning of the root	Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes Movie Expand your vocabulary with prefixes, suffixes,	Make a Concept Map Select a word, such as "move," and make new words you can create by	Quiz What did you learn about roots, prefixes, and suffixes?	Etymology Main Idea



word?		adding prefixes, suffixes, or both.		
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Essential Skill: Use resources (dictionary, thesaurus) to determine word meaning, pronunciation, and part of speech.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Quiz Which definition will be listed first in a dictionary?	Dictionary and Thesaurus Movie Discover the differences between these two reference resources and how they can help you.	Make a Concept Map Make a map identifying the differences between using a dictionary and thesaurus and how you use each.	Challenge Use critical thinking skills to show what you know about dictionaries and thesauruses.	Etymology

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

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Quiz Identify the homophone.	Antonyms, Synonyms, and Homonyms Movie Learn about the three word groups and how	Make a Concept Map Add the word "plain" to the center of a map. Identify a synonym,	Challenge Use critical thinking skills to show what you know about	Parts of Speech



	antonym, and homonym. Write a sentence using each.	synonyms, antonyms, and homonyms.	