

Quinton Township School District
English Language Arts Literacy-Reading
Grade 8
[Pacing Guide](#)

Unit:	1	Unit Title:	Social Issues Book Clubs	Pacing:	45 Days
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Unit Summary:

“The topic of social issues, the lens for reading in this unit, is a topic that matters greatly to the young human beings who enter our classrooms every day. In middle school, many kinds of issues start to weigh more heavily on students: relationship issues, school issues, and a growing awareness of larger societal pressures. There can be serious consequences to the spiraling troubles that surround middle school kids.

A recent Washington Post article titled ‘Does Reading Make You a Better Person?’ concludes that the answer to the title question is ‘Yes!’ Reading literature especially has proven to increase people’s ability to empathize with others, and to be more socially aware. A driving force in this unit is the power of reading to transform how we see others and to show us new ways to be kind, to connect, and to stand up for what’s right.”

-Heinemann

Connect with *The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton and *Narrative Writing Workshop*.

Short stories including "Her Story" by Padma Venkatraman and non-fiction articles with authors such as Ban Zhao and Surabhi Surendra are shared with students to offer alternate perspectives and interpretations of social issues. @

The language standards that address vocabulary, both literal and figurative, are taught concurrently with all reading units. The vocabulary unit can be found at the end of this document.

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Objectives:**Bend I**

1. SWBAT participate in the class read-aloud and add the lens of relationships to the close reading work that they already know how to do as they read their book club books.
2. SWBAT continue studying relationships, taking on the added possible lens of finding positive and negatives.
3. SWBAT participate in small group conversations on their novel(s).
4. SWBAT read closely for more implicit signs of characters contributing to tension.
5. SWBAT plan for how to minimize relationship issues in future talks; making text to real-life connections.
6. SWBAT challenge themselves to discuss one idea for a longer amount of time, using strategies noted in the exemplar talk.
7. SWBAT read independently for an extended period of time.
8. SWBAT analyze how and why power affects relationships during the read-aloud and in independent reading.
9. SWBAT add the concept of studying colliding character traits to the ways they know to study relationships while meeting in book club groups.
10. SWBAT reflect on relationships with books to decide on a future course of study.

Bend II

11. SWBAT notice when characters' issues are not personal, but group-related, and to consider ways group-related issues affect characters and stories.
12. SWBAT determine whether or not the issues that the characters in their stories are facing relate in some way to a group's access, or lack of access, to power.
13. SWBAT participate in a club talk, comparing notes about the issues they are tracking in their stories.
14. SWBAT analyze how simple literary themes fit or don't fit with stories, leading to deeper insights.
15. SWBAT write long to further explore theme.
16. SWBAT analyze how characters respond in complex, unique ways to the issues they face.
17. SWBAT discuss terminology for group-related issues as a whole class and in small groups.
18. SWBAT consider whether parts of the story have positive or negative connotations.
19. SWBAT analyze the positive and negative connotations of the story overall.
20. SWBAT analyze images related to common gender stereotypes to build muscles for considering whether a text is reinforcing

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common stereotypes or assumptions about a group versus when the text is challenging them.

21. SWBAT think about the ways their texts do or do not reinforce stereotypes.
22. SWBAT reflect on all they have discovered over the course of the reading unit and ponder questions they still have.
23. SWBAT consider why people don't do more to stop power imbalance or intolerant acts.
24. SWBAT consider how people can help to make these issues less painful, less persistent for groups and individuals.
25. SWBAT connect everything they have learned and reflect on the above questions through analyzing a short film.

Bend III

26. SWBAT understand that reading is shaped not just by a text, but by a reader's own life and experiences.
27. SWBAT make text-to-self connections as they keep their own lives and experiences in mind while reading.
28. SWBAT use their personal responses to better understand characters or situations.
29. SWBAT understand that they can use reading with others to learn about each other and their lives.
30. SWBAT identify with less likable and less admirable characters.
31. SWBAT notice when the villains of the story connect to a less likable part of themselves.
32. SWBAT curate text sets for the classroom library and make plans to continue reading together

Essential Questions:

- How can we ensure that conflicts lead to constructive change and a positive outcome for everyone involved?
- What role(s) do I play in defining my own future?
- How do we form and shape a personal identity for ourselves?
- How do our relationships with others change us?
- In a culture where we are bombarded with other people trying to define us, how do we make decisions for ourselves?
- What are the elements of true friendship and how might these change or grow over time?
- How do we overcome prejudice and social bias?
- In a culture full of ideas and images of what we should be, how do we form an identity that remains true and authentic

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for the individual?

- Why do we sometimes oppress each other when we gain power?
- Is there a price to obtaining freedom from oppression? If so, what is it? @
- How do we determine the ideals that should be honored in a model society and explain why they are the most important?
- How does conflict lead to change across varying levels of society?
- What are the benefits and consequences of questioning/challenging authority?

New Jersey Student Learning Standards/Learning Targets:

Bend I

1. RL.CR.8.1, RL.CI.8.2, RL.KL.8.2; L.VI.8.4, RL.TS.8.4, RL.PP.8.5; W.NW.8.3, W.WP.8.4; SL.PE.8.1, SL.II.8.2; SL.PI.8.4; L.SS.8.1; L.KL.8.2; L.VL.8.3; L.VI.8.4
2. RL.CR.8.1, RL.CI.8.2, RL.KL.8.2; L.VI.8.4, RL.TS.8.4, RL.PP.8.5, W.AW.8.1; W.NW.8.3, W.WP.8.4; SL.PE.8.1, SL.II.8.2; SL.PI.8.4; L.SS.8.1; L.KL.8.2; L.VL.8.3; L.VI.8.4
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Bend II

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Bend III

15. RL.CR.8.1, RL.CI.8.2, RL.KL.8.2; L.VI.8.4, RL.TS.8.4, RL.PP.8.5; W.AW.8.1, W.NW.8.3, W.WP.8.4; SL.PE.8.1, SL.II.8.2; SL.PI.8.4; L.SS.8.1; L.KL.8.2; L.VL.8.3; L.VI.8.4
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Interdisciplinary Connections: 6.3.8.CivicsPD.3, 6.3.8.CivicsDP.1, 2.1.5.SSH.3, 6.1.8.CivicsDP.1, MS-ETS1-4

Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills: 9.1.8.PB.5, 9.4.8.CT.2

Computer Science and Design Thinking: 9.4.8.IML.7, 8.1.8.IC.1,

Career Education: 9.2.8.CAP.2, 9.2.8.CAP.3

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Overview of Activities	Teacher's Guide/ Resources	Core Instructional Materials	Technology Infusion
Bend 1			
Session 1 Today, through read-aloud, I want to teach you that readers can shift from focusing on individual characters to characters' relationships—and to expect to see issues in those relationships. By reading on, readers' initial ideas about relationships shift and they start to see what's really happening between the characters.	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend 1: Read Aloud: Reading for Trouble and Discerning Relationship Issues <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Recommended read-aloud text, <i>First French Kiss and Other Traumas</i>, by Adam Bagdasarian	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Session 2 Today I want to teach you that readers pay careful attention to how each character contributes to relationship issues, even if the characters themselves don't see that they are partly to blame. Readers study characters' actions and reactions, asking, 'How does each character contribute to the trouble?'	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend 1: Weighing Characters' Relationships for the Positive and Negative--in Literature and in Life <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • "My Side of the Story" from <i>First French Kiss</i> by Adam Bagdasarian • To Work Towards More Positive Relationships chart • Anchor Chart: Readers Look for Issues in Characters' Relationships	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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Session 3 Today I want to teach you that readers pay careful attention to how each character contributes to relationship issues, even if the characters themselves don't see that they are partly to blame. Readers study characters' actions and reactions, asking, "How does each character contribute to the trouble?"	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend 1: Noticing How Characters Contribute to Relationship Issues through Actions and Reactions <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Link to trailer for Inside Out • "My Side of the Story" from First French Kiss by Adam Bagdasarian • Anchor Chart: Readers Look for Issues in Characters' Relationships • To Think Deeply about Characters...mini anchor chart from A Deep Study of Character • To Investigate Themes...mini anchor chart from A Deep Study of Character • To Investigate the Influence of Settings on Characters...mini anchor chart from A Deep Study of Character	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
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Session 4 Today, let's use our minilesson time for an inquiry. We're going to study a transcript of an actual middle school book club discussion. We won't try to see everything. Some moves you have already been working on, and I've been coaching into—like challenging yourselves to read a lot, and opening your books to read aloud citations during your club talks. Today, let's study this club to ask this question: "What moves do book club members make so that they grow ideas together?"	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend 1: Club Work that Fuels Reading Plans and Deeper Thoughtful Talk <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● Transcript of book club discussion ● To Grow Ideas Together Book Club Talk chart ● Anchor Chart: Readers Look for Issues in Characters' Relationships	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device
Session 5 Today, through read-aloud, I want to teach you that readers try to understand how and why power dynamics between characters affect their relationships by asking, "Who has more power in this relationship? Who has less? How does this power differential cause trouble in the relationship?"	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend 1: Read-Aloud: Analyzing How and Why Power Affects Relationships <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● "My Side of the Story" from <i>First French Kiss</i> by Adam Bagdasarian ● Annotated version of "My Side of the Story" from <i>First French Kiss</i> by Adam Bagdasarian ● When Studying Power,	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

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		Pay Attention To...chart ● Anchor Chart: Readers Look for Issues in Characters' Relationships	
Session 6 Today I want to teach you that two characters might clash because of something entrenched and long-lasting about their traits. We can analyze the reasons for these traits colliding to come to deeper thinking about the characters and their relationship.	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend 1: Studying When Character Traits Collide <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● "Moana Argues with Her Father" scene from <i>Moana</i> ● When Traits Collide chart Anchor Chart: Readers Look for Issues in Characters' Relationships To Work Towards More Positive Relationships chart	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device
Session 7 Today, I want to teach you that your study of an issue that intrigues you does not need to end when a book ends. Readers can carry forward their study of an issue into future reading.	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend 1: Reflecting on Relationships with Books to Decide on a Future	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

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	Course of Study <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo		
Bend II			
Session 8 Today, through read-aloud, I want to teach you that it's important for readers to notice when characters' issues are not personal, but group-related, and to consider ways group-related issues affect characters and stories.	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend II: Read-Aloud: Thinking about Groups as Sources of Issues <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • "Inside Out" from <i>The Circuit</i> by Francisco Jiménez • Annotated version of "Inside Out" from <i>The Circuit</i> by Francisco Jiménez • "Together We Make Football: Sam Gordon" from the NFL • Tracking Possible Groups chart • Anchor Chart: Readers Look for Group-Related Issues • Social Groups Can Be Based On...chart	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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Session 9 Today I want to teach you that when thinking about the issues that a group of people encounters, it helps to ask, “How might this issue be connected to a power imbalance in between this group and another group?” and to think, “What are the effects of this power imbalance?”	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend II: When People within a Group Struggle, It’s Often Because of Power Imbalance <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● Thinking About Power ● Imbalances Between Groups chart ● Social Groups Can Be Based On...chart ● Anchor Chart: Readers Look for Group-Related Issues ● “Together We Make Football: Sam Gordon" from the NFL. ● Ouch/Oops chart	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device
Session 10 Today I want to teach you that when we consider simple but common themes from literature and song, we can come to new insights about the issues groups are facing in stories and in life. We can consider what parts of the story support a simple theme and what parts talk back to it.	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend II: Using Common Literary Themes to Think More Deeply about Group Issues in a Text <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● Some Common and Simple Literary Themes chart ● Anchor Chart: Readers Look for	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

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		Group-Related Issues ● Thought Prompts to Grow Ideas About Themes chart	
Session 11 Today I want to teach you that when considering issues that affect groups, readers can't forget that individuals are unique, complicated people. When thinking about a character, readers consider the challenges that characters face because of the groups they are in, and they also think about the unique ways that characters respond to those challenges. Readers aim to merge ideas about group issues and individuals' responses to push toward life lessons.	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend II: The Intersection of Group Identities with Individual Traits <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● "16 year old girls talk race, stereotypes, and identity in 2016" ● To Work Towards More Positive Relationships chart ● "Inside Out" from <i>The Circuit</i> by Francisco Jiménez ● Anchor Chart: Readers Look for Group-Related Issues ● Social Issues chart ● Social Groups Can Be Based On...chart ● Vocabulary for Group-Related Issues chart	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device
Session 12	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for</i>	● Collaborative work	● Smart Board

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Today, through read-aloud, I want to teach you that readers consider whether parts of the story have positive or negative connotations, and then, after finishing the story, they move on to analyze the positive and negative connotations of the story overall.	<i>Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend II: Read-Aloud: Weighing Positive and Negative Messages in Stories <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● "Inside Out" from <i>The Circuit</i> by Francisco Jiménez ● Annotated version of "Inside Out" from <i>The Circuit</i> by Francisco Jiménez ● To think through if a story is more negative or positive overall, ask...chart ● Anchor Chart: Readers Look for Group-Related Issues	Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device
Session 13 Today I want to teach you that one way to analyze a text is to ask, “When is this text reinforcing common assumptions about a group, and when is it challenging them?”	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend II: Investigating When Texts Are Reinforcing and Challenging Assumptions about Groups <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● Photos of pink and blue toys in store aisles ● Lalaloopsy commercial	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

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		● Goldieblox commercial ● Social Groups Can Be Based On...chart ● Anchor Chart: Readers Look for Group-Related Issues ● Building Off Club Member's Ideas chart	
Session 14 Today I want to teach you that one way to analyze a text is to ask, “When is this text reinforcing common assumptions about a group, and when is it challenging them?”	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend II: Considering Roles People Can Play When Issues Arise--and Resolving to Be Upstanders <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● <i>The Bystander</i>, animated short created by Osnat Epstein ● <i>Facing History</i> website	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device
Bend III			
Session 15 Today I want to teach you that your reading experiences are shaped by more than the words you read. It’s the words themselves, plus what you bring to them that helps you create meaning from a text. The groups with which	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend III: Bringing Yourself, with All Your Complications, to Your Reading	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● “Shoulders” by Naomi	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

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you identify, your character traits, and your personal histories all shape your reading.	<i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	Shihab Nye ● Anchor Chart: Bring Your Life to Your Reading-and Your Reading to Your Life ● Anchor Chart: Readers Look for Issues in Characters' Relationships ● Mini AnchorChart: Readers Look for Issues in Characters' Relationships ● Anchor Chart: Readers Look	
Session 16 Today I want to teach you that when readers talk about texts, we not only learn more about the text, we also learn more about each other. As we ask, 'What does this mean for you?' and press to understand another's perspective, those inkspots on the page take on meaning not only from our lives but also from the lives of those with whom we read.	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend III: Learning from Our Texts and from One Another <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● "Shoulders" by Naomi Shihab Nye ● To Learn More About Our Text and Each Other, We Can...chart ● <i>Sometimes You're a Caterpillar</i> video	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device
Session 17	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for</i>	● Collaborative work	● Smart Board

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Today I want to teach you that as a reader, there's a lot you miss if you identify with only the likable and admirable characters, the heroes. You also need to be able to see yourself in the villain. Otherwise you mute some of the story's power to change you.	<i>Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend III: Identifying with Less Likable and Less Admirable Characters <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● "In Line at the Drugstore..." by Claudia Rankine ● Anchor Chart: Bring Your Life to Your Reading-and Your Reading to Your Life	Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device
Session 18 Today I want to invite book clubs to reflect more on what they've learned together and plan for how to invite others into their study groups. Book clubs might share text sets, along with engaging Post-it notes, to support future readers of these books.	<i>Social Issues Book Clubs: Reading for Empathy and Advocacy</i> Lucy Calkins & Mary Ehrenworth Bend III: Curating Text Sets and Making Plans to Continue Reading Together <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● Post-its that Might Engage and Support Future Readers of These Books chart ● Nonfiction Text Sets	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

Assessments	
Formative Assessments (Informal) ● Listen to/videotape some book club discussions ● Evaluate reading notebooks (look for how students use their	Summative Assessments ● Reading Project Chosen from Tic Tac Toe Board

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notebooks in thoughtful and innovative ways to develop thinking, and express that thinking fluently.) • Ask students to write a reading response off the read aloud at the beginning of the unit and end of the unit. • Consider how students might move up reading levels across this unit. Formative Assessments (Formal) • Teacher-student conferences	• Student writing will be assessed based upon the Lucy Calkins rubric for writing, including: • Lead • Transitions • Ending • Organization • Elaboration • Craft • Spelling • Punctuation and sentence structure • Overall writing quality
Benchmark Assessments • District-assigned Benchmark Assessments (e.g. LinkIt, literacy screeners, content-specific benchmarks)	Alternative Assessments • Alternative Choice Projects • Oral Assessments

Differentiation			
Special Education	MLL	At Risk	Gifted and Talented
• RTI • Modify and accommodate as listed in student's IEP or 504 plan • Utilize effective amount of wait time • Hold high expectations • Communicate directions clearly and concisely and repeat, reword, modify as necessary. • Utilize open-ended	• RTI • Speech/Language Therapy • Rosetta Stone • Hold high expectations • Provide English/Spanish Dictionary for use • Place with Spanish speaking teacher/paraprofessional as available • Learn/Utilize/Display some words in the students' native language	• RTI Tiered Interventions following RTI framework • Support instruction with RTI intervention resources • Provide after school tutoring services • Basic Skills Instruction • Hold high expectations • Fountas and Pinnell Phonics • Hold parent conferences fall and spring • Make modifications to	• Organize the curriculum to include more elaborate, complex, and in-depth study of major ideas and problems through Compacting. • Allow for the development and application of productive thinking skills to enable students to re-conceptualize existing knowledge and/or generate new knowledge.

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- questioning techniques - Utilize scaffolding to support instruction. - Chunk tasks into smaller components - Provide step by step instructions - Model and use visuals as often as possible - Utilize extended time and/or reduce amount of items given for homework, quizzes, and tests. - Teach Tiers 1,2, and 3 words to assist students' understanding of instructional texts. - Utilize a variety of formative assessments to drive next point of instruction/differentiated instructional practices. - Create rubrics/allow students to assist with task, so that all are aware of expectations. - Create modified assessments. - Allow students to utilize online books, when available, to listen to oral recorded reading. - Provide individualized assistance as necessary. - Allow for group work (strategically selected) and collaboration as necessary. - Utilize homework recorder within SIS. - Allow for copies of notes to be shared out. - Utilize assistive technology as appropriate.	- Invite student to after school tutoring sessions - Basic Skills Instruction - Utilize formative assessments to drive instruction - Translate printed communications for parents in native language - Hold conferences with translator present - Utilize additional NJDOE resources/recommendations - Review Special Education listing for additional recommendations - Establish a consistent and daily routine	instructional plans based on I and RS Plan. - Develop a record system to encourage good behavior and completion of work. - Establish a consistent and daily routine.	- Enable students to explore continually changing knowledge and information and develop the attitude that knowledge is worth pursuing in an open world. - Encourage exposure to, selection and use of appropriate and specialized resources. - Promote self-initiated and self-directed learning and growth. - Provide for the development of self-understanding of one's relationships with people, societal institutions, nature and culture.
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• Provide meaningful feedback and utilize teachable moments. • Utilize graphic organizers • Introduce/review study skills • Provide reading material at or slightly above students' reading levels. • Utilize manipulatives as necessary. • Utilize auditory reminders as deemed necessary. • Provide breaks to allow for refocusing as necessary. • Establish a consistent and daily routine.			
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**Quinton Township School District
English Language Arts Literacy-Reading
Grade 8**

Unit:	2	Unit Title:	Historical Fiction Book Club	Pacing:	45 Days
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Unit Summary:

“Historical fiction helps students see how history is not a collection of old, dead facts to be memorized, but is full of compelling stories that help us understand our present and, perhaps, what we need to do to shape a better future. We hope that the reading of historical fiction in this unit will not only kindle in your students an interest in the genre, but that it will also generate awareness of how much we have yet to learn from history and the stories of people who struggled, suffered, and persevered as we do today.”

As students progress through these lessons, they will read stories from history that will expose them to hard truths about the world. We will ask, “What kind of world do we want to live in? How do we get there?”

- Heinemann

Connect with *Ashes* * by Laurie Halse Anderson and *The Literary Essay* Workshop. + ()

Amistad Commission Mandates*

Developmentally-appropriate, teacher-selected texts will be read that address the topics of contributions and experiences of African-Americans to this country. Students will participate in other written assignments and projects that address the contributions and experiences of African-Americans.

Objectives:

Bend 1

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1. SWBAT determine what type of character the protagonist is, and what is going on. They will also determine the main character's relationship to a particular historical conflict.
2. SWBAT learn the evolving story as they read, in addition to the backstory of both the protagonist and the historical times in which the story is set.
3. SWBAT learn more about their characters by examining how they react to trouble in the story.
4. SWBAT recognize that in historical fiction, the protagonist's traits often collide with the expectations or demands of the era in which the story is set.
5. SWBAT deepen their interpretation of a text by taking into account the perspectives of minor characters.
6. SWBAT learn to pause at the end of a book, because endings are where the writer most often brings home what they most want to communicate.
7. SWBAT research the reading and thinking work their clubs are doing, celebrate the work of the bend, and rally enthusiasm for an ongoing reading project for future readers.

Bend 2

8. SWBAT understand that when historical fiction readers become fascinated by an era, they read multiple texts about that time period, each one giving them a different perspective and window on that era.
9. SWBAT understand that when historical fiction readers become fascinated by an era, they do quick nonfiction research as well, turning to maps, images, and other sources to build up background knowledge. They then use that knowledge to deepen their understanding and insight of the era and of their novels.
10. SWBAT understand that perspectives of characters can change. In historical fiction, these changes often lead characters to see injustices of which they were previously unaware.
11. SWBAT understand that historical fiction readers who have done nonfiction research often find that knowledge infusing their reading of their novels, particularly in how they envision and empathize.
12. SWBAT understand that readers sometimes learn truths from fiction, and that when reading historical fiction, readers, especially learn truths about an era.
13. SWBAT learn that readers of historical fiction often set themselves the task of assembling a variety of resources as they study and era, to better support their own and other's reading.

Bend 3

14. SWBAT learn that characters in historical fiction change and come of age, and that this process influences readers as well. In particular, readers often experiences a personal learning curve as they are inspired by characters.

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15. SWBAT realize that although characters in historical fiction change, they often cannot change the conditions around them such as war or poverty. Still, historical fiction characters do achieve power over themselves, and that power may lead to moments of change within the bigger conflict.
16. SWBAT conduct an inquiry into how change in a character can be complicated. Not all changes are positive.
17. SWBAT comprehend that the conflicts of the past often shadow us still, and that historical novels can give us the courage and vision to tackle some of the conflicts of our world today.
18. SWBAT share reading projects with one another in a gallery walk or inter-club meeting.

Essential Questions:

- How can I learn to synthesize and analyze historical fiction so that I can gain more insights about this genre, and be more powerful when reading complex literature?
- How can I read in a way that lets me trace themes in these stories and think about the author's craft?
- How can I get lost in the grand drama of historical fiction while also attending to the challenging work of tracing setting, plot, and characters across a text?
- How can I develop a deeper understanding of the characters and the setting by learning about that period in time?
- How can I draft and revise my interpretations based on my growing understanding of both the story and the interpretation itself?
- How can I almost write the story of my own reading—noticing things in the text that perhaps no one else notices, thinking and questioning what I see, letting historical fiction spark new ideas?

New Jersey Student Learning Standards/Learning Targets:

Bend 1

1. RL.CR.8.1, RL.CI.8.2, RL.KL.8.2; L.VI.8.4, RL.TS.8.4, RL.PP.8.5; W.NW.8.3, W.WP.8.4; SL.PE.8.1, SL.PI.8.1, SL.PI.8.4; L.SS.8.1; L.KL.8.2; L.VL.8.3; L.VI.8.4
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L.KL.8.2; L.VL.8.3; L.VI.8.4

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Bend 2

8. RL.CR.8.1, RL.CI.8.2, RL.KL.8.2; L.VI.8.4, RL.TS.8.4, RL.PP.8.5, RL.MF.8.6; W.WP.8.4; SL.PE.8.1, SL.PE.8.1, SL.PI.8.4; , L.SS.8.1; L.KL.8.2; L.VL.8.3; L.VI.8.4
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Bend 3

14. RL.CR.8.1, RL.CI.8.2, RL.KL.8.2; L.VI.8.4, RL.TS.8.4, RL.PP.8.5; W.NW.8.3, W.WP.8.4; SL.PE.8.1, SL.PE.8.1, SL.PI.8.4; L.SS.8.1; L.KL.8.2; L.VL.8.3; L.VI.8.4

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Interdisciplinary Connections: 6.3.8.CivicsHR.1, 6.3.8.CivicsPI.4, 6.3.8.CivicsPR.1, 6.3.8.CivicsPD.3

Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills: 9.4.8.GCA.1, 9.4.8.GCA.2

Computer Science and Design Thinking: 9.4.8.IML.6, 9.4.8.IML.7, 8.1.8.IC.1

Career Education: 9.2.8.CAP.5, 9.2.8.CAP.10

Overview of Activities	Teacher's Guide/ Resources	Core Instructional Materials	Technology Infusion
Bend 1			
Session 1 Today, through read-aloud, I want to remind you that when you read historical fiction, you are reading fiction, you are reading story. At the beginning of any story, the first	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i> Bend 1: Historical Fiction Characters and the Conflicts that Shape Them Read-Aloud: Orienting Oneself to the	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • <i>Patrol</i> by Walter Dean	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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reading work you'll need to do will inevitably involve figuring out who the story is mostly about, and figuring out what's going on.	Story <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	Myers ● Anchor Chart: Readers of Historical Fiction Ask... ● "Lean-In" Comments to Encourage Historical Fiction Readers' Interest	
Session 2 Today I want to teach you that as you read on in your book, you'll not only make two timelines—a personal and a historical one—but also, you'll add onto both ends of those timelines. Yes, you'll learn about new things that are happening in the evolving present, but you'll also learn about the backstory of both the people and of the situation.	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i> Bend 1: Historical Fiction Characters and the Conflicts that Shape Them Filling in the Backstory <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● Anchor Chart: Readers of Historical Fiction Ask... ● Bands of Text Complexity in Literature, Character Strand	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device
Session 3 Today I want to teach you that characters—like people—inevitably face different kinds of trouble. You can learn a lot about characters, and from characters, from how they respond to trouble.	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i> Bend 1: Historical Fiction Characters and the Conflicts that Shape Them Analyzing How Characters Respond to Trouble <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● Anchor Chart: Readers of Historical Fiction Ask... ● Thought Prompts	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

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	Jennifer Serravallo	forGenerating Fast but Thoughtful Entries chart	
Session 4 Today, through read-aloud, I want to teach you that readers recognize that in historical fiction, the protagonist's traits often collide with the expectations or demands of the era in which the story is set.	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i> Bend 1: Historical Fiction Characters and the Conflicts that Shape Them Read-Aloud: The Collision of Internal Traits with External Conflict <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • <i>Patrol</i> by Walter Dean Myers • Anchor Chart: Readers of Historical Fiction Ask...	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Session 5 Today I want to teach you that minor characters are in a story for a reason. They, like the main character, help to carry the big messages or big ideas of the story. One way to improve your interpretation of a story is to reread, trying to understand the point of view—the perspective—of a minor character, then to revise your interpretation to include what you learn.	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i> Bend 1: Historical Fiction Characters and the Conflicts that Shape Them Attending to Minor Characters and Missing Perspectives <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Boat of No Smiles photograph • Anchor Chart: Readers of Historical Fiction Ask... • Revising Interpretations to Include More of the Book! Readers	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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		Say...chart ● Gathering Evidence to Include More of the Book! Readers Ask...chart	
Session 6 Today I want to teach you that readers develop new insights about their books by pausing to look back on the earlier parts and asking, “What is the author communicating in the ending? What parts of the book do I now see in a new light? Do any themes emerge as I reconsider?”	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i> Bend 1: Historical Fiction Characters and the Conflicts that Shape Them Looking Back from the End of Stories with New Insights About Themes <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● Hindsight is 20/20! chart ● Anchor Chart: Readers of Historical Fiction Ask... ● A Strong Interpretation...chart ● When self-assessing with a reading progression, I...chart ● Ladder of Abstraction chart	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device
Session 7 Today I want to teach you that readers of historical fiction mark their growth as readers and students who can sustain literary conversations, and they	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i> Bend 1: Historical Fiction Characters and the Conflicts that Shape Them	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

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take the opportunity to consider how they might contribute to other readers.	Clubs Analyze Their Progress and Plan Reading Projects <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• When Clubs Reflect, They Investigate chart	
Bend II			
Session 8 Today, through read-aloud, I want to teach you that when historical fiction readers become fascinated by an era, they read multiple texts about that time period, each one giving them a different perspective and window on that era.	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i> Bend 2: Studying an Era Read-Aloud: Readers Become Students of an Era <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • "Ambush" from <i>The Things They Carried</i> by Tim O'Brien • Annotated version of "Ambush" from <i>The Things They Carried</i> by Tim O'Brien • A t-chart can help students compare and contrast across texts. • Anchor Chart: Readers of Historical Fiction Ask... • Bands of Text Complexity in Literature, Character	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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Session 9 Today I want to teach you that readers of historical fiction often layer in nonfiction texts that help to illuminate the era they're studying. They use every tool at their disposal to get to know the era: maps, timelines, primary source images, informational texts, even documentary clips.	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i> Bend 2: Studying an Era Read-Aloud: Reading Outside the Text to Build Up Background Knowledge <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Vietnam War maps • American soldiers in the jungle in Vietnam image • Starter nonfiction text sets • To Research a New Topic...anchor chart from Tapping the Power of Nonfiction	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Session 10 Today I want to teach you that readers come to realize that characters' perspectives, like people's perspectives, can change. In historical fiction, one of the main ways that characters' perspectives often change is that they begin to see injustices that they were previously unaware of.	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i> Bend 2: Studying an Era Perspectives Clash with Each Other and with History <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Walter Dean Myers interview • Sample perspective timeline for <i>Patrol</i>	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Session 11	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i>	• Collaborative work	• Smart Board

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Today I want to teach you that readers of historical fiction—and really of any fiction—use background knowledge to fill in missing parts of a story and to visualize more vividly. By engaging in even quick bits of nonfiction research, readers develop wells of knowledge they can draw upon.	Bend 2: Studying an Era Reading Differently Because You Have Knowledge of an Era <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● American soldiers in the jungle in Vietnam image ● Landscape of Vietnam images ● Using Images to Better Imagine the World of a Historical Fiction Text chart ● Anchor Chart: Readers of Historical Fiction Ask... ● Prompts to Help You Synthesize Across Texts chart	Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device
Session 12 Today I want to teach you that if you have heard that nonfiction is true and fiction is not, you need to know that actually, fiction can be deeply true. As you ponder passages in historical fiction books that seem especially meaningful, it is helpful to ask: “What truths am I learning about the time in	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i> Bend 2: Studying an Era Learning Truth from Fiction <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● Excerpt from <i>The Things They Carried</i> by Tim O'Brien ● Clues that Suggest a	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

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which this story is set?”		Passage is Worth Pondering charts • Questions to Pressure Partners to Deepen Their Thinking charts • Prompts to Explore Similarities and Differences in Texts charts	
Session 13 Today I want to teach you that of historical fiction often end up assembling a variety of resources as they study an era. It’s worth curating these collections as a legacy for future readers, who might like to follow in the footsteps of a club.	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i> Bend 2: Studying an Era Clubs Curate Their Work in Reading Projects <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • When Clubs Curate a Collection as a Legacy for Future Readers...chart • Sites for Nonfiction Texts to Support Historical Fiction	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Bend III			
Session 14 Today I want to teach you that characters in historical fiction aren’t just changed—they are transformed. They come of age. And some of that	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i> Bend 3: Characters and Readers Come of Age	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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work rubs off on readers of historical fiction as well. The stories we read help us figure out the kinds of people we want to be, the kinds of lives we want to live. They help us come of age.	Characters Come of Age <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Book Club Novel ● Quotes by Nietzsche and Socrates ● Anchor Chart: Characters and Readers Come of Age ● To Learn From Historical Fiction Characters, Readers Often Reconsider...chart ● Coming of Age with Our Characters charts ● Comparing and Contrasting Across Books charts	
Session 15 Today I want to teach you that in historical fiction novels, as in history itself, characters often don't have the power to change what happens overall—to end a war or stop tyranny. But like characters in books, we can achieve power over ourselves. We can find within ourselves a moral power. We can resist evil and embrace goodness.	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i> Bend 3: Characters and Readers Come of Age Analyzing Power in the Midst of Conflict <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● Anchor Chart: Characters and Readers Come of Age ● Looking for Power Dynamics from the Very Beginning charts ● Types of Soft Power/Types of Hard Power	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

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		charts ● Looking At Relationships Through the Lens of Power, Readers Ask...charts ● Jotting and Thinking About Power in Nonfiction Reading...charts	
Session 16 Today, through read-aloud (video-aloud), I want us to investigate how change in a character can be complicated. Not all changes are positive. Sometimes, especially in historical fiction, the ways characters become brave or steadfast are entangled with other ways they become hardened.	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i> Bend 3: Characters and Readers Come of Age Read-Aloud (Video-Aloud): Change Can Be Complicated <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● Quote by General William Tecumseh Sherman ● "Platoon: Welcome to 'Nam" from <i>Platoon</i> ● "Platoon - Hell is the Impossibility of Reason" from <i>Platoon</i> ● "Platoon Ending Scene - Chris Taylor's Speech" from <i>Platoon</i> ● Anchor Chart: Characters Come of Age	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

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Session 17 William Faulkner said this: “The past is not dead. It’s not even past.” What he suggests is that events and injustices of long ago are still with us. Historical fiction readers, then, consider how their novels are very much about the now and the here, and they think about how stories may give us the courage and vision to tackle hard things in the world today.	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i> Bend 3: Characters and Readers Come of Age The Past is Always With Us <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Possible current events articles for students • Learning from Historical Fiction chart • Anchor Chart: Characters and Readers Come of Age • "Sometimes You're a Caterpillar" video • "The Outsider" video	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Session 18 Today I want to teach you that readers see their influence in how they inspire other readers to read the books they’ve read, talk about the ideas they’ve raised, or use the resources they’ve curated.	<i>Historical Fiction Book Clubs</i> Bend 3: Characters and Readers Come of Age Clubs Leave a Legacy <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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Assessments	
Formative Assessments (Informal) - Listen to/videotape some book club discussions - Evaluate reading notebooks (look for how students use their notebooks in thoughtful and innovative ways to develop thinking, and express that thinking fluently.) - Ask students to write a reading response off the read aloud at the beginning of the unit and end of the unit. - Consider how students might move up reading levels across this unit. Formative Assessments (Formal) - Teacher-student conferences	Summative Assessments - Reading Project Chosen from Tic Tac Toe Board - Student writing will be assessed based upon the Lucy Calkins rubric for writing, including: - Lead - Transitions - Ending - Organization - Elaboration - Craft - Punctuation and sentence structure - Overall writing quality
Benchmark Assessments District-assigned Benchmark Assessments (e.g. LinkIt, literacy screeners, content-specific benchmarks)	Alternative Assessments - Alternative Choice Projects - Oral Assessments

Differentiation			
Special Education	MLL	At Risk	Gifted and Talented
- RTI - Modify and accommodate as listed in student's IEP or 504 plan - Utilize effective amount of wait time - Hold high expectations - Communicate directions clearly and concisely and	- RTI - Speech/Language Therapy - Rosetta Stone - Hold high expectations - Provide English/Spanish Dictionary for use - Place with Spanish speaking teacher/paraprofessional as available	- RTI Tiered Interventions following RTI framework - Support instruction with RTI intervention resources - Provide after school tutoring services - Basic Skills Instruction - Hold high expectations - Fountas and Pinnell Phonics	- Organize the curriculum to include more elaborate, complex, and in-depth study of major ideas and problems through Compacting. - Allow for the development and application of productive thinking skills to enable

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repeat, reword, modify as necessary. • Utilize open-ended questioning techniques • Utilize scaffolding to support instruction. • Chunk tasks into smaller components • Provide step by step instructions • Model and use visuals as often as possible • Utilize extended time and/or reduce amount of items given for homework, quizzes, and tests. • Teach Tiers 1,2, and 3 words to assist students' understanding of instructional texts. • Utilize a variety of formative assessments to drive next point of instruction/differentiated instructional practices. • Create rubrics/allow students to assist with task, so that all are aware of expectations. • Create modified assessments. • Allow students to utilize online books, when available, to listen to oral recorded reading. • Provide individualized assistance as necessary. • Allow for group work (strategically selected) and collaboration as necessary. • Utilize homework recorder within SIS. • Allow for copies of notes to	• Learn/Utilize/Display some words in the students' native language • Invite student to after school tutoring sessions • Basic Skills Instruction • Utilize formative assessments to drive instruction • Translate printed communications for parents in native language • Hold conferences with translator present • Utilize additional NJDOE resources/recommendations • Review Special Education listing for additional recommendations • Establish a consistent and daily routine	• Hold parent conferences fall and spring • Make modifications to instructional plans based on I and RS Plan. • Develop a record system to encourage good behavior and completion of work. • Establish a consistent and daily routine.	students to re-conceptualize existing knowledge and/or generate new knowledge. • Enable students to explore continually changing knowledge and information and develop the attitude that knowledge is worth pursuing in an open world. • Encourage exposure to, selection and use of appropriate and specialized resources. • Promote self-initiated and self-directed learning and growth. • Provide for the development of self-understanding of one's relationships with people, societal institutions, nature and culture.
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be shared out. • Utilize assistive technology as appropriate. • Provide meaningful feedback and utilize teachable moments. • Utilize graphic organizers • Introduce/review study skills • Provide reading material at or slightly above students' reading levels. • Utilize manipulatives as necessary. • Utilize auditory reminders as deemed necessary. • Provide breaks to allow for refocusing as necessary. • Establish a consistent and daily routine.			
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**Quinton Township School District
English Language Arts Literacy-Reading
Grade 8**

Unit:	3	Unit Title:	Tapping the Power of Nonfiction	Pacing:	45 Days
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Unit Summary:

“Nonfiction reading skills are essential to students’ achievement in virtually every academic discipline. To do science, students need to read science books and articles. To study history, they need to be skilled at reading all kinds of primary and secondary sources. When we help students become powerful readers of nonfiction, we help them become powerful learners.”

- Heinemann

Connect with *Night* ^ by Ellie Wiesel. ()

Holocaust Commision Mandates^

Developmentally appropriate, teacher-selected texts will be read that address the effects of bias, prejudice, bigotry, and bullying. Students will participate in other writing assignments that address the effects of bias, prejudice, bigotry, and bullying on individuals and groups of people. The instruction will emphasize the personal responsibility that each citizen bears to fight racism and hatred whenever and wherever it happens.

Objectives:

Bend I

1. SWBAT participate in the class read-aloud, speculating what the book may be about.
2. SWBAT meet briefly in clubs to receive their book-club books and begin reading.
3. SWBAT use post-it notes to jot thoughts about their book while reading.
4. SWBAT practice growing their thinking about parts as they read their own books.

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5. SWBAT meet in book-club groups, share significant parts they have noted in their post-its, and talk long from those notes.
6. SWBAT consider how details fit together to determine central ideas in their nonfiction chapter books as they read. ^ ()
7. SWBAT read on with their central ideas in mind, alert for details that might lead them to rethink their initial ideas.
8. SWBAT read on in their books, considering how embedded stories contribute to central ideas.
9. SWBAT meet in their clubs, aiming to lift the level of their talk.
10. SWBAT make plans to read other texts on their book's topic.
11. SWBAT consider how seemingly insignificant parts connect to bigger ideas in a text as they read.
12. SWBAT analyze their writing about reading with their clubs.
13. SWBAT draw upon their self-assessment and goal-setting to push themselves to higher-level reading work.

Bend II

14. SWBAT preview the gist of their topic and pore over easier resources to build a bit of background knowledge.
15. SWBAT write or teach others about their topic to solidify their learning.
16. SWBAT start reading their text sets with their research clubs, drawing on the strategies they learned for reading nonfiction chapter books as they begin digging into the shorter texts of their research text set.
17. SWBAT practice summarizing the short texts they are reading to hold on to and better understand the essential parts of what they are learning.
18. SWBAT read several articles or texts on their topic and take notes that allow them to synthesize what they are learning across texts.
19. SWBAT determine which note-taking methods work best for them and develop their own note-taking system.
20. SWBAT go outside of their text to do quick research as needed to clear up any confusion as they read their text sets.
21. SWBAT read through a volume of text sets and draw on the repertoire of strategies they learned throughout the unit.
22. SWBAT gather vocabulary words to help them learn the lingo of their topic.
23. SWBAT work on growing their own ideas and theories about the nonfiction texts they read.
24. SWBAT assemble a carefully curated selection of (4-6) texts on their topic.
25. SWBAT use what they know about summarizing and identifying central ideas to write a paragraph on each text justifying why it is a part of their collection.

Bend III

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26. SWBAT begin researching a new topic by making a plan for how their research will go.
27. SWBAT read easier resources to build up knowledge on their topic.
28. SWBAT research their topics online.
29. SWBAT record the challenges they encounter and develop solutions to tackle those challenges as they read.
30. SWBAT reread an article with a particular focus on the author's point of view, noting a few techniques the author has used to convey it.
31. SWBAT regularly synthesize what they are learning across texts, drawing on this work as needed as they study points of contradiction.
32. SWBAT share their knowledge about the topics they have been researching through TED-style talks.

Essential Questions:

- What makes an idea complex?
- What are some strategies that readers use when they encounter texts that teach main idea implicitly?
- How can readers use context to determine vocabulary in complex texts?
- How can readers use a variety of sources using the same skills as reading print to add meaning to their research?
- How do readers become “experts” on a topic?
- Why do writers move back and forth from details to big ideas?

New Jersey Student Learning Standards/Learning Targets:

Bend 1

1. RI.CR.8.1, RI.CI.8.2, RI.IT.8.3, RI.TS.8.4; W.IW.8.2; SL.PE.8.1, SL.II.8.2; SL.PI.8.4; L.SS.8.1; L.KL.8.2
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5. RI.CR.8.1, RI.CI.8.2, RI.IT.8.3, RI.TS.8.4, RI.MF.8.6, RI.AA.8.7 or RI.CT.8.8 or RL.CT.8.8; W.IW.8.2; W.WP.8.4, W.WP.8.4; SL.II.8.2; L.SS.8.1; L.KL.8.2
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Bend II

8. RI.CR.8.1, RI.CI.8.2, RI.IT.8.3, RI.TS.8.4; W.AW.8.1, W.IW.8.2, W.WP.8.4; SL.PE.8.1, SL.II.8.2; SL.ES.8.3; SL.PI.8.4; L.SS.8.1; L.KL.8.2
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Bend III

17. RI.6.1, RI.7.1, RI.CR.8.1, RI.CI.8.2, RI.IT.8.3, RI.TS.8.4; W.AW.8.1; W.IW.8.2, W.SE.8.6, W.RW.7; SL.PE.8.1; L.SS.8.1; L.KL.8.2
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SSL.VL.8.3; SL.AS.8.6; L.SS.8.1; L.KL.8.2
Interdisciplinary Connections: 6.3.8.CivicsHR.1, 6.3.8.CivicsPI.4, 6.3.8.CivicsPR.1, 6.3.8.CivicsPD.3
Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills: 9.1.8.CR.1, 9.1.8.FP.6
Computer Science and Design Thinking: 9.4.8.IML.7, 8.1.8.IC.1

Overview of Activities	Teacher's Guide/ Resources	Core Instructional Materials	Technology Infusion
Mini-Unit Nonfiction Research Presentation*			
Students will read biographies and research prominent African-American figures in the past or present of our country. They will choose one on which to create a presentation to share with the class.	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Civil Rights Webquest Document • African American History Quilt	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Bend 1			
Session 1 Today, through read-aloud, I want to teach you that readers orient themselves to a nonfiction text by reading the front matter closely to formulate questions and grow initial ideas.	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 1: Read-Aloud: Reading with Engagement and Fascination Right from the Introduction <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Excerpts from <i>Fast Food Nation</i> by Eric	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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	Jennifer Serravallo	Schlosser • Read-Aloud Printable post-its • Recommended Nonfiction Chapter Books • Alternate Read-Aloud Guide for <i>Chew On This</i> • Images of Cheyenne Mountain • Anchor Chart: To Make the Most of our Nonfiction Chapter Books	
Session 2 Today I want to teach you that the quality of your book-club conversations has everything to do with what you bring to talk about. Before you can have a really rich conversation, you've got to notice something significant, something provocative, and then mull it over in your mind, doing some thinking to prepare.	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 1: Generating Questions and Ideas that Spark Rich Club Conversations <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Excerpts from <i>Fast Food Nation</i> by Eric Schlosser • Photo of a carhop • Anchor Chart: To Make the Most of Your Nonfiction Chapter Books • Book Clubs...chart	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Session 3	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i>	• Collaborative work folder for each book	• Smart Board Applications

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Today I want to remind you that nonfiction readers work hard to determine a text's central ideas. One way they do this is to notice important details in the text and then to look across those details and think, "How do these details fit together?"	Bend 1: Determining Central Ideas <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	- club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Excerpts from <i>Fast Food Nation</i> by Eric Schlosser • Anchor Chart: To Make the Most of Your Nonfiction Chapter Books • Images of kitchen items • Images of animal parents and their young • Book Clubs...chart	• Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Session 4 Today I want to teach you that in complicated nonfiction books, just like in complicated stories, central ideas only reveal themselves over time. Experienced readers, therefore, are alert to new details, and they rethink their first ideas in light of new evidence.	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 1: Rethinking Initial Ideas <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Excerpts from <i>Fast Food Nation</i> by Eric Schlosser • Images of animal parents and their young • Anchor Chart: To Make the Most of Your Nonfiction	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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		Chapter Books	
Session 5 Today I want to teach you that nonfiction readers know that authors embed stories for a reason. Nonfiction readers therefore pay careful attention to the stories to determine how they carry an author's central ideas.	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 1: Learning from the Stories Embedded in Nonfiction Texts <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Excerpts from <i>Fast Food Nation</i> by Eric Schlosser • Anchor Chart: To Make the Most of Your Nonfiction Chapter Books	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Session 6 Today I want to teach you that nonfiction readers know that even ideas, events, and people that initially might seem insignificant are often linked to central ideas in the text. One way to think about this is by asking, "How might this part fit with what came before?"	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 1: Ideas Have Roots: Tracing How Ideas Are Developed Across a Text <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Excerpts from <i>Fast Food Nation</i> by Eric Schlosser • Image of mangrove trees • Anchor Chart: To Make the Most of Your Nonfiction Chapter Books • Questions that support	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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		student's analysis	
Session 7 Today I want to remind you that whenever you want to outgrow yourself, it helps to pause and take stock. One way readers do this is they look over all they've learned and ask, 'Am I doing these things when the book calls for them?' Then, they set goals to further lift the level of their work.	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 1: Self-Assessing and Goal-Setting <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • To Make the Most of Your Nonfiction Chapter Books checklist • Atomic Bombs Text Set • Diseases and Illnesses Text Set • GMOs and Genetic Engineering Text Set • Outer Space Exploration Text Sets (Text Set A & B) • The Titanic Text Sets (Text Set A & B) • Research project topic overviews	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Bend II			
Session 8 Today, through read-aloud, I'll remind you that when readers begin researching a new topic, they draw on	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 2: Read-Aloud: Building Up a Bit of Background Knowledge When	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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tried-and-true strategies to begin learning about a topic.	You Encounter a New Topic <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	Post-Its • Book Club Novel • How To Make the Most Your Nonfiction Chapter Books checklist • Atomic Bombs Text Set • Diseases and Illnesses Text Set • GMOs and Genetic Engineering Text Set • Outer Space Exploration Text Sets (Text Set A & B) • The Titanic Text Sets (Text Set A & B) • Research project topic overviews • List of subtopics to the class topic • “So what is genetic engineering?” • Anchor Chart: To Research a New Topic...	
Session 9 Today I want to teach you that when you start a new project, you aren’t	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 2: Drawing on All You Know to	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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starting over totally from scratch. No way! Instead, you draw on all you know to tackle that new project. You can use all you've learned about reading nonfiction chapter books to help you more confidently read in your text sets.	Tackle New Projects with More Skill <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● How To Make the Most Your Nonfiction Chapter Books checklist	
Session 10 Today I want to teach you that one way to hold onto any text is to summarize it. To do this, it helps to read a chunk of text thinking, "What's most essential here?" and then to reduce the text to just the most essential points. Usually that includes the central and main ideas and a few of the most important details.	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 2: Summarizing Complex Texts <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● The Battle Over GMOs ● Anchor Chart: To Research a New Topic... ● Create a brief summary of the text chart ● Acknowledge the Author in Your Summary chart	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device
Session 11 Today I want to teach you that nonfiction readers synthesize their previous learning with their new	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 2: Synthesizing Across Texts	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

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learning to form new insights. As they read new information on their topic, they ask, “Does this fit with, extend, or contradict what I’ve read earlier?” Then, they incorporate what they learned into their notes.	<i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● What are GMOs? notes ● “Seeing Red: The Flav'r Sav'r Tomato" video ● Anchor Chart: To Research a New Topic... ● Anchor Chart: To Make the Most of Your Nonfiction Texts ● To Synthesize Across Texts chart	
Session 12 Today I want to teach you that once you’re in a text, you sometimes need to go outside of it to deepen your comprehension of tricky parts. Specifically, it can help to turn to texts that might be easier, explanatory, or provide follow-up information that’s missing in the text.	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 2: Dealing with Tricky Parts: Reading Outside the Text to Help You Comprehend Inside <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● The Battle Over GMO's ● Anchor Charts: To Research a New Topic... ● Anchor Chart: To Make the Most of Your Nonfiction Texts	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

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Session 13 Today I want to teach you that nonfiction readers work to know the vocabulary of their topic, since the vocabulary is intricately linked to the key concepts in the text. One way they do this is by sorting and re-sorting the words of their topic. Then, they talk about the words in different ways, considering ways the words fit together.	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 2: Getting to Know the Lingo of Your Topic <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● Ways to Sort Key Vocabulary chart ● Anchor Chart: To Research a New Topic... ● Look ALL Around a Word for Clues chart ● Word morphology log	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device
Session 14 Today I want to teach you that when you read nonfiction, you can't just accept the central ideas and facts authors teach you at face value. You also have to be reading to grow your own ideas about your texts, to develop your own theories about your topic	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 2: Readers Don't Wait to Do Their Own Thinking <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● Prompts to Grow Your Own Ideas chart ● The Battle Over GMOs ● Anchor Chart: To Research a New Topic... ● Back Up Your Ideas, Prompts to Grow Your Own Ideas, When a	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

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		Text Contradicts Your Ideas, Ask... mini student charts	
Session 15 Today let's celebrate all you have learned. You will carefully curate a selection of texts to share with your classmates and add to the classroom library.	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 2: Developing Carefully Curated Text Sets <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • When Curating a Text Set...chart	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Bend III			
Session 16 Today I want to remind you that whenever you begin researching something new, you have to be in charge of your own learning. You have to draw on all you know about reading and research to make a plan for your new research project, and then put that plan into action.	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 3: Launching a New Round of Research Groups with Greater Independence <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Anchor Chart: To Research a New Topic...	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Session 17 Today, let's adopt a problem-solving mindset. Let's investigate the following questions. "What are the biggest challenges that we face when	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 3: Inquiry into the Particular Challenges of Online Research	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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researching online? How do we solve those challenges?”	<i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo		
Session 18 Today, through read-aloud, I want to teach you that readers critically analyze an author’s point of view, reading and rereading to determine the author’s point of view, and noting a few techniques the author has used to convey it.	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 3: Read-Aloud: Determining the Author’s Point of View and How It’s Advanced <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● Ad of World Wildlife Fund ● Techniques Authors Use to Convey a Point of View cards ● "Labels for GMO Foods Are a Bad Idea" ● "Scientists Make a Better Potato" ● Talking Academically About Author's Points of View chart	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device
Session 19 Today I want to teach you that when readers notice texts that contradict one another in big or small ways, they can’t just say, “Hmm, that’s interesting,” and then put those texts	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 3: Dealing with Texts that Contradict Each Other <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● What's a GMO? and	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

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aside. Instead, they analyze the texts and decide which is more trustworthy.	Jennifer Serravallo	GMO Information ● To Determine If a Text Is Trustworthy chart ● The Battle Over GMOs ● Anchor Chart: To Research a New Topic... ● Sentence Starters to determine trustworthiness of sources ● Readers Can Compare and Contrast chart	
Session 20 Today let's celebrate all you've learned. You will present your learning in TED-style talks to build other students' interest in what you have learned. Teaching others will also solidify your own learning.	<i>Tapping the Power of Nonfiction</i> Bend 3: Crafting TED Talks to Get Others Fascinated by Your Topic <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

Assessments	
Formative Assessments (Informal) ● Listen to/videotape some book club discussions ● Evaluate reading notebooks (look for how students use their	Summative Assessments ● Reading Project Chosen from Tic Tac Toe Board

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notebooks in thoughtful and innovative ways to develop thinking, and express that thinking fluently.) • Ask students to write a reading response off the read aloud at the beginning of the unit and end of the unit. • Consider how students might move up reading levels across this unit. Formative Assessments (Formal) • Teacher-student conferences	• Student writing will be assessed based upon the Lucy Calkins rubric for writing, including: • Lead • Transitions • Ending • Organization • Elaboration • Craft • Spelling • Punctuation and sentence structure • Overall writing quality
Benchmark Assessments • District-assigned Benchmark Assessments (e.g. LinkIt, literacy screeners, content-specific benchmarks)	Alternative Assessments • Alternative Choice Projects • Oral Assessments

Differentiation			
Special Education	MLL	At Risk	Gifted and Talented
• RTI • Modify and accommodate as listed in student's IEP or 504 plan • Utilize effective amount of wait time • Hold high expectations • Communicate directions clearly and concisely and repeat, reword, modify as necessary. • Utilize open-ended questioning techniques	• RTI • Speech/Language Therapy • Rosetta Stone • Hold high expectations • Provide English/Spanish Dictionary for use • Place with Spanish speaking teacher/paraprofessional as available • Learn/Utilize/Display some words in the students' native language • Invite student to after school	• RTI Tiered Interventions following RTI framework • Support instruction with RTI intervention resources • Provide after school tutoring services • Basic Skills Instruction • Hold high expectations • Fountas and Pinnell Phonics • Hold parent conferences fall and spring • Make modifications to instructional plans based on I	• Organize the curriculum to include more elaborate, complex, and in-depth study of major ideas and problems through Compacting. • Allow for the development and application of productive thinking skills to enable students to re-conceptualize existing knowledge and/or generate new knowledge. • Enable students to explore

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- Utilize scaffolding to support instruction. - Chunk tasks into smaller components - Provide step by step instructions - Model and use visuals as often as possible - Utilize extended time and/or reduce amount of items given for homework, quizzes, and tests. - Teach Tiers 1,2, and 3 words to assist students' understanding of instructional texts. - Utilize a variety of formative assessments to drive next point of instruction/differentiated instructional practices. - Create rubrics/allow students to assist with task, so that all are aware of expectations. - Create modified assessments. - Allow students to utilize online books, when available, to listen to oral recorded reading. - Provide individualized assistance as necessary. - Allow for group work (strategically selected) and collaboration as necessary. - Utilize homework recorder within SIS. - Allow for copies of notes to be shared out. - Utilize assistive technology as appropriate. - Provide meaningful feedback	tutoring sessions - Basic Skills Instruction - Utilize formative assessments to drive instruction - Translate printed communications for parents in native language - Hold conferences with translator present - Utilize additional NJDOE resources/recommendations - Review Special Education listing for additional recommendations - Establish a consistent and daily routine	and RS Plan. - Develop a record system to encourage good behavior and completion of work. - Establish a consistent and daily routine.	continually changing knowledge and information and develop the attitude that knowledge is worth pursuing in an open world. - Encourage exposure to, selection and use of appropriate and specialized resources. - Promote self-initiated and self-directed learning and growth. - Provide for the development of self-understanding of one's relationships with people, societal institutions, nature and culture.
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and utilize teachable moments. • Utilize graphic organizers • Introduce/review study skills • Provide reading material at or slightly above students' reading levels. • Utilize manipulatives as necessary. • Utilize auditory reminders as deemed necessary. • Provide breaks to allow for refocusing as necessary. • Establish a consistent and daily routine.			
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Quinton Township School District
English Language Arts Literacy-Reading
Grade 8

Unit:	4	Unit Title:	Dystopian Book Clubs	Pacing:	45 Days
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Unit Summary:

During the unit, readers will develop skills in reading more complex fiction texts: analyzing symbolism, deepening character analysis, understanding story arcs, reading critically with questions in mind. Meanwhile, they will build on their work with reading notebooks, strengthening their ability to transfer their skills from one context to another, and supporting their increasing independence as readers and thinkers.

Connect with *Mockingjay* by Suzanne Collins Anderson and Position Papers: Research and Argument - Information Workshop.

Objectives:

Bend 1

1. SWBAT pay close attention to small details and trying to make sense of them to grow initial ideas about how that world has gone awry.
2. SWBAT study characters through a lens of power, considering not just who has power and who doesn't, but also how characters orient themselves toward and respond to power.
3. SWBAT realize that dystopian characters are often archetypes. Knowing this leads readers to predict what will happen in a story, and to understand why things happen as they do.
4. SWBAT think about how characters may fit more than one archetype, and how they do and do not fit the archetypes. By doing this kind of thinking, readers can come to know the characters better.
5. SWBAT realize that dystopian novels usually include systemic obstacles—political or societal obstacles—as well as personal

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ones.

6. SWBAT realize that readers of this genre need to prolong their willingness to be uncertain, and their openness to new musings.
7. SWBAT understand that dystopian novels are rich in symbolism. Readers can do the fascinating work of noticing objects, actions, and phrases that seem significant and pondering possible meanings of these.
8. SWBAT realize that when you know something about the kind of book you're reading, you'll start noticing more about that kind of book any time you read it.

Bend 2

9. SWBAT investigate these questions: "What's challenging about reading series?" and "How can readers tackle these challenges?"
10. SWBAT remember that readers make deliberate choices about how to use writing about reading to make their reading stronger.
11. SWBAT understand that readers of dystopian novels often need to put scenes or events together with earlier scenes to understand what's really going on.
12. SWBAT realize that, over the course of a story, characters tend to change and when they do, it pays to study how evolving pressures and motivations can cause those changes.
13. SWBAT understand that symbolism gets more complicated across a long series.
14. SWBAT realize that that readers think about their reading life, finding joy in thinking deeply and sharing their thinking, and live their lives differently because of how, and what, they read.

Bend 3

15. SWBAT understand that one of the biggest, most significant jobs that readers of dystopian books do is to read and reread, asking, "Does this reveal anything about the world we live in or how people tend to act?" Specifically, readers might identify parts that feel similar to their own lives, and then consider why those similarities matter.
16. SWBAT understand that another way to study how dystopian stories connect with the real world is to look for connections to social issues and current events.
17. SWBAT understand that readers draw on a repertoire of strategies, reflecting on the thinking work that most pays off for them at different points in their reading.
18. SWBAT think about what a symbol means in the real world, and then asking what that symbol could mean in the context of the story, and why the author might have put it there.
19. SWBAT be reminded that the best reading changes you.

Essential Questions:

- How can I use strategies from reading other genres in order to make sense of imaginary, often complicated worlds?
- In what ways does my understanding of these worlds affect underlying ideas the text is highlighting—ideas that might also offer insights or critiques of my own world?
- What are ways I can look at themes that live in each of the texts that I read?
- How can I trace not only the themes across the text, but the details which support each theme?
- What are ways I can see how themes travel across texts?
- How can I be sure that with each subsequent text I read, I strengthen my reading by compounding my understanding with the themes from all the texts that came before it?
- How does noticing some traditional literary techniques, themes and archetypes that I see playing out in the stories I have read help strengthen my understanding of those stories?
- How can seeing those same patterns in my life and in world events help me make sense of them as well?

New Jersey Student Learning Standards/Learning Targets:**Bend I**

1. RL.CR.8.1, RL.CI.8.2, RL.KL.8.2; L.VI.8.4, RL.TS.8.4, RL.PP.8.5; W.NW.8.3, W.WP.8.4; SL.PE.8.1, SL.II.8.2; SL.PI.8.4; L.SS.8.1; L.KL.8.2; L.VL.8.3; L.VI.8.4
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Bend II

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Bend III

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Interdisciplinary Connections: 6.3.8.CivicsPD.3, 2.1.5.SSH.3, 2.1.8.SSH, 6.1.8.PD.2

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Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills: 9.4.8.CI.3

Computer Science and Design Thinking: 8.1.8.IC.1, 9.4.8.DC.1, 9.4.8.IML.14

Career Education: 9.2.8.CAP.16

Overview of Activities	Teacher's Guide/ Resources	Core Instructional Materials	Technology Infusion
Bend 1			
Session 1 Today, through read-aloud, I want to teach you that readers of dystopian texts orient themselves to a new text not only by considering how dystopian stories go, but also by paying close attention to small details and trying to make sense of them to grow initial ideas about how that world has gone awry.	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 1: Reading Dystopian in the Shadow of Literary Traditions Read-Aloud: Letting Genre Guide Your Work <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • "Ponies" by Kij Johnson • Read-Aloud Printable post-its for "Ponies" by Kij Johnson • Marked up read-aloud excerpt from "Ponies" by Kij Johnson • Anchor Chart: Dystopian Novels Usually...So Readers... • "Lean-In" Comments	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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		to Build Enthusiasm • "Lean-In" Comments to Support the Early Work in the Unit	
Session 2 Today I want to teach you that power is usually a very big deal in dystopian books. Readers can learn a lot by studying characters through a lens of power, considering not just who has power and who doesn't, but also how characters orient themselves toward and respond to power.	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 1: Reading Dystopian in the Shadow of Literary Traditions Understanding Characters' Responses to Power in a Dystopian World <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Anchor Chart: Dystopian Novels Usually...So Readers... • Book Clubs...chart from Tapping the Power of Nonfiction	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Session 3 Today I want to teach you that when reading dystopian novels, readers keep in mind that the characters are often archetypes. Knowing this leads readers to predict what will happen in a story, and to understand why things happen as they do.	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 1: Reading Dystopian in the Shadow of Literary Traditions Noticing Dystopian Archetypes <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Common Archetypes in Dystopian Fiction chart • Ways to Use Archetypes to Get to Know Characters chart • Anchor Chart: Dystopian Novels	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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		Usually...So Readers...	
Session 4 Today I want to teach you that readers think about how characters may fit more than one archetype, and how they do and do not fit the archetypes. By doing this kind of thinking, readers can come to know the characters better.	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 1: Reading Dystopian in the Shadow of Literary Traditions Understanding the Complexity of Archetypal Characters <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Common Archetypes in Dystopian Fiction chart • Anchor Chart: Dystopian Novels Usually...So Readers...	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Session 5 Today I want to remind you that dystopian novels are stories. As in all stories, the characters will face obstacles. But here's the important thing: dystopian novels usually include systemic obstacles—political or societal obstacles—as well as personal ones.	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 1: Reading Dystopian in the Shadow of Literary Traditions Thinking about Characters' Responses to Systemic Problems <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Anchor Chart: Dystopian Novels Usually...So Readers...	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Session 6 Today I want to teach you that experienced readers of dystopian novels realize that these novels are full	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 1: Reading Dystopian in the Shadow of Literary Traditions	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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of surprises. Things reveal themselves more slowly in these novels, which means that readers of this genre need to prolong their willingness to be uncertain, and their openness to new musings.	Doing More Wondering <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Post-Its • Book Club Novel • Anchor Chart: Dystopian Novels Usually...So Readers...	
Session 7 Today I want to teach you that experienced readers recognize that dystopian novels are full of symbolism. That means readers can do the fascinating work of noticing objects, actions, and phrases that seem significant and pondering possible meanings of these.	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 1: Reading Dystopian in the Shadow of Literary Traditions Seeking Emerging Symbolism in Dystopian Texts <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • "This Is Just to Say" by Williams Carlos Williams • "Reaping scene" from The Hunger Games • Anchor Chart: Dystopian Novels Usually...So Readers... • Readers in Book Clubs Reflect, Asking Themselves... chart	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Session 8 Today I want to teach you that when you know something about the kind of book you're reading, you'll start noticing more about that kind of book	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 1: Reading Dystopian in the Shadow of Literary Traditions	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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any time you read it. This work pays off when you are able to expect certain things in certain kinds of books—it's as if you're part of the club of readers that "get" this genre.	Welcoming Students to the Dystopian Club <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Book Club Novel ● "Book Club Novel" Anchor Chart: Dystopian Novels Usually...So Readers... ● "The Group Hopper" from Saturday Night Live ● Dystopian YA Novel Twitter feed	
Bend II			
Session 9 Today let's investigate these questions: "What's challenging about reading series?" and "How can readers tackle these challenges?"	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 2: Investigating the Challenges of Series Reading Figuring Out What Makes Series Reading Complex <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● Anchor Chart: What's Challenging About Reading Series?	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device
Session 10 Today I want to remind you that readers make deliberate choices about how to use writing about reading to make their reading stronger. One of the	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 2: Investigating the Challenges of Series Reading	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

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ways they do this is to use notebooks as a tool for when stories get especially complex.	Using Your Notebook to Better Understand a Reading Series <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Book Club Novel ● J.K. Rowling's planning diagram for Harry Potter ● Anchor Chart: What's Challenging About Reading Series? ● Steps to Create a Tool or Strategy for Building Skills chart ● Steps to Create a Tool or Strategy for Building Skills mini student chart	
Session 11 Today I want to teach you that in series, there are often moments in a book that seem random. When readers encounter these moments, they can put them together with earlier scenes to understand what's really going on.	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 2: Investigating the Challenges of Series Reading Connecting Scenes across a Series <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● Anchor Chart: What's Challenging About Reading Series? ● Ways to Notice an Author's Work on Plotting chart	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device
Session 12 Today I want to teach you that series book readers walk alongside characters	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 2: Investigating the Challenges	● Collaborative work folder for each book club	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications

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for many pages, getting to know them over time. Along the way, characters tend to change and when they do, it pays to study how evolving pressures and motivations can cause those changes.	of Series Reading Understanding the Pressures and Motivations that Lead to Character Change <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● Anchor Chart: What is challenging about a reading series?	● 1:1 Device
Session 13 Today I want to teach you that another thing that gets more complex across long series is symbolism. Often, the meaning of a symbol shifts as a series goes on, and readers have to ask themselves not just what a symbol means, but what that symbol means now.	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 2: Investigating the Challenges of Series Reading Studying How the Meaning of Symbols Can Shift across Series <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● film still of Katniss giving three-fingered salute from <i>The Hunger Games</i> ● "District 11 riot scene" from <i>The Hunger Games</i> ● "Katniss's speech to District 11" from <i>Catching Fire</i> ● Anchor Chart: What's Challenging About Reading Series?	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device
Session 14	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i>	● Collaborative work	● Smart Board

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Today I want to teach you that readers think about their reading life, finding joy in thinking deeply and sharing their thinking, and live their lives differently because of how, and what, they read.	Bend 2: Investigating the Challenges of Series Reading Celebrating Thinking with a Gallery Walk <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • "That's So Raven" article from <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo • Seventeen magazine • Some Examples of • Real-World Writing About Reading	Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Bend III			
Session 15 Today I want to teach you that one of the biggest, most significant jobs that readers of dystopian books do is to read and reread, asking, “Does this reveal anything about the world we live in or how people tend to act?” Specifically, readers might identify parts that feel similar to their own lives, and then consider why those similarities matter.	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 3: Bridging the World and Dystopian Novels Understanding What Dystopian Fiction Reveals about Our World <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • "Ponies" by Kij Johnson • Some Prompts to Think About Literature with the World in Mind chart • Anchor Chart: To Read Dystopia,	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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		Thinking About the World...	
Session 16 Today I want to teach you that another way to study how dystopian stories connect with the real world is to look for connections to social issues and current events. These connections can sometimes reveal what the story is really about.	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 3: Bridging the World and Dystopian Novels Considering Connections between Dystopian Worlds and Our Own Society <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook • Post-Its • Book Club Novel • A Few Social Issues to Look For in Dystopian Texts chart • "Ponies" by Kij Johnson • Some Prompts to Think About Literature with the World in Mind chart • Anchor Chart: To Read Dystopia, Thinking About the World... • Commonly Alluded to Historical Events in Dystopian Fiction cards	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device
Session 17 Today, through read-aloud, I want to teach you that readers draw on a repertoire of strategies, reflecting on	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 3: Bridging the World and Dystopian Novels	• Collaborative work folder for each book club • Reading Notebook	• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

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the thinking work that most pays off for them at different points in their reading.	Read-Aloud: Supporting Transfer and Independence <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● "Harrison Bergeron" by Kurt Vonnegut ● Anchor Chart: Dystopian Novels Usually...So Readers... ● Anchor Chart: What's Challenging About Reading Series? ● Anchor Chart: To Read Dystopia, Thinking About the World... ● "Lean-In" Comments to Encourage Independent Thinking	
Session 18 Today I want to teach you that when readers interpret stories with the real world in mind, they can discover new meanings for symbols in the text. They can do this by thinking about what that symbol means in the real world, and then asking what that symbol could mean in the context of the story, and why the author might have put it there.	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 3: Bridging the World and Dystopian Novels Thinking about How Symbols Move between Dystopian Worlds and Our Own <i>The Reading Strategies Book</i> by Jennifer Serravallo	● Collaborative work folder for each book club ● Reading Notebook ● Post-Its ● Book Club Novel ● "Ponies" by Kij Johnson ● Anchor Chart: To Read Dystopia, Thinking About the World... ● "Harrison Bergeron"	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device

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		by Kurt Vonnegut • "The Scarecrow" video from Chipotle • "Thai protestors use Hunger Games salute" video • "Thai Protesters Are Detained After Using 'Hunger Games' Salute" from <i>The New York Times</i>	
Session 19 Today I want to teach you—remind you—that the best reading changes you. You're not the same once you've read a text that matters to you, and texts that reveal the world to you can lead you to take action in your life and in your world	<i>Dystopian Book Clubs</i> Bend 3: Bridging the World and Dystopian Novels Celebrating Growth, Inspiration, and Empowerment		• Smart Board Applications • Google Applications • 1:1 Device

Assessments	
Formative Assessments (Informal) • Listen to/videotape some book club discussions • Evaluate reading notebooks (look for how students use their notebooks in thoughtful and innovative ways to develop thinking, and express that thinking fluently.) • Ask students to write a reading response off the read aloud at	Summative Assessments • Reading Project Chosen from Tic Tac Toe Board • Student writing will be assessed based upon the Lucy Calkins rubric for writing, including: • Lead • Transitions

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the beginning of the unit and end of the unit. - Consider how students might move up reading levels across this unit. Formative Assessments (Formal) - Teacher-student conferences	- Ending - Organization - Elaboration - Craft - Spelling - Punctuation and sentence structure - Overall writing quality
Benchmark Assessments District-assigned Benchmark Assessments (e.g. LinkIt, literacy screeners, content-specific benchmarks)	Alternative Assessments - Alternative Choice Projects - Oral Assessments

Differentiation			
Special Education	MLL	At Risk	Gifted and Talented
- RTI - Modify and accommodate as listed in student's IEP or 504 plan - Utilize effective amount of wait time - Hold high expectations - Communicate directions clearly and concisely and repeat, reword, modify as necessary. - Utilize open-ended questioning techniques - Utilize scaffolding to support instruction. - Chunk tasks into smaller components - Provide step by step	- RTI - Speech/Language Therapy - Rosetta Stone - Hold high expectations - Provide English/Spanish Dictionary for use - Place with Spanish speaking teacher/paraprofessional as available - Learn/Utilize/Display some words in the students' native language - Invite student to after school tutoring sessions - Basic Skills Instruction - Utilize formative assessments to drive instruction - Translate printed	- RTI Tiered Interventions following RTI framework - Support instruction with RTI intervention resources - Provide after school tutoring services - Basic Skills Instruction - Hold high expectations - Fountas and Pinnell Phonics - Hold parent conferences fall and spring - Make modifications to instructional plans based on I and RS Plan. - Develop a record system to encourage good behavior and completion of work. - Establish a consistent and	- Organize the curriculum to include more elaborate, complex, and in-depth study of major ideas and problems through Compacting. - Allow for the development and application of productive thinking skills to enable students to re-conceptualize existing knowledge and/or generate new knowledge. - Enable students to explore continually changing knowledge and information and develop the attitude that knowledge is worth pursuing in an open world. - Encourage exposure to,

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instructions • Model and use visuals as often as possible • Utilize extended time and/or reduce amount of items given for homework, quizzes, and tests. • Teach Tiers 1,2, and 3 words to assist students' understanding of instructional texts. • Utilize a variety of formative assessments to drive next point of instruction/differentiated instructional practices. • Create rubrics/allow students to assist with task, so that all are aware of expectations. • Create modified assessments. • Allow students to utilize online books, when available, to listen to oral recorded reading. • Provide individualized assistance as necessary. • Allow for group work (strategically selected) and collaboration as necessary. • Utilize homework recorder within SIS. • Allow for copies of notes to be shared out. • Utilize assistive technology as appropriate. • Provide meaningful feedback and utilize teachable moments. • Utilize graphic organizers • Introduce/review study skills • Provide reading material at or	communications for parents in native language • Hold conferences with translator present • Utilize additional NJDOE resources/recommendations • Review Special Education listing for additional recommendations • Establish a consistent and daily routine	daily routine.	selection and use of appropriate and specialized resources. • Promote self-initiated and self-directed learning and growth. • Provide for the development of self-understanding of one's relationships with people, societal institutions, nature and culture.
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slightly above students' reading levels. • Utilize manipulatives as necessary. • Utilize auditory reminders as deemed necessary. • Provide breaks to allow for refocusing as necessary. • Establish a consistent and daily routine.			
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Quinton Township School District
English Language Arts Literacy-Language
Grade 8

Unit:	5	Unit Title:	Vocabulary	Pacing:	Infused in units 1-4
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Unit Summary:

In this unit, students will demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. In addition, students will acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. Students will build on their prior knowledge from 7th grade through IXL activities. At the end of the unit, students should have earned at least an 80 on each IXL skill; this will count as the summative assessment for the unit.

Objectives:

SWBAT interpret figures of speech (e.g. verbal irony, puns) in context.

SWBAT use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.

SWBAT distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute).

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Essential Questions:

- Why is improving your vocabulary important?
- How do figures of speech enhance writing?

New Jersey Student Learning Standards/Learning Targets:

L.VI.8.4, L.VI.8.4.A, L.VI.8.4.B, L.VI.8.4.C, L.VI.8.4.D

Overview of Activities	Teacher's Guide/ Resources	Core Instructional Materials	Technology Infusion
Figures of speech	IXL - R Skills	● IXL: 8th Grade ● R.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device ● IXL
Using word relationships to determine meaning	IXL - J Skills	● IXL: 8th Grade ● J.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device ● IXL
Denotative and Connotative Meaning	IXL - K Skills	● IXL: 8th Grade ● K.1, 2, 3, 4, 5	● Smart Board Applications ● Google Applications ● 1:1 Device ● IXL

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Assessments	
Formative Assessments Teacher will monitor student progress through IXL and provide individualized feedback and instruction to students in real time. Reinforce grammar concepts during other activities and assignments. Incorporate identification of figures or speech and determining word meaning and encouraging vocabulary development throughout readers and writers workshops.	Summative Assessments Students will earn a score of 80 on each IXL skill in the unit.
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• Introduce/review study skills • Provide reading material at or slightly above students' reading levels. • Utilize manipulatives as necessary. • Utilize auditory reminders as deemed necessary. • Provide breaks to allow for refocusing as necessary. • Establish a consistent and daily routine.			
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