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LCCS 6th Grade ELA Curriculum Overview

Month	Unit
September - October	Unit 1: Fiction Short Stories & NWT
November - January	Unit 2: The Devil's Arithmetic & Holocaust Book Lit Circles & LAT
February-March	Unit 3: Hero Project & Refugee & RST
April-May	Unit 4: The Giver & ELA Skills Review
May	Unit 5: Poetry & Analysis & Spoken Word
June	Unit 6: Voices Lit Circle & The Breadwinner

Unit 1: Fiction Short Stories & NWT

Overview: This unit focuses on character, plot, and theme development, as well as literary analysis and narrative writing. Students will read several short stories to understand how character, conflict, and setting propel plot; and analyze character development. Students will participate in an initial lit circle of various genres to understand how identity is forged through the overcoming of conflict and obstacles. Students will write a narrative incorporating elements of fiction and a literary analysis to explore character development and different points of view.

Short Stories: "Eleven" by Sandra Cisneros, "Thank You, Ma'am" by Langston Hughes, "All Summer in a Day" by Ray Bradbury, "Fish Cheeks" by Amy Tan, and "Examination Day" by Henry Slesar.

Unit Novels: *Thirst* by Varsha Bajaj, *As Brave As You* by Jason Reynolds, *Born Behind Bars* by Padma Venkatraman, *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan, and *The House that Lou Built* by Mae Respicio

Timeline: 28 days