

Unit 1: StudySync Overview

Testing Our Limits (Recommended Time: 30-40 days to include end-of-unit testing TE Vol. 1 p. 2-293)

Essential Question: What do we do when life gets hard?

Genre Focus: Fiction

Writing Focus: Narrative

Texts and Authors

- Eleven (Fiction) by Sandra Cisneros
- The Mighty Miss Malone (Fiction) by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Red Scarf Girl (Informational Text) by Ji-li Jiang
- The Magic Marker Mystery (Drama) by Rene Saldana
- Scout's Honor (Fiction) by Avi
- Good Samaritan (Fiction) by Rene Saldana
- Jabberwocky (Poetry) by Lewis Carroll
- Gathering Blue (Fiction) by Lois Lowry
- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Novel Study

- Hatchet (Fiction)
- A Wrinkle in Time (Fiction)
- A Long Walk to Water

*Novel Studies are chosen to connect with each unit's theme and essential question. They may be used alongside or in lieu of Core ELA texts in this unit.

Honors students will read a novel alongside the thematic unit. Students may choose a novel as long as it relates to the unit theme.

Reading Skills

- Annotation
- Context Clues
- Reading Comprehension
- Textual Evidence
- Figurative Language
- Making Connections
- Character
- Setting
- Making and Confirming Predictions
- Dramatic Elements and Structure
- Story Structure
- Plot
- Summarizing

Extended Writing Project Prompt: Narrative	Writing and Grammar Skills	
How can an unexpected event turn into a major challenge? Imagine the very worst possible day. What event or individual makes that day so terrible? How do your characters respond? Write a story in which the main character faces an unexpected challenge on what was supposed to be a normal day.	● Text-Dependent Responses ● Short Constructed Response ● Peer Review ● Personal Response ● Compare and Contrast ● Organizing Narrative Writing ● Story Beginnings ● Descriptive Details	● Narrative Techniques ● Transitions ● Conclusions ● Narrative Writing Process: Plan, Draft, Revise, Edit, and Publish Grammar Skills Personal Pronouns Pronouns and Antecedents Consistent Pronoun Use Vocabulary Workbook