

Unit 4: StudySync Overview

Moment of Truth Recommended Time: 30-40 days to include end-of-unit testing TE Vol. 2 p. 2-309

Essential Question: How can one event change everything?

Genre Focus: Informational Text

Writing Focus: Informative

Texts and Authors	Reading Skills
• Casey at the Bat (Poetry) • Hitting big league fastball ‘clearly impossible’ (Informational) • The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Informational) • An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 (Informational) • Fever 1793 (Fiction) • Harrison Bergeron (Fiction) • The Last Human Light (from What If?) (Informational) • The Power of Student Peer Leaders (Informational) • The Three Questions (Fiction) • The Tequila Worm (Fiction) • Barrio Boy (Informational) Novel Study • An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 • The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope • Barrio Boy *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 have a choice in the novel as long as it relates to the unit theme.	Figurative Language Media Compare and Contrast Textual Evidence Point of View Evaluating Details Informational Text Structure Connotation and Denotation Character Central or Main Idea Informational Text Elements Word Patterns and Relationships Word Meaning Technical Language

Extended Writing Project Prompt: Informative	Writing and Grammar Skills
How can one moment change everything? Think carefully about the question above. Then, choose three texts from this unit and explain how one moment had a significant impact on a character, an individual, or other event in that text. Identify the moment that changed everything and explain how and why that moment had such an impact.	Thesis Statement Organizing Informational Writing Supporting Details Introductions Transitions Conclusions Style Precise Language Informational Writing Process Grammar Skills Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers Commas Between Coordinate Adjectives Commonly Misspelled Words