

Unit 1: StudySync Overview

Everyone Loves a Mystery Recommended Time: 30-40 days to include end-of-unit testing TE Vol. 1 p. 2-329	
Essential Question: What attracts us to the mysterious? Genre Focus: Fiction Writing Focus: Narrative	
Texts and Authors	Reading Skills
The Tell-Tale Heart (Fiction) Monster (Fiction/Drama) Let 'Em Play God (Informational) Sympathy (Poetry) Ten Days in a Mad-House (Chapter IV) (Informational) The Lottery (Fiction) The Graveyard Book (Fiction) The Conjure-Man Dies: A Mystery Tale of Dark Harlem (Fiction) The Monkey's Paw (Fiction) Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science (Informational) Novel Study • Monster • Poe's Great Tales and Poems • Ten Days in a Mad-House *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 independently read a novel alongside the thematic unit.	Annotation Context Clues Reading Comprehension Textual Evidence Language, Style, and Audience Character Generating Questions Author's Purpose and Point of View Making and Confirming Predictions Theme Allusion Plot Story Structure Central or Main Idea

Extended Writing Project Prompt: Narrative	Writing and Grammar Skills
What happens when fear comes from an unlikely source? Use the techniques you've learned in this unit to write your own suspenseful narrative. Your characters may experience suspense in a familiar place or while they're with people they know and trust. Perhaps the fear comes from an everyday object or situation.	Text Dependent Responses Short Constructed Responses Peer Review Personal Response Compare and Contrast Organizing Narrative Writing Story Beginnings Narrative Techniques Descriptive Details Transitions Conclusions Narrative Writing Process: Plan Narrative Writing Process: Draft Narrative Writing Process: Revise Narrative Writing Process: Edit and Publish Grammar Skills: Basic Spelling Rules I Dashes and Hyphens - Dashes Commas after Transitions