

Reading: Foundational Skills		
Placement Grade	Lesson Title	Lesson Description
K, 1, 2	Sounds and Syllables in Words A	Decode two-syllable words; identify long and short vowels and syllable demarcation.
K, 1, 2	Breaking Down Words, part 1 A	Identify the meanings of common affixes; use word parts to find word meanings.
K, 1, 2	Breaking Down Words, part 2 A	Identify word meanings using knowledge of word parts and context.
K, 1, 2	Reading with Focus A	Establish a purpose for reading; use self-correction strategies while reading; read aloud with appropriate expression.
3, 4, 5	Sounds and Syllables in Words B	Sound out words; decode silent-e word structures; identify syllable demarcation.
3, 4, 5	Breaking Down Words, part 1 B	Identify the meanings of common affixes; use word parts to find word meanings.
3, 4, 5	Breaking Down Words, part 2 B	Identify word meanings using knowledge of word parts and context.
3, 4, 5	Reading with Focus B	Establish a purpose for reading; use self-correction strategies while reading; read aloud with appropriate expression.
6, 7, 8	Breaking Down Words, part 1 C	Identify the meanings of common affixes; use word parts to find word meanings.
6, 7, 8	Breaking Down Words, part 2 C	Identify word meanings using knowledge of word parts and context.
Reading: Literature		
K, 1, 2	Asking Questions about a Fiction Text	Ask questions about a story, and locate the answers.
K, 1, 2	Finding Details in a Fiction Text	Recount and order the key details in an informational text; find the central message of the text.
K, 1, 2	Describing Settings, Events, and Characters	Describe the settings, events, and characters in a literary text; identify key details about these elements.
3	Using Conflict to Make Predictions about a Fiction Text	Identify details that support a prediction about a story; answer questions about conflict in a story and make predictions.
3	Characterization in a Fiction Text	Draw inferences about characters in a literary text by identifying supporting details; distinguish direct from indirect characterization.

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3	Theme in a Fiction Text A	Determine the theme of a story by identifying supporting details; read and reread a story to identify important story elements.
4	Making Inferences about Characters in a Fiction Text	Draw inferences about characters in a literary text by identifying supporting details; distinguish direct from indirect characterization.
4	Summarizing a Fiction Text B	Summarize a story, and trace its plot.
4	Theme in a Fiction Text B	Determine the theme of a story by identifying supporting details; read and reread a story to identify important story elements.
4	Setting in a Fiction Text	Identify the setting of a story and supporting details; make text-to-self connections to visualize a story's setting.
4	Figurative Language in a Poem	Identify and interpret figurative language in a poem.
4	Structure in a Poem	Identify the structural elements in a poem, and use them to interpret its meaning.
5	Making Inferences about Character Relationships in a Literary Text	Draw inferences using supporting details in a literary text, and analyze its character relationships.
5	Identifying Plot Elements in a Literary Text	Summarize a literary text, and recognize its plot elements.
5	Exploring Word Relationships and Figurative Language	Identify and use context clues to determine or clarify the meaning of unfamiliar words; identify and interpret figurative language; understand how knowledge of figurative language improves comprehension and writing.
5	Tracing Plot Development in a Literary Text	Trace plot development in a story, and identify story elements; reflect on how characters and events connect in a literary text.
5	Point of View in a Literary Text	Identify a narrator's point of view in a literary text, and describe how the point of view influences the portrayal of events.
5	Visual Elements in a Literary Text	Interpret visual elements in a literary text, and explain how they contribute to the text.
5	Theme and Topic in Literary Texts	Identify common themes and topics across two stories in the same genre; compare and contrast how these stories approach a similar theme or topic.
6	Making Inferences about a Poem	Draw inferences from a literary text, and identify supporting details; determine the theme and identify figurative language in a poem.
6	Summarizing and Finding the Theme in a Literary Text	Summarize and determine the theme of a literary text; identify details supporting the theme.

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6	Story Elements in a Literary Text	Identify a story's plot elements; analyze the motivations and responses of its characters; analyze how the setting, plot, and characters interact.
6	Figurative Language and Making Connections in a Literary Text	Identify and interpret figurative language in a literary text; build background knowledge about a historical landmark; make connections to understand a poem's significance.
6	Literary Text Structure	Determine the structure of a literary text, and analyze how a portion of the text contributes to its development.
6	Perspective and Voice in a Literary Text	Explain how an author conveys the speaker's perspective in a story; describe the voice of a speaker or character in a story; analyze why an author assigns a specific point of view to a narrator.
6	Structure in Narrative and Dramatic Texts	Compare and contrast the structures of narrative and dramatic texts; explain the characteristics of a folktale; make predictions to support comprehension.
6	Comparing and Contrasting Literary Text Genres	Identify common themes and topics across two literary texts of different genres; compare and contrast how two literary texts of different genres approach a similar theme or topic.
7	Inferring Theme in a Literary Text	Make inferences from a literary text, and determine its theme; identify details supporting inferences.
7	Summarizing and Analyzing Characters in a Dramatic Text	Summarize a dramatic text; identify its elements, and analyze the characters.
7	Characters and Plot in a Literary Text	Describe characters in a literary text, and analyze their influence on events.
7	Structure and Metaphor in a Poem	Identify and interpret metaphors in a literary text; evaluate the effect of repetition; examine free verse structure.
7	Sound Elements in Literary Texts	Identify sound elements in a literary text, and analyze their impact.
7	Poetic Text Structure	Analyze how a poem's structure contributes to its meaning; examine rhythm and the effect of repetition in a poem.
7	Multiple Points of View in a Literary Text	Identify different points of view in a literary text; analyze how the author develops and contrasts multiple points of view.
7	Comparing Different Versions of a Story	Identify the unique techniques used in written, audio, and video versions of a story, and analyze the effects of these techniques; compare and contrast a literary text with its audio or video version.

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8	Comparing Myths and Making Inferences about Cultures	Draw inferences from a literary text, and identify supporting details; compare and contrast myths from different cultures to identify the values shown.
8	Summarizing and Analyzing Character Relationships in a Literary Text	Summarize a literary text, and analyze the relationships between characters and events.
8	Characterization, Theme, and Irony in a Literary Text	Determine the theme of a literary text, and identify supporting details; use text evidence to make inferences about characters; analyze the use of irony in a story.
8	Allusion and Metaphor in Poetry	Identify and interpret figurative language in a literary text; analyze the use of allusion and metaphor; analyze the role of poetry in cultural and societal changes.
8	Analyzing Point of View in a Literary Text	Identify the point of view from which a story is told; contrast the points of view of characters and readers, and analyze how their differences can create suspense or humor.
8	Comparing Text to Performance	Analyze the differences between a literary text and its performance; recognize the choices made by the director and actors in the performance.
8	Comparing Modern and Traditional Stories	Analyze how a modern work of fiction incorporates themes, events, and characters from traditional literature; analyze its use and transformation of the material.
9	Making Inferences and Determining Word Meanings in a Literary Text	Draw inferences and identify details that support inferences in a literary text; use context to understand unfamiliar words; compare the writing styles of different time periods.
9	Summarizing and Analyzing Cultural Experience in a Myth	Summarize a literary text; identify the features of a myth, and analyze how a cultural experience is reflected in a text of this type.
9	Central Idea and Sound Elements in a Sonnet	Determine the central idea of a poem, and identify its supporting details; explore the history and structure of a Shakespearean sonnet; analyze the rhyme scheme and identify the meter of a sonnet.
9	Characterization, Conflict, and Resolution in a Literary Text	Analyze complex characters and interpret different types of conflict in a story; examine plot structure to interpret an implied resolution.

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9	Figurative Language, Tone, and Mood in Poetry	Interpret the use of figurative language in poetry; examine how the denotation and connotation of words affect tone and mood; analyze a poet's style.
9	Imagery, Mood, and Suspense in Poetry	Analyze how an author creates suspense in a literary text; identify imagery in a poem; analyze the impact of word choice and sound devices on mood.
9	Comparing Artistic Representations of a Subject	Identify similarities and differences in the representations of a subject in two artistic mediums; contrast their focuses and emphases.
9	Text Structure and the Use of Source Material in a Literary Text	Analyze how an author uses source material in a literary text; identify text structures, including cause and effect and chronology; analyze how narration affects storytelling.
10	Making Inferences about Characters in Literary Texts	Draw inferences about characters and identify details supporting inferences in a literary text; analyze plot structure and thematic development.
10	Summarizing and Paraphrasing a Literary Text	Summarize and paraphrase a literary text; analyze foreshadowing, and summarize conflicts.
10	Theme and Satire in a Literary Text	Determine the theme of a literary text, and identify details supporting the theme; explain the use of situational irony as a satirical device, and analyze the relationship between characters and satire.
10	Comparing Poetry and Art	Analyze the use of figurative language and imagery in poetry, and recognize poetic conventions; analyze the portrayal of a subject in two different artistic mediums.
10	Analyzing Cultural Experiences Presented in Different Literary Genres	Analyze cultural experiences reflected in two literary texts; analyze how central ideas are developed in a graphic novel and how tone reveals perspective in realistic fiction; compare and contrast perspectives of different characters.
10	Comparing Critical Perspectives toward Literature	Analyze the cultural experience reflected in a literary text; apply feminist and historical perspectives to analyze literature; compare and contrast critical perspectives used to analyze literature.
10	Narrative Techniques and the Use of Source Material in a Poem	Compare a literary text to its source material; analyze how an author creates tension through pacing and order of events; identify the characteristics of narrative poetry.

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11, 12	Inferences and Cultural Connections in a Literary Text	Draw inferences and identify supporting details in a literary text; recognize the characteristics of the Anglo-Saxon period; analyze the development of the English language.
11, 12	Paraphrasing and Objectively Summarizing a Literary Text	Summarize and objectively paraphrase a literary text.
11, 12	Themes and Philosophical Ideas in a Literary Text	Determine the theme and identify supporting details in a literary text; identify philosophical concepts in a text.
11, 12	Story Elements and Humor in a Literary Text	Analyze the use of dialogue to portray characters and establish setting in a literary text; cite examples of satire, irony, and sarcasm in a realist text; critique the author's use of humor to convey intent and viewpoint.
11, 12	Imagery and Figurative Language in Poetry	Analyze the use of figurative language to convey ideas in a literary text; identify and analyze imagery; evaluate an adaptation.
11, 12	Literary Text Structure in Fiction and Poetry	Analyze how text structure contributes to the meaning and impact of a literary text; identify the use of frame story, flashback, and sequencing in a short story; compare and contrast texts of different genres on the same topic.
11, 12	Irony, Satire, and Characterization in a Literary Text	Analyze the use of irony and satire in a literary text; examine the impact of character development in a story; ask questions to interpret societal messages in science fiction.
11, 12	Comparing Versions of a Literary Text in Different Mediums	Compare versions of a literary text in two different mediums; analyze a text's aesthetic impact and how it conveys an author's purpose.
Reading: Informational Text		
K, 1, 2	Asking Questions about an Informational Text	Ask and locate answers to questions about an informational text.
K, 1, 2	Finding Details in an Informational Text	Identify, recount, and order the key details in an informational text; determine the main topic of the text.
K, 1, 2	Using Clues to Understand New Words	Identify and use context clues to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
3	Making Inferences about an Informational Text A	Draw inferences from an informational text by identifying supporting details.

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3	Central Ideas in an Informational Text A	Determine the main idea of an informational text by identifying supporting details; make text-to-self and text-to-world connections.
3	Using Context Clues to Find Word Meanings A	Identify and use context clues to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
4	Making Inferences about an Informational Text B	Draw inferences from an informational text by identifying supporting details.
4	Summarizing and Paraphrasing an Informational Text B	Summarize and paraphrase an informational text.
4	Central Ideas in an Informational Text B	Determine the main idea of an informational text by identifying supporting details; make text-to-self and text-to-world connections.
4	Using Context Clues to Find Word Meanings B	Identify and use context clues to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
4	Compare-and-Contrast Structure in an Informational Text	Recognize compare-and-contrast structure in an informational text; create mental models to understand this text structure.
4	Visual Aids in an Informational Text	Explain how visual elements contribute to an informational text; interpret visual information.
5	Making Inferences about the Author's Viewpoint in an Informational Text	Infer the author's viewpoint by identifying the supporting details in an informational text; analyze how a key individual is illustrated in an informational text; understand the connection between an author's viewpoint and purpose for writing.
5	Main Ideas in an Informational Text	Determine the main idea of an informational text by identifying the supporting details; summarize an informational text.
5	Making Inferences about Relationships in an Informational Text	Make inferences about relationships in an informational text by identifying supporting details.
5	Context Clues and Multiple-Meaning Words	Identify and use context clues to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words; determine the meaning of multiple-meaning words.
5	Comparing Informational Text Structures	Determine the structure of an informational text; compare and contrast the structures of two informational texts.
5	Point of View in Informational Texts	Identify point of view in an informational text; compare and contrast the points of view of two informational texts on the same topic.

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5	Integrating Information from More Than One Text	Integrate information from two texts on the same topic to answer a question about the topic; answer a question by locating relevant information in a text.
5	Reasons and Evidence	Identify reasons and evidence in an argumentative text, and connect them to particular points in the text; explain how an author supports particular points in a text.
6	Inferring Theme in an Informational Text	Draw inferences from an informational text, and identify supporting details; analyze influences that shape an author; determine an essay's theme.
6	Summarizing and Drawing Conclusions in an Informational Text	Summarize an informational text; interpret a timeline; draw conclusions based on a scientific text.
6	Central Idea and Visual Details in an Informational Text	Determine the central idea of an informational text, and identify supporting details; use photographs to understand historical context; analyze details presented both textually and visually.
6	Images and Descriptions in an Informational Text	Analyze how an author uses description to present ideas in an informational text; explain the purpose of visual media in an informational text.
6	Understanding Complex Information and Technical Vocabulary in an Informational Text	Identify and use context clues to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words; compare and contrast to analyze similarities and differences; explore the author's use of humor.
6	Informational Text Structure	Explain how sections of an informational text fit into the overall text structure; explore the purpose of a text structure; draw conclusions to make an action plan.
6	Persuasion, Author's Purpose, and Theme in an Informational Text	Determine the author's purpose and recognize elements of persuasion in a speech; connect details to the theme.
6	Evaluating an Argument in an Informational Text	Identify the author's argument in an informational text and explain how it is supported by reasons and evidence; evaluate its effectiveness.
6	Comparing and Synthesizing Informational Texts	Compare two informational texts about the same events, and synthesize the information; understand how texts show problems and solutions.
7	Making and Supporting Inferences about an Informational Text	Make inferences from an informational text, and identify supporting details.
7	Summarizing and Finding the Central Idea of an Informational Text	Summarize an informational text; determine its central idea, and identify supporting details; determine the author's purpose.

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7	Cause and Effect in an Informational Text	Define cause and effect in an informational text; trace its central ideas, and determine causal relationships.
7	Word Relationships: Using Context	Identify and use context clues to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words; recognize the difference between connotation and denotation.
7	Understanding Procedures	Identify the steps in a procedural text, and evaluate the clarity of two procedures; paraphrase to aid reading comprehension.
7	Author's Viewpoint in an Informational Text	Determine an author's viewpoint in an informational text, distinguishing that view from those of others; differentiate fact from opinion.
7	Tracing and Analyzing Arguments	Trace and analyze the strength of the argument in a text.
7	How Authors Emphasize Details	Analyze an author's presentation of key information; contrast the presentations by two authors of key information on the same topic.
8	Making Inferences and Determining Viewpoint in an Informational Text	Draw inferences from an informational text, and determine the author's viewpoint; identify details supporting the inferences; notice different characters' attitudes in an autobiography.
8	Summarizing and Paraphrasing an Informational Text	Summarize and paraphrase an informational text.
8	Central Ideas and Author's Purpose in an Informational Text	Determine the central idea of an informational text, and identify supporting evidence; cite evidence of what the text explicitly says; determine and examine the author's purpose.
8	Inferences and Relationships in an Informational Text	Make inferences in an informational text, and analyze how the text makes connections and draws distinctions among individuals, ideas, and events.
8	Context Clues, Roots, and Affixes	Identify and use context clues to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words; use Greek and Latin roots to define academic words; explore how affixes change word meanings.
8	Argument Technique	Analyze an author's use of repetition for rhetorical effect in an informational text; connect word connotation to the author's purpose; analyze the impact of allusion and metaphor.
8	Analyzing the Use of Photographs in an Informational Text	Analyze how photographs provide support and emotional appeal in an informational text; evaluate the effect of persuasive media.
8	Rhetoric and Argument	Identify the components of an argument in a text; analyze the development of rhythm and use of rhetoric in a speech.

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8	Comparing Perspectives in Informational Texts	Identify where information conflicts in two informational texts on the same topic; analyze how the texts disagree on facts and differ in the interpretation of facts.
9	Text Structure and Making Inferences in an Informational Text	Draw inferences from an informational text, and identify details that support them; analyze text structure.
9	Summarizing Central Ideas and Purpose in an Informational Text	Summarize an informational text, and recognize the author's purpose; define and understand the purpose of using technical language in an informational text.
9	Central Idea and Word Choice in an Informational Text	Trace and determine the central idea of an informational text; differentiate between connotation and denotation; analyze how context affects meaning.
9	Analyzing the Series of Events in an Informational Text	Analyze how an author unfolds a series of events in an informational text; identify and draw conclusions based on point of view; determine themes.
9	Improving Vocabulary with Word Parts and Context Clues	Identify and use context clues to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words; recognize Greek and Latin roots and affixes; determine word meaning based on word structure.
9	Analyzing an Author's Point of View	Analyze how ideas are developed in an informational text, and determine the author's point of view.
9	Comparing Accounts of a Story in Different Forms	Compare accounts of a subject told in different mediums; identify the purpose for relating events in different forms; analyze the method used to achieve a purpose.
9	Argument, Rhetoric, and Purpose in a Speech	Evaluate the argument and analyze the rhetorical devices used in a text; identify the different purposes of a speech for different audiences.
9	Rhetoric and Structure in Roosevelt's Four Freedoms Speech	Make connections between ideas in two seminal US documents; draw conclusions about the effect of rhetorical appeals; examine how the structure of an argument supports the overall idea.
10	Inferences and Central Ideas in an Informational Text	Draw inferences from an informational text and identify supporting details; analyze the development of a central idea; objectively summarize a nonfiction text.
10	Summarizing and Recognizing Rhetorical Techniques in a Speech	Summarize an informational text; analyze its rhetorical techniques and the effect of word choice on an audience.

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10	Central Ideas in an Autobiographical Essay	Determine the central idea of an informational text, and analyze its development; compare the presentations of a subject by two authors.
10	Analyzing Idea Development in an Essay	Analyze how an author unfolds a series of ideas in an informational text; determine the central idea and purpose of a text; evaluate the effectiveness of an essay.
10	Determine Meaning: Words and Phrases	Identify and use context clues to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words; determine connotative meanings; interpret figurative language to determine the meanings of words and phrases.
10	Developing Ideas with Structure in an Informational Text	Identify text structures in an informational text, and analyze how these are used to develop an author's ideas in specific portions of the text.
10	Word Choice and Multimedia in an Informational Text	Analyze the use of multimedia in an informational text and how word choice develops the author's claim and purpose; cite textual evidence to support an analysis.
10	Evaluating the Argument in an Informational Text	Evaluate the effectiveness of an argument in an informational text, and identify the types of evidence used; analyze the impact of diction on meaning and tone.
10	Analyzing Rhetorical Strategies in Presidential Speeches	Analyze rhetorical techniques in presidential speeches; identify a speaker's purpose, message, and audience, and evaluate the use of rhetorical techniques.
11, 12	Inferences and Central Ideas in an Essay	Draw inferences from an informational text, and identify supporting details; summarize the central ideas in an essay, and analyze their development.
11, 12	Analyzing and Summarizing Central Ideas in an Informational Text	Determine the central idea of an informational text, and analyze its development; summarize an informational text.
11, 12	Central Idea and Argumentative Structure in an Informational Text	Analyze how text structure relates to the author's argument or purpose; summarize the central ideas in an informational text, and analyze their development.
11, 12	Rhetoric and Author's Purpose in an Informational Text	Examine the purpose of a text through the author's choice of words; analyze rhetorical technique, and interpret figurative language to make meaning of a text.

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11, 12	Text and Visuals in Persuasive Messages	Compare how a topic is presented in different mediums; analyze the visual and textual elements of persuasive messages; determine the speaker's purpose in a speech.
11, 12	Reasoning and Argument in a Historical US Document	Analyze the reasoning and evaluate the argument in a seminal U.S. text; apply background knowledge of the US Constitution and segregation policies in twentieth-century America to a text.
11, 12	Theme and Author's Purpose in a Historical US Document	Determine themes and author's purpose in a foundational U.S. document; analyze the use of rhetoric to advance the author's purpose.