| Unit | Content | Skills | Assessment | Standards |
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| 1 | Introduction and review of story elements included in signposts: Plot, Theme, Foreshadowing, inferences Introduce Notice and Note Signposts | Making inferences about character Making predictions about conflict and plot identify theme | Identify Signposts Assessment Monthly Book Project Monthly Signpost responses in Independent reading book | CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.3 Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments. |
| 2 | Novel connection to Social Studies content Characterization Notice and Note signposts Nonfiction articles | Figurative Language Close reading Stanzas Analyze character traits | Poetry Project related to novel Monthly Book Project Monthly Signpost responses in Independent reading book Persuasive Posters | CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.5 Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.6.8 Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not. |
| 3 | Novel Connection to 6th grade/middle school life Nonfiction articles | Nonfiction questioning strategies Nonfiction analysis of text Key ideas and details | End of Novel One Pager with focus on characters and theme of text Monthly Book Project | CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.9 Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories) in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.6.6 |

| | | | Monthly Signpost responses in Independent reading book | Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.3 Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments. |
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| 4 | Real world connection using picture books Fiction and Nonfiction Signposts | Visualization Story sequencing story major events Identifying and being able to teach a theme found in a story Citing text evidence | Monthly Book Project Monthly Signpost responses in Independent reading book Plot Comic Picture Book Assignment | CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.6.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. |