

Part I: Clarity of Learning Targets

What are the grade level indicators that go with this unit? Place a star next to the grade level indicators that are Power Indicators. Are the indicators in student friendly language? Place the level of Bloom’s Taxonomy next to each Power Indicator.

*Predict content, evidence and outcomes from illustrations and prior experience and support those predictions with examples from the text or background knowledge. (RP2-Conceptual knowledge, evaluating)

Student Friendly: I can use my background knowledge to make predictions and connections to text.

*Compare and contrast information in texts with prior knowledge and experience. (RP3- Conceptual knowledge, analyze)

Student Friendly: I can use what I know to compare and contrast texts.

*Write responses to stories by comparing text to other texts, or to people or events in their own lives. (WA2-Factual knowledge, understand)

Student Friendly: I can write about what I’ve read by comparing it to other texts or to my life.

What are the Big Ideas that go with this unit?

Good readers use different strategies to help them understand what they read.

Good readers make connections to understand what they read.

There are many types of writing.

What are the Essential Questions that go with this unit?

What are different strategies that good readers use to help them understand what they read? (predictions, connections, compare and contrast)

How can writers show that they understand the text?

(write about connections)

What strategies will we use in order to make learning targets clearer for all students, before, during and after instruction? How will you communicate the learning indicators to students?

Put learning target on each paper

Rubrics shown at beginning of lesson

Learning targets posted in the room

State and discuss learning target before, during and after each lesson

Post exemplars

Self-assessments during the unit

Unit Graphic Organizer with indicators (needs to be created)

At beginning of unit, students will create a folder with graphic organizer on front to keep all info related to targets and self-assessments

Homework Notebook-Reading night

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Olmsted Falls Schools: Unit Design Framework
Part II: Feedback and Assessments (Formative and Summative)

How will we provide students with feedback throughout the unit?

What formative assessments will we use? (Non-graded assignments that check for understanding and provide feedback to the students) Incorporate the 7 Strategies of Assessment for Learning here.

How will students be involved with keeping track of their own learning progress (note—this is different than tracking points for a grade)?

Students will complete a checklist to keep track of when they make predictions/connections/use background knowledge. The checklist will be kept in a folder with the graphic organizer for the duration of the unit.

Other formative assessments:

Predictions-DRA questions sheet (prediction)

Preview and predict balloons

Connections-text connection strips (student brings book with bookmark to teacher and explains connection to teacher)

-connection stems (2 different versions)

- Many connections (3 column chart to list any connections made while reading)

Background Knowledge-My Personal Thinking and Learning Record

-plain Venn diagram

- plain K-W-L chart

What summative assessments will we use? (Graded, evaluative assessments)

1. Prediction rubric (prediction recording sheet)
*read a book to a predetermined stopping point and make predictions
2. Background Knowledge rubric (recording sheet)
* use with a non fiction book
3. Connections Rubric (recording sheet)
* will need to be completed with multiple books in more than one day in order to get all types of connections done

Part III: Instruction and Student Activities

What instructional and student activities will we use for this unit? These activities should directly align with the indicators and assessments.

Start by introducing unit with web

Lessons:

*Tool Kit Lesson-book 1 Monitor Comprehension (Lesson 1)

Think About the Text-Look, Listen, Talk, Write and Draw to Express Thinking (predicting)

Possible texts-

*Tool Kit Lesson-book 2 Activate and Connect (Lesson 6)

Make Connections-Use Personal Experience to Construct Meaning (connections)

Possible texts-

*Tool Kit Lesson-book 2 Activate and Connect (Lesson 7)

Merge Thinking with New Learning- Stop, Think and React to Information (background knowledge)

Possible texts-

Other optional activities:

Get Your Brain Started (predicting)

Connections Overview lesson focus

Text-to-World Connections lesson focus

Text-to-Self Connections lesson focus

Text-to-Text Connections lesson focus

Activate Prior Knowledge for Nonfiction lesson focus (background knowledge)