

DEKALB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RIGOROUS CURRICULUM DESIGN **UNIT PLANNING ORGANIZER**

Subject(s)	English Language Arts
Grade and Course	7 th Grade
Unit of Study	Unit 1: Exploring Narrative Reading and Writing
	Timeframe:
Pacing	6 weeks (traditional)
	4 weeks (block)

"Unwrapped" Priority Georgia Standards of Excellence Skills and Concepts

ELAGSE7RL3: ANALYZE how particular elements of a story or drama interact. (e.g., how settings shape the characters or plot)

ELAGSE7RL6: ANALYZE how an author develops and contrasts the points of view of different characters or narrators in a text.

ELAGSE7RI3: ANALYZE the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).

ELAGSE7W4: PRODUCE clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.



"Unwrapped" Priority Standards				
"Unwrapped" Concepts (Students Need to Know)	"Unwrapped" Skills (Students Need to Be Able to Do)	Bloom's Taxonomy Levels	DOK (For Overall Standard)	
ELAGSE7RL3	ELAGSE7RL3	ELAGSE7RL3	ELAGSE7RL3	
Elements of a story.	• ANALYZE	• 4 (Analyze)	 2 (Skills and Concepts) 	

ELAGSE7RL6	ELAGSE7RL6	ELAGSE7RL6	ELAGSE7RL6
 Author's point of view. Characters and narrators 	• ANALYZE	• 4 (Analyze)	3 (Strategic Thinking)
Interactions between individuals, events, and ideas.	• ANALYZE	ELAGSE7RI3 • 4 (Analyze)	ELAGSE7RI3 • 3 (Strategic Thinking)
Clarity and coherence Development, organization, and style.	• PRODUCE	• 6 (Create)	3 (Strategic Thinking)

Supporting Standards



ELAGSE7RL3: ANALYZE how particular elements of a story or drama interact.

- ELAGSE7RL4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of rhymes and other repetitions of sounds (e.g., alliteration) on a specific verse or stanza of a poem or section of a story or drama.
- ELAGSE7RL5: Analyze how a drama's or poem's form or structure (e.g., soliloquy, sonnet) contributes to its meaning.

ELAGSE7RL6: ANALYZE how an author develops and contrasts the points of view of different characters or narrators in a text.

- ELAGSE7RL1: Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- ELAGSE7RL2: Determine a theme and/or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.

ELAGSE7RI3: ANALYZE the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).

- ELAGSE7RI1: Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- ELAGSE7RI2: Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.
- ELAGSE7RI4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.

ELAGSETW4: PRODUCE clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

- ELAGSE7W1: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
- Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
- Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
- Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), reasons, and evidence.
- Establish and maintain a formal style.
- Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
- ELAGSE7W2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
- Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
- Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
- Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.



- Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
- Establish and maintain a formal style.
- Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
- ELAGSE7W3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
- Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
- Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
- Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one-time frame or setting to another.
- Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture d the action and convey experiences and events.
- Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
- **ELAGSE7W9**: Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection,
- ELAGSE7SL2: Analyze the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how the ideas clarify a topic, text, or issue under study.

ELA Overarching Standards

ELAGSE7RL.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.

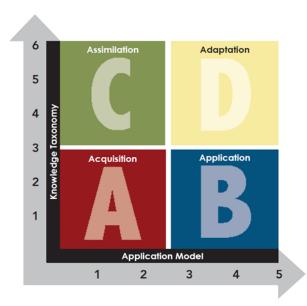
ELAGSE7RI.10 By the end of the year read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

ELAGSE7W.10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences (begins in grade 3)



Essential Questions	Corresponding Big Ideas
Why do readers analyze and need to understand the elements of a story?	Each element contributes to the development of a story and character development.
Why is it important for a reader to understand characters' and narrator's points of view?	 Points of view of characters or narrators help readers to develop a deeper understanding of the characters their perspectives.
 How does a writer use interactions of individuals, events, and ideas and organization to develop of a piece of writing? 	 The writer uses the interactions of individuals, events and ideas to influence one another and develop the writing
How and why should writers use an organized structure and style?	 Writers must incorporate organization and style to present ideas logically for the task, purpose, and audience.





Unit Assessments

Directions: (Delete the italicized directions in this template when no longer needed)

Pre-Assessment	Post-Assessment
Student Version:	Student Version:
7_ELA_Unit1_Preassessment_Student	DeKalb Benchmark Assessment
Teacher Version:	Teacher Version:
7_ELA_Unit1_Preassessment_Teacher	DeKalb Benchmark Assessment

Scoring Guide				
4 Advanced	3 Proficient	2 Basic	1 Below Basic	





Performance Assessment

Engaging Scenario

Suddenly, a time machine has landed at your school's front door. A historical figure that you recently read about has emerged and he/she is lost in time. You must help this character by creating a presentday sequel to his/her story through an illustrated narrative. Your narrative must provide major events and different points of view of today's history and change the main character's point-of-view from the original story. You must show understanding of the historical text you are studying by creating a plot diagram.

Performance Task Synopses

Teacher notes: Students should have opportunities throughout the unit to engage in independent reading within their Lexile range. In addition, students should be exposed to and interact with text within or above the grade level text complexity band.

Task 1: (ELAGSE7RL3) Construct a plot diagram from the narrative of the historical figure that you have chosen.

Task 2: (ELAGSE7RL6) Develop a point of view chart. In the chart state the historical character's point of view. Also in the chart, present the alternate point of view of the historical character that you plan to use in your narrative.

Task 3: (ELAGSE7RI3) Research and create a timeline of today's major events that corresponds and relates to the historical character.

Task 4: (ELAGSE7W4/ ELAGSE7W3: a-e) Compose and design an illustrative narrative seguel of the historical character as he/she would live today.



Performance Task 1 In Detail

Standard: (ELAGSE7RL3) **Task 1 Student Directions:**

Design a plot diagram of the historical narrative that you have chosen. Include the elements of a story: characters, setting, conflict, plot- exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution. You may use a poster board, technology presentation, or create your own presentation.

Task 1 Teacher Notes: Teach students all the elements of the story while reading historical narratives. Teach character traits and characterization. Make sure students understand how to complete a plot diagram prior to performance task. The teacher must model the plot diagram as it relates to the historical character that is not from the suggested text.

Resources:

Characterization notes:

http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson800/Characterization.pdf

Seventh grade literary vocabulary chart:

http://clevelandm.johnston.k12.nc.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_3024817/File/Shareable%20Documents/Teachers/Language%20Arts/Brandi%20Ricapito/7th%20grade%20Literary%20Terms.pdf

http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson800/ldentifyPlot.pdf

Suggested Text:

"Dirk the Protector" by Gary Paulsen

"Thank You, Ma'am" by Langston Hughes

"Casey at the Bat," by Ernest Lawrence Thayer

"The Scholarship Jacket," by Marta Salinas

"A Retrieved Reformation" by O. Henry

"American Childhood" by Annie Dillard

Suggested Novel:

Homeless Bird by Gloria Wheland

Code Talker; A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two by Joseph Bruchac

Al Capone Does My Shirts, by Gennifer Choldenko

Night by Elie Wiesel



Performance Task 1 Scoring Guide			
4 Advanced	3 Proficient	2 Basic	1 Below Basic
 All of three plus May include one or both: Illustrations of characters or events Written Plot summary 	Student uses a story plot diagram to display the narrative in sequential order. Includes all elements of a story (character, setting, plot)	 Meets one of the "proficient" criteria 	Not yet able to respond correctly



Performance Task 2 In Detail

(ELAGSE7RL6) Develop a point of view chart that states the historical characters point of view in the original text and then changes the point of view. The chart must have three columns. In column one identify five quotes from a historical character. In the second column identify the historical character's point of view. In the third column change the characters point of view. For example, if the quote is in first person point of view, change the point of view to third person.

Task 2 Student Directions: Create a 3- column chart. In column 1, list five quotes from your historical character. In column 2, next to each quote write the original point of view. In column 3, change each quote's point of view.

Task 2 Teacher Notes:

Students must know how to identify the point of view, personal pronouns, and change pronouns to different points of view.

Suggested Text:

"The Scholarship Jacket," by Marta Salinas

"A Retrieved Reformation" by O. Henry

"Encounter with Martin Luther King Jr.," by Maya Angelou

from The Papers of Martin Luther King Jr, Memorandum

Suggested Novel:

Homeless Bird by Gloria Wheland

Code Talker; A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two by Joseph Bruchac

Al Capone Does My Shirts, by Gennifer Choldenko

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Performance Task 2 Scoring Guide				
4 Advanced	3 Proficient	2 Basic	1 Below Basic	
All of level three plus Explain how the change in point of view effects what is in the quote.	Students create three columns; List five quotes, Identify the points of view of all five Change the point of view of all five quotes.	Meets two of the level three three criteria	Not yet able to respond correctly	



Performance Task 3 In Detail

(ELAGSE7RI3) Research and create a timeline of major events as it relates to the character.

Task 3 Student Directions: Think about your historical character traits and major events in relationship to your character. Create a timeline of these major events as they relate to your historical character. The chronological timeline should be over a span of 10 or more years including ten or more major events.

Task 3 Teacher Notes: Teach students how events relate to their characters. For example, Langston Hughes would be interested in the death of Maya Angelou or Ann Frank would be interested in the book Night by Elie Wiesel. Teach students about researching major events vs. minor events. Students may use Prezi, Tiki-Toki or a Power Point to create a time line. (See suggested technology resources)

Performance Task 3 Scoring Guide				
4 Advanced	3 Proficient	2 Basic	1 Below Basic	
All "3" criteria plus: o Includes explanations of how it relates to historical character OR o Includes hand- drawn or digital illustrations of the events	The chronological timeline has ten major events that specifically relates to the character Chronological timeline spans ten or more years. Includes specific dates.	Meets two of the "proficient" criteria	Not yet able to respond correctly	

Performance Task 4 In Detail

(ELAGSE7W4/ ELAGSE7W3: a-e)

Task 4 Student Directions: Based on the information gathered in your plot diagram and timeline, compose a narrative sequel in book form of the historical character. Present ideas that reflect the elements of a story: characters, setting, conflict, plot- exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution. Ensure that all ideas are presented logically and in chronological order for the task, purpose, and audience.

Task 4 Teacher Notes: Review the narrative writing process. Keep in mind that the writing process is recursive in nature, and that not every student will be on the same step at the same time. Read mentor texts (examples of short historical fiction) to help students understand the format of narrative writing.

Performance Task 4 Scoring Guide				
4 Advanced	3 Proficient	2 Basic	1 Below Basic	



Performance Task 4 In Detail				
All "3" criteria <i>plus</i> : o Includes hand-drawn or digital illustrations of the events AND o Use of technology	The student historical narrative should have all of the eight elements of a story. The narrative must be written in logical and chronological order Narrative shows logical point of view. Writing is mostly clear and coherent.	Meets two of the "proficient" criteria	Not yet able to respond correctly	

Instructional Strategies

Instructional Strategies			
Research-Based Effective Teaching Strategies	21 st Century Learning Skills		
Learning Objectives (posted and referenced)	Teamwork and Collaboration		
Identifying Similarities and Differences	Initiative and Leadership		
Summarizing and Note Taking	Curiosity and Imagination		
Reinforcing Effort, Providing Recognition	Innovation and Creativity		
Homework and Practice	Critical thinking and Problem Solving		
Nonlinguistic Representations	Flexibility and Adaptability		
Cooperative Learning	Effective Oral and Written Communication		
Purposeful small group instruction	Accessing and Analyzing Information		
Increased think time	☐ Other		
Setting Objectives, Providing Feedback			
Check for Understanding			
Generating and Testing Hypotheses			
Cues, Questions, and Advance Organizers			
Interdisciplinary Non-Fiction Writing			



Intervention Strategies

Intervention Strategies (Tiers 1, 2, 3) Additional Supports in Classroom	Specially Designed Instruction for Special Education Students	Strategies for English Language Learners
Re-voicing Explaining Prompting for participation Challenging or countering Asking "Why?" "How?" Reread Practice new academic vocab. Assistive technology Pre-teach & re-teach in a different way Repetition Use of manipulative Collaborative work Direct/explicit instruction "Chunking" Accommodating different learning styles Create differentiated text sets Providing additional guided practice	Conferencing Additional time Small group collaboration Modify quantity of work Take student's dictation Scaffold information Differentiated content process or product Consistent reward system Refer to students' IEP or 504 plan Assistive technology	Visuals/Realia Front-loading Echoing/Choral response Color-coding Multiple exposures in different media Pair-share Modeling Language scaffolds: eg, sentence frames Deconstruct complex sentences and texts L1 support increased opportunities for student-student talk Strategic vocabulary instruction Additional think time



Strategies for Gifted Learners		
Tier 1: Low Preparation	Tier 2: Medium Preparation	
Flexible-Learning Groups by Readiness, Interest, Learning Profiles	Gifted Education Cluster Classes	
Choice of Books	Gifted Education Collaboration Classes	
Homework Options	☐ Tiered Activities and Products	
Use of Reading Buddies	Use of Literature Clubs	
☐ Various Journal Prompts	Multiple Testing Options	
Student/Teacher Goal Setting	Multiple Texts	
☐ Varied Pacing with Anchor Options	Alternative Assessments	
Work Alone or Together	Subject Advancement within class	
☐ Flexible Seating	Curriculum Compacting	
☐ Varied Scaffolding	☐ Tiered Centers	
☐ Varied Computer Programs	☐ Spelling by Readiness	
☐ Design-A-DAY	☐ Varying Organizers	
☐ Varied Supplemental Materials	Community Mentorships	
Computer Mentors	Stations	
Think-Pair-Share by Readiness, Interest, Learning Profiles	Group Investigations	
Open-ended Activities	Students are Assessed in Multiple Ways	
Explorations by Interest	Student choice in selecting learning activities.	
Options for Competition	Simulations	
Tier 3: High	Tier 4: Advanced/Autonomous	
Advanced Content English/language arts, mathematics, science and/or social studies courses	Above grade level accelerated English/language arts, mathematics, science and/or social studies courses	
Resource Classes	Advanced Placement Classes	
☐ Independent/Directed Study	International Baccalaureate Classes	
Socratic Seminars	☐ Internship/Mentorships	
	Whole Grade Acceleration	



Instructional Resources and Materials

Suggested Resources	Suggested Technology Resources
Text Sources:	Technology
Character and Point of View pp. 176-177 CommonLit: https://www.commonlit.org can be searched by theme and Lexile. Suggested Text: "Thank You, M'am," by Langston Hughes "Casey at the Bat," by Ernest Lawrence Thayer "The Scholarship Jacket," by Marta Salinas	Film Clip from Back to the Future, Teacher Resource kit (Media Smart) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOjCbL6 OSRE https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3lMZWD6hYl https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=842mEdbuTJs https://www.brainpop.com/english/writing/pointofview/
"A Retrieved Reformation," by O. Henry "Dirk the Protector," by Gary Paulsen "Exploring the Titanic," by Robert D. Ballard	Use these links to teach creating timelines • https://prezi.com/overview/ • http://www.tiki-toki.com
"Encounter with Martin Luther King Jr.," by Maya Angelou from The Papers of Martin Luther King Jr, Memorandum	Writing Process: http://bowenpeters.weebly.com/uploads/8/1/1/9/8119 969/writing_process_detailed.pdf
from Crispin: The Cross of Lead by, Avi	https://www.ttms.org/PDFs/04%20Writing%20Proces s%20v001%20(Full).pdf
Suggested Novels: Homeless Bird by Gloria Wheland Code Talker; A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two by Joseph Bruchac	Text Complexity Bands and Lexile Bands: https://lexile.com/using-lexile/lexile-measures-and- the-ccssi/text-complexity-grade-bands-and-lexile- ranges/
Al Capone Does My Shirts, by Gennifer Choldenko Night, by Elie Wiesel	
Vocabulary instruction (teacher resources):	
http://www.ascd.org/publications/educational-leadership/sept09/vol67/num01/Six-Steps-to-Better-Vocabulary-Instruction.aspx	
http://www.commlearnonline.com/files/Classro om-Tip-4-Marzano-Vocabulary-Game.pdf	

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Unit Vocabulary

Unit Vocabulary Terms		Interdisciplinary Connections
Academic / Tier 2	Unit-Specific / Domain / Tier 3	
fact opinion chronological cite coherence analyze evidence interaction development organization textual evidence perspective	point of View subjective objective omniscient limited theme motivation/motives text style task purpose audience arguments character trait characterization plot rising action falling action resolution exposition climax setting research cite dialogue historical fiction illustrated narrative mood narration quotes time machine timeline	READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES (RH) GRADES 6-8 L6-8RHSS1: Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources. L6-8RHSS2: Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. L6-8RHSS3: Identify key steps in a text's description of a process related to history/social studies (e.g., how a bill becomes law, how interest rates are raised or lowered).



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Weekly Planner

Course: 7th Grade English Language

Arts Unit 1: Exploring Narrative Reading and Writing

Pacing	Priority (in bold) and Supporting Standards	Engaging Learning Experiences	Core Instruction (in bold) and additional resources	Formative Assessments
Week 1 Start date:	7RL3 7RL4 7RL5	Intro Engaging Scenario and Task 1: Students will read text(s) from suggested list with teacher support Task 1: Students complete plot diagrams Independent reading Exposure to and interaction with grade level text or higher	Teach Elements of a Story with a focus on conflict and resolution. Suggested Text for modeling: From McDougal Littell TE, Literature. "The Dinner Party" by Mona Gardner, pp. 28-29	Pre-Assessment Discussion of the Essential Questions (throughout unit) Scoring Guide for Task 1 Suggested informal progress monitoring checks 1. Students complete a plot diagram from their reading. 2. Exit ticket list elements of a story 3. Anecdotal conference notes
Week 2	7RL3 7RL4 7RL5	Task 1 Continued Teacher will determine text from suggested list. Write a short narrative poem using sound devices Independent reading Exposure to and interaction with	Teach Historical Narrative and a work of fiction	Continue from previous week 3. Narrative poem with sound devices. 4. Vocabulary graphic organizer (e.g. Spider map, Frayer model, fish bone, word web)



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		grade level text or higher	Sound devices, alliteration, rhyme, rhythm Story Structure	
Week 3	7RL6 7RL1 7RL2 7RI3 7RI1 7RI2 7RI4	Select text from suggested list. Identify pronouns and place in the correct point of view Independent reading Exposure to and interaction with grade level text or higher Task 2: Students create point of view chart	Teach Point of View	Discussion of the Essential Questions (throughout unit) Scoring Guide for Task 2 Suggested informal progress monitoring checks 1. Literature TE p. 224 #9 Exit Ticket 2. Literature TE p. 224 # 10 Extension and challenge
Week 4	7RL6 7RL1 7RL 2 7RI3 7RI1 7RI2 7RI4	Task 2 Continued Select text from suggested list. Compare and contrast points of view of characters Cite text evidence and make inferences from text Independent reading	Teach Inference drawn from the text, theme/central idea, and objective summary Cite text evidence Compare and contrast point of view	Discussion of the Essential Questions (throughout unit) Scoring Guide for Task 2 Suggested informal progress monitoring checks 1. Complete a comparison contrast



Pacing	Priority (in bold) and Supporting Standards	Engaging Learning Experiences	Core Instruction (in bold) and additional resources	Formative Assessments
		Exposure to and interaction with grade level text or higher		chart on points of view 2. Give students questions to show comprehension of inferences
Week 5	7RI3 7W4	Task 3: Students create timeline Ouick write Literature p. 258 Literature p. 265 questions 4-9, and Differentiated Instruction (DI) p. 265 1-7 Independent reading Exposure to and interaction with grade level text or higher Begin task 4: Write narrative	Teach students chronological order Writing with supporting details Paragraph writing Constructed response Transitional words Writing process	Discussion of the Essential Questions (throughout unit) Scoring Guide for Task 3 Suggested informal progress monitoring checks Quick write Literature p. 258 Literature p. 265 questions 4-9, and DI 1-7



Pacing	Priority (in bold) and Supporting Standards	Engaging Learning Experiences	Core Instruction (in bold) and additional resources	Formative Assessments
Week 6	7W4 7W17W2 7W3 7W9 7SL2	Complete task 4: Write narrative Completed rough draft Peer editing Independent reading Exposure to and interaction with grade level text or higher	Teach students: Review writing process Review elements of a plot Review sequential order Review point of view	Discussion of the Essential Questions (throughout unit) Scoring Guide for Task 4 Suggested informal progress monitoring checks Rough draft Peer editing Teacher conference Post-Assessment