Start the Year and Reflection on Independent Reading				
Timeline: 6 weeks-September through Mid-October				
Standards	Content	Skills/Practices	Materials/Resources	Assessments Used
Essential		Reading:	Independent Reading:	 Pre-Assessment
Standards:	 Understanding 	Annotate text to support	Student-chosen books from school and	(Writing About
R2, R4, R5	of Genre	understanding	classroom libraries.	Reading) and
W4,	 Identification of 	Identify character traits		Quarterly Reading
	Literary Terms	 Identify the best possible theme of a 	Short Reads:	Checks
Additional	 Identification of 	story and support it with relevant text	 Excerpt from The Red Pyramid 	 Baseline Reading
Standards:	Theme	evidence.	 "All Titanic Passengers Saved Liner 	Check
R1, R3, R5,	 Characterization 	 Summarize narrative writing 	Gashed but All Are Rescued"	 Constructed
R9, W2	in Narrative	 Establish successful reading habits 	• Excerpt from <i>The Ear, The Eye and The</i>	responses based on
	Writing	Evaluate literary elements of books	Arm	student IR books
SL1, SL2,	 Summary of 	read independently		Reading
SL6	Narrative	Read independently	Teacher Resources:	Comprehension
	Writing	Respond to a text read aloud and	Notice and Note Signposts: Strategies for	Quizzes/Tests
L3, L4, L6	 Writing About 	independently	Close Reading by Kylene Beers and Robert	 Reading notebook
	Reading	Establish time management skills for	E Probst (Parts 2 & 3)	entries and portfolio
	 Use of the 	independent reading		 Teacher-Student
	Writing Process		A Novel Approach: Whole Class Novels,	conferences
	Reader Choice	Writing:	Student-Centered Teaching, and Choice by	Formative "Ticket Out
	and	Make a claim and support it with	Kate Roberts (Ch 2 & 5)	the Door" questions
	Independence	relevant text evidence	,	·
	Protocols for	Use content-specific vocabulary and	Narrative Reading Learning Progressions	
	Class Discussion	precise language to support a claim	from Units of Study for Teaching Reading	Final Unit Assessment:
	& Partnerships.	Summarize and analyze independent	with Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark	Independent Reading
	<u>'</u>	reading	Learning Questions	Reflection Portfolio
		Make effective choices as a writer		
		about conventions and language	Units of Study in Writing, Unit 2, Gr. 7,	
			Writing About Reading: From Reader's	
		Speaking and Listening:	Notebooks to Companion Books	
		Establish protocols to participate in	2000	
		partner discussions		
		Discuss reading with peers and adults		
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Dystopian Book Clubs				
Standards	Content	Timeline: 5 Weeks-Mid-October t Skills/Practices	hrough End of November Materials/Resources	Assessments Used
Essential Standards: R1,R2, R3 W1, SL1 Additional Standards: R4, R5, R9, W2 SL1, SL2, SL3, SL6 L1, L2, L3, L4,L5, L6	 Understanding of Dystopian Genre Author's Craft Textual Evidence and Inferences Development of Theme Characterization in Narrative Writing Writing About Reading Protocols for Group Work 	Reading: Analyze how setting can contribute to overall meaning and author's purpose Identify and analyze aspects of author's craft and purpose Identify significant details and literary elements independently Identify claims, text evidence, and analysis to link evidence to claim Identify character traits/make inferences Analyze the development of the theme of a story. Respond to a text read independently Evaluate written responses to reading, based on established criteria Develop and monitor time management skills for reading Writing: Make a claim and support it with relevant text evidence, demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text Use content-specific vocabulary and precise language to support a claim Cite reliable sources Make effective choices as a writer about conventions and language Speaking and Listening: Establish protocols to participate in small group discussions with peers Discuss reading with peers and adults	Book Club Choices: Uglies by Scott Westerfeld Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix Matched by Allie Condie Short Read Selections: • "A Guide to Ancient Sites" • Excerpt from The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Read Aloud: The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins Teacher Resources" A Novel Approach: Whole Class Novels, Student-Centered Teaching, and Choice by Kate Roberts (Ch 9) Units of Study in Writing, Unit 2, Gr. 7, Writing About Reading: From Reader's Notebooks to Companion Books Released Questions/Answers from the NY State 3-8 ELA Exam, EngageNY	 Refer to Pre-Assessment (Writing About Reading) and Quarterly Reading Checks Constructed responses based on Book club books Shared Reading

Investigative Journalism					
	Timeline: 4 Weeks-End of November through End of December				
Standards	Content	Skills/Practices	Materials/Resources	Assessments Used	
Essential Standards: R8, W2, W6, SL2 Additional Standards: R1,R2, R3 SL1, SL3, SL4, SL5, SL6 L1, L2, L5, L6	 Research skills Nonfiction Text Features Logical Fallacies Supporting a Claim with Valid Evidence Writing to relay information Protocols for Group and Partner Work 	Reading: Delineate and evaluate the claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid Research current issues Determine importance of details Annotate text to support understanding Monitor time management skills for independent reading Writing: Emulate author's craft of established journalists Use narrative to engage readers Make a claim and support it with relevant text evidence, demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text Use content-specific vocabulary and precise language to support a claim Cite reliable sources Make effective choices as a writer about conventions and language Speaking and Listening: Develop and monitor protocols to participate in collaborative discussions Discuss reading and writing with peers	Student Resources: Nonfiction texts from Scope magazine & Online news sources Teacher Resources: Units of Study in Writing, Unit 1, Gr. 8: Investigative Journalism	Assessments Used Refer to Pre-Assessment (Argument) and Quarterly Reading Checks Constructed responses based on Shared Reading Passages Formative "Ticket Out the Door" questions Reading Comprehension Quizzes/Tests Teacher-Student conferences Final Unit Assessment: Journalism Project	

Standards Content Ski	e: 5 Weeks-January through Early February Practices Materials/Resources Assessments Used
M1, W2 Additional Standards: R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, W5, W7 SL1, SL2, SL3, SL6 L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, L6 Perspective Development of Theme Characterizati on in Narrative Writing Reader Choice and Independence Writing About Reading Protocols for Group and Partner Work Monitor tim independence Writing: Compare and development odevelopment of development of devel	online sources Scope Magazine, and other media sources. short Read Selections: • Anne Frank Diary Entry • "Yellow Star" Independent Reading: Student-chosen books from school and classroom libraries. Inanagement skills for reading randing Teacher Resources: A Novel Approach: Whole Class Novels, Student-Centered Teaching, and Choice by Kate Roberts (Ch 4, 5, and 7) Teacher Student Student Student Student Student Student Student Student Self-Assessments Teacher Resources: A Novel Approach: Whole Class Novels, Student Self-Assessments Teacher-Student Self-Assessments Teacher-Student Comparison Essay



Technology and Progress: On-Demand Reading and Writing				
Timeline: 4 Weeks-March through April				
Standards	Content	Skills/Practices	Materials/Resources	Assessments Used
Essential		Reading:	Central Literary Text:	Refer to Writing
Standards:	 Application of 	 Identify significant details and literary 	"Flowers for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes	Pre-Assessments
R3, R4, R5	Reading	elements independently	(short story and film adaption)	and Quarterly
	Comprehension	 Identify claims, text evidence, and 		Reading Checks
Additional	Skills	analysis that links evidence to the	Additional Texts:	New York State ELA
Standards:	 Development of 	claim	New York State ELA Released Questions	exam and practice
R1, R2, R8,	Setting	 Determine how the setting of a story 	and Passages	exams
R9, W1,	 Criteria for 	affects its theme		Reading
W2, W4,	On-demand	 Determine the meaning of words and 	Reading for Information:	Comprehension
W5,	Writing	phrases as they are used in a text	Nonfiction about technology from	Quizzes/Tests
	Test-Taking	 Develop criteria in order to evaluate 	online sources, Scope magazine, and	Formative "Ticket
SL1, SL2,	Strategies	the quality of texts	other media resources.	Out the Door"
SL6	 Vocabulary 	 Develop strategies for answering test 		questions
	Strategies	questions based on format and text	Short Read Selections:	 Reading notebook
L1, L2, L3,	 Reader Choice 	type	"Tales From Outer Suburbia"	entries
L4, L5, L6	and		● "Green Angel"	Teacher-Student
	Independence	Writing:		conferences
	 Writing About 	 Write arguments to support claims 		
	Reading	Write in response to reading		
		Speaking and Listening:		
		Participate in collaborative		
		discussions with peers and adults		

Unit Title: Resolving Conflict					
St. d. d.	Timeline: 5 Weeks-May through June				
Standards	Content	Skills/Practices	Materials/Resources	Assessments Used	
Essential	Unit Content:	Reading:	Central Literature Texts:	Refer to	
Standards:	Traits of the	Identify significant details and literary	• The Outsiders	Pre-Assessment	
R3, R6, R9,	Realistic	elements independently	"Nothing Gold Can Stay" by Robert	(Writing About	
W3	Fiction Novel	Analyze how particular lines of	Frost	Reading) and	
	Genre	dialogue or events propel the action or		Quarterly Reading	
Additional	Development	reveal aspects of a character	Additional Optional Materials:	Checks	
Standards:	of Themes	Identify multiple themes and analyze	The Outsiders (film)	Constructed	
	 Characterizati 	their development		responses based on	
R2, R5, R7,	on in	Determine the meaning of words and	Short Read Selection Options:	the novel	
W1, W4.	Narrative	phrases as they are used in a text	Excerpt from Scorpions	Reading	
W5	Writing	Respond to a text read independently	• Excerpt from Stormbreaker	Comprehension	
614 619	Reader Choice	Monitor time management skills for		Quizzes/Tests	
SL1, SL2,	and	reading	Reading for Information:	Teacher-Student	
SL3, SL6	Independence		Choose nonfiction resources about the	conferences	
	Writing About	Writing:	conflict theme from online sources, PHL	Formative "Ticket	
L1, L2, L3,	Reading	Writing narratively	Silver, Scope magazine, and other school	Out the Door"	
L4, L5, L6	Protocols for	Writing in response to reading	library and media resources	questions	
	Group and			F1 1.11 4	
	Partner Work	Speaking and Listening:	Independent Reading:	Final Unit Assessment:	
		Participate in collaborative discussions	Student-chosen books from school and	Final Exam: Literary	
		with peers and adults	classroom libraries.	Analysis Questions based	
				on the novel	