



BLUE VALLEY CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
 English Language Arts | Fourth Grade
 Reading




Unit #: 1

Identity – Life Stories

essential skills and content

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| <p>Overview</p> | <p>What is my heritage? In Unit 1, students will learn the social studies concepts of ancestors, heritage, and culture.</p> <p>Time Frame- 4 weeks</p> | |
| <p>Essential Questions</p> | <p>How do I determine important information? How does knowing an author's purpose help me understand the text? How do I use my schema and text clues to draw inferences? How do I use chronological order to understand a text? How do I use context clues to help me understand unknown words? How do I use synonyms and metaphors to better understand text?</p> | |
| <p>Content/Skills</p> | <p>Target Skill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine Author's Purpose (KCCRS 6) + Practice Companion pages 12 & 30 Sequence (RI 4.5) + Practice Companion pages 59 & 78 <p>Comprehension Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine Important Information (Main Idea/Supporting Detail) (RI 4.2) + Practice Companion pages 8 & 9 Make Inferences (RL 4.1) (RI 4.1) + Practice Companion pages 52-53 & 72-73 Lead 21 Website: Select E Handbook Tab Lesson 1.1a | <p>Suggested skills and strategies to introduce with this unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme (RL 4.2) Character Traits (RL 4.3) Point of View (RL 4.6) <p>+ Indicates skills that may require additional resources and teaching.</p> <p>*Please note that practice companion pages are used to help guide instruction as opposed to independent student work.</p> <p>Suggested tools and resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brain Pop *purchased item Discovery Education *purchased item Lead 21 Website Edmodo Thinglink Glogster Study Island *purchased item |

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| | <p>Word Study and Phonics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling Short a and e; Long i and o; homophones; vowel sounds u, yoo, oo (RF 4.3) Practice Companion page 49 • Adjective Suffixes(RF 4.3a) Practice Companion pages 13 & 60 • Greek and Latin Roots (RF 4.3a) Practice Companion pages 31 & 79 Lead 21 Website: Select E Handbook Tab Lesson 6.3 <p>Vocabulary Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synonyms (L 4.5c) Practice Companion pages 10 & 11 Lead 21 Website: Select E Handbook Tab Lesson 6.3g • Context Clues (L 4.4a) Practice Companion pages 28 & 29 • Metaphors (L 4.5a) Practice Companion pages 54 & 55 • Synonyms, Context Clues, Metaphors Practice Companion pages 74 & 75 Lead 21 Website: Select E Handbook Tab Lesson 6.3e | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STARS and CARS *purchased item • Scoot Pad *free and paid versions • Common Core Language Arts 4 Today: Daily Skills Practice *purchased item • Mountain Language *purchased item • Time For Kids *purchased item • Scholastic News *purchased item |
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| COMPONENT | REQUIRED | SUGGESTED |
| Formative Assessment | Running Records | Weekly Assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week 1 and 2 as formatives • Practice companion pages • Study Island *purchased item • STARS and CARS *purchased item • Scoot Pad *free and paid versions |
| Summative Assessment | Quarterly Benchmark Assessment | Weekly Assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week 3 and 4 as summative • E Handbook-Lead 21 online the last page • Differentiated Assessment • Vocabulary Quiz based on Theme Reader vocabulary |

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| District-Wide Common Assessment | MAP Kansas State Test Placement Test | |
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 learning experiences

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| Suggested Resources/ Learning Experiences | LEAD 21 Close Reading-strategy/skill two to three a week | |
| Content Literacy | | |
| Technology / Media | LEAD 21- online field trip | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMART-Resources • LEAD 21 online games and resources • EDMODO • Discovery Education *purchased item • Study Island *purchase • Brain Pop * purchase • Book Flix *purchase • IXL *purchase • Tumble Books *purchase • Pebble Go • Read Naturally |
| Differentiation / Intervention | Differentiated Readers Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) (Reading Support) Literacy Centers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEAD 21-online coaching • Novel Study: Esperanza Rising (Lexile Level 750) |

 content-specific components

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| | <p>Inquiry Process</p> <p>21st Century Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research • Note Taking & Paraphrasing • Collaboration • Listening Skills • Evaluate & Cite Sources • Use Library Resources | <p>Possible Inquiry Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What traditions are important to my heritage? • Why is story telling important to different cultures? • How do other countries' cultures differ from mine? <p>Presentation Ideas: (Possibly complete as a class during Week 4.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture sharing day • Family Heritage Project (interview family member ex. heirlooms passed down, family tradition, family recipe) • Heritage Poster |