Xbooks - Elements of Informational Text

Grade 7 ELA Grade 7 ELA Start Date: September 30, 2013 End Date : October 25, 2013

Unit Overview	Content Elaborations	Unit Resources
Elements of Informational Texts:	Key Ideas and Details:	Strange - "Wild Man of the Woods"
1. Text Features	The focus of this topic is the understanding and	
2. Text Structure	analysis of a text. Readers are expected to	Medical - "Beware of Prarie Dog"
3. Point of View and Purpose	analyze several pieces of textual evidence in	
4. Text Summarizing	order to identify the central ideas in a text	Forensics - "Dead Man Floating"
5. Relationships within texts	which may be expressed explicitly as well as	
-	from inferences drawn from a text.	Total War - "Iraq"
	Craft and Structure:	
	The focus of this topic is the analysis of an	
	author's word choice and the effect that it has	
	on the tone and meaning of the text. By	
	analyzing text structure and text organization, a	
	reader is able to understand how an author's	
	use of craft and structure contributes to the	
	development of ideas in text.	
Unit Vocabulary	Enduring Understandings (Big Ideas)	Connections
See vocabulary associated with each section.	1. How do text features impact the reader's	Language Arts: Elements of Informational Text
	understanding and main idea of a text?	
	2. How do authors structure to develop and	Science - Medical, Forensics
	deliver main ideas?	
	3. How does point of view and purpose help a	Social Studies - Wars
	writer establish his/her position?	
	4. What is the significance of readers	
	objectively summarizing a text?	
	5. How do writers establish a relationship	
	between ideas, events, and individuals in a	
	text?	

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Standards

CC_Common Core State Standards - English Language Arts/Literacy (2010) - Grade 7 English Language Arts

Strand CCSS.ELA-Literacy.R.7 Reading

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7 Informational Text

Key Ideas and Details

Anchor Standard RI.CCR.1 Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

Anchor Standard RI.CCR.2 Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

Anchor Standard RI.CCR.3 Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

Grade Level Standard CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7.1 Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Grade Level Standard CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7.2 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.

Grade Level Standard CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7.3 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).

Craft and Structure

Anchor Standard RI.CCR.4 Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

Anchor Standard RI.CCR.5 Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.

Anchor Standard RI.CCR.6 Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.

Grade Level Standard CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7.4 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.

Grade Level Standard CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7.5 Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to the development of the ideas.

Grade Level Standard CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7.6 Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of others. Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

Anchor Standard RI.CCR.10 Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

Grade Level Standard CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7.10 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.

Strand CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.7 Language

Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

Anchor Standard L.CCR.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

Anchor Standard L.CCR.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meanings.

Grade Level Standard CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.7.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

Grade Level Standard CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.7.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.7.5c Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., refined, respectful, polite, diplomatic, condescending).

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Benchmark Assessment			
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Xbooks Blog			
Xbooks Quizzes			
Xbook Project			
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Content Skills Assessment			
A. Text Features A. Text Features			
B. Text Structure 1. Determine how text features impact the reader's			
C. Point of View and Purpose understanding and main idea of a text.			
D. Text Summarizing 2. Determine the author's main purpose for writing.			
E. Relationships Within Texts Explain how the text features help achieve this purpose.			
F. Vocabulary from Selection 3. Connect the main ideas in each section/paragraph to			
the main idea of the article.			
B. Text Structure			
1. Determine how authors structure a text to develop and			
deliver main ideas.			
2. Anaylize different text structures and explain the			
purpose of each.			
C. Point of View and Purpose			
1. Determine how the point of view and purpose help a			
writer establish their position.			
2. Identify the writer's position in each text and analyze			
how patterns of language in the text influence the point of			
view.			
D. Text Summarizing			
1. Identify the significance of readers objectively			
summarizing a text.			
E. Relationships Within Texts 1. Determine how writers establish a relationship			
between ideas, events, and individuals in a text.			
F. Vocabulary from Selection			