#### GRADES 6-8

GRADE 6			CONNECTION RIGHT LANGUAGE A
UNIT 1		UNIT 2	
Chapter 1	Using Evidence to Support Inferences	Chapter 6	Analyzing the Power and Purpose of Nonfiction
	Citing Textual Evidence to Support Inferences		Determining the Central Idea
	Analyzing Characters		Recognizing the Purpose of Repetition
	Analyzing Dialogue		Interpreting Literary Devices
Chapter 2	Analyzing Plot and Theme in a Memoir	Chapter 7	Understanding Poetry
	Summarizing Plot		Uncovering a Poem's Message
	Analyzing Theme		Understanding Images in Poetry
	Identifying How Word Choice Reveals Point of View		Recognizing a Tonal Shift
Chapter 3	Identifying an Argument	Chapter 8	Exploring Character Development in Nonfiction
	Understanding Word Meanings		Understanding Character Development
	Identifying Claims		Analyzing How Chapters Develop the Author's Ideas
	Identifying Reasons and Evidence		Determining the Author's Point of View
Chapter 4	Comparing and Contrasting Ideas from Multiple Texts	Chapter 9	Determining Speaker's Purpose
	Analyzing How Key Ideas Are Developed		What the Speech Says
	Understanding Author's Point of View		Exploring Rhetoric
	Comparing Ideas Presented in Multiple Texts		Determining a Speaker's Purpose
Chapter 5	Understanding the Theme of a Play	Chapter 10	Reading and Comprehending Drama
	Understanding Theme		Understanding Plot and Characters in Drama
	Analyzing Characters		Determining the Theme
	Analyzing the Structure of a Play		Comparing the Play with the Film
Unit 1	Writing an Informative Essay	Unit 2	Writing a Personal Narrative
	Practice Performance Task: Informational/Explanatory Paper		Practice Performance Task: Compare and Contrast Paper

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UNIT 3		UNIT 4		
Chapter 11	Analyzing Sensory Language and Structure in Poetry	Chapter 16	Analyzing Characters and Point of View	1
	Determining Theme		Summarizing Events	
	Analyzing Sensory Language		Making Inferences About Characters	
	Analyzing Structure		Understanding Point of View	
Chapter 12	Analyzing How Episodes in a Novel Reveal Conflict and Character	Chapter 17	Analyzing How Central Ideas Are Developed	
	Analyzing Exposition		Determining Word Meanings	
	Analyzing Character Development		Analyzing the Development of the Central Idea	
	Analyzing an Episode in a Novel		Analyzing the Structure of a Text	
Chapter 13	Analyzing Points of View in a Memoir	Chapter 18	Comparing and Contrasting Texts	
	Using Details to Determine the Central Idea		Summarizing Central Ideas	
	Analyzing Varying Points of View in a Narrative		Analyzing Word Choice	
	Integrating Visuals and a Text		Comparing and Contrasting Texts	
Chapter 14	Comparing and Contrasting Authors' Presentations of Events	Chapter 19	Analyzing Claims and Support	
	Identifying the Central Idea		Defining Key Terms	
	Understanding Author's Purpose		Identifying Claims	
	Comparing and Contrasting Presentations of Events		Integrating Information from a Text and a Graph	
Chapter 15	Analyzing Word Meaning	Chapter 20	Analyzing Theme Through Sensory Language	
	Defining Key Terms		Identifying a Theme	
	Identifying Claims		Analyzing Sensory Description	
	Identifying and Explaining		Analyzing Author's Craft	
Unit 3	Writing a Literary Analysis	Unit 4	Writing an Argument	
	Practice Performance Task: Essential Question Essay		Practice Performance Task: Argumentative Essay	

GRADE 7			CONNECTIONS ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
UNIT 1		UNIT 2	
Chapter 1	Identifying Key Ideas and Details	Chapter 6	Understanding Different Points of View
	Summarizing a Text		Making an Inference
	Understanding Technical Terms		Analyzing Point of View
	Identifying Claims, Reasons, and Evidence		Comparing and Contrasting Presentations
Chapter 2	Analyzing Theme Through Story Elements	Chapter 7	Analyzing Central Ideas
	Analyzing Plot and Confl ict		Analyzing Central Ideas
	Identifying Theme		Determining Word Meanings
	Understanding Point of View		Evaluating an Argument
Chapter 3	Understanding Point of View Through Inferences	Chapter 8	Determining Author's Purpose
	Making Inferences		Making an Inference
	Understanding Structure and Purpose		Analyzing Text Structure
	Determining Point of View		Determining Point of View and Purpose
Chapter 4	Determining Characters' Points of View	Chapter 9	Evaluating Reasons and Evidence
	Summarizing Central Ideas		Analyzing Interactions of Ideas, People, and Events
	Understanding Figurative Language		Analyzing Text Structure
	Determining Points of View		Evaluating Reasons and Evidence
Chapter 5	Analyzing Arguments from Different Texts	Chapter 10	Analyzing Point of View
	Identifying Author's Purpose		Citing Evidence
	Evaluating an Argument		Analyzing the Interaction of Story Elements
	Comparing and Contrasting Arguments		Analyzing Points of View
Unit 1	Writing an Argumentative Essay	Unit 2	Writing an Informative Text
	Practice Performance Task: Essential Question Essay		Practice Performance Task: Explanatory Essay

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UNIT 3		UNIT 4	
Chapter 11	Analyzing Interactions of People, Ideas, and Events	Chapter 16	Discovering How Story Elements Shape Literature
	Analyzing Interations of People, Ideas, and Events		Analyzing How Setting Affects Conflict
	Analyzing Text Structure		How Point of View Affects a Story
	Analyzing Point of View and Purpose		Comparing and Contrasting Historical Fiction and Nonfiction
Chapter 12	Analyzing Repetition and Structure in Poetry	Chapter 17	Learning About History Through Fiction
	Determining a Central Idea		Making Inferences
	Examining the Impact of Repeated Sounds		Analyzing an Author's Use of Language
	Analyzing How Structure Helps Develop an Idea		Analyzing a Fictional Account of a Historical Event
Chapter 13	Comparing Presentations of a Topic	Chapter 18	Analyzing the Structure of a Story
	Analyzing the Development of Central Ideas		Analyzing Parallel Stories
	Comparing Media Portrayals of a Topic		Exploring Theme
	Analyzing Presentations of the Same Topic		Analyzing Figurative Language
Chapter 14	Determining Theme	Chapter 19	Analyzing an Author's Portrayal of War
	Comparing Points of View		Analyzing the Impact of Setting on Conflict
	Analyzing the Effects of Setting		Making Inferences About Characters
	Determining Theme		Analyzing Author's Use of Humor
Chapter 15	Analyzing Different Interpretations of Evidence	Chapter 20	Analyzing the Format of a Play
	Finding Supporting Evidence		Determining Theme
	Determining Point of View and Purpose		Analyzing the Unique Format of a Play
	Analyzing Interpretations of Evidence		Analyzing the Purpose of a Scene
Unit 3	Writing a Fictional Narrative	Unit 4	Writing a Research Paper
	Practice Performance Task: Argumentative Essay		Practice Performance Task: Comparative Essay

GRADE 8				ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
UNIT 1		UNIT 2		
Chapter 1	Analyzing Symbolism and Structure	Chapter 6	Examining Connections and Distinctions	
	Making Inferences		Analyzing Categories	Married All All All All All All All All All Al
	Analyzing Symbolism and Theme		Examining Word Choice and Tone	PERFECTION LEARNING
	Analyzing How Structure Contributes to Meaning		Analyzing How an Author Responds to Other View	wpoints
Chapter 2	Comparing the Themes, Style, and Structure of Multiple Texts	Chapter 7	Understanding the Meanings of Words and Phr	ases
	Analyzing Theme		Determining the Meaning of Words and Phrases	
	Analyzing How Structure Reveals Character		Supporting an Analysis with Evidence	
	Comparing the Themes, Style, and Structure of Multiple Texts		Summarizing Fiction	
Chapter 3	Analyzing Author's Point of View and Purposes	Chapter 8	Comparing Portrayals of a Topic	
	Analyzing Allusions		Supporting an Analysis with Evidence	
	Author's Point of View		Analyzing the Structure of a Paragraph	
	Author's Purpose		Evaluating Media Portrayals of a Topic	
Chapter 4	Analyzing the Structure of a Speech	Chapter 9	Analyzing Versions of a Fictional Incident	
	Determining the Central Idea		Analyzing an Incident in a Novel	
	Analyzing Text Organizational Structures		Interpreting an Allusion to Another Text	
	Analyzing Points of View		Comparing a Text Version to a Filmed Version	
Chapter 5	Evaluating Conflicting Arguments	Chapter 10	Analyzing Conflicting Interpretations	
	Defining Terms		Analyzing the Development of a Central Idea	
	Evaluating an Argument		Evaluating an Argument	
	Analyzing Conflicting Information		Analyzing Conflicting Interpretations	
Unit 1	Writing an Argumentative Essay	Unit 2	Writing a Comparative Essay	
	Practice Performance Task: Informative Essay		Practice Performance Task: Argumentative Es	ssay

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UNIT 3		UNIT 4	
Chapter 11	Responding to Frame Narratives	Chapter 16	Analyzing and Comparing Themes
	Examining How Dialogue Propels Plot		Analyzing Character Interaction
	Recognizing the Impact of Words		Determining Theme
	Understanding the Purpose of a Story Within a Story		Comparing Themes
Chapter 12	Analyzing Storytelling Techniques	Chapter 17	Understanding Author's Purpose
	How Dialogue Reveals Character		Analyzing Key Elements
	Recognizing the Effects of Figurative Language		Analyzing Structure
	Identifying the Role of Minor Characters		Determining Author's Purpose
Chapter 13	Reading Narrative Poetry	Chapter 18	Analyzing a Primary Source for Tone and Point of View
	Summarizing Narrative Poetry		Analyzing Central Ideas
	Comparing and Contrasting Narrative Poetry and Prose		Analyzing Tone Through Word Choice
	Placing a Story into Cultural Context		Comparing Points of View in Primary Sources
Chapter 14	Identifying Central Ideas and Point of View	Chapter 19	Evaluating Claims and Evidence
	Analyzing the Development of the Central Idea		Making Inferences
	Recognizing Connections Among Events and People		Analyzing Structure
	Determining the Author's Point of View		Evaluating Claims and Evidence
Chapter 15	How Stories Engage the Reader	Chapter 20	Analyzing the Effectiveness of an Argument
	Making Inferences		Determining Central Idea and Supporting Details
	Identifying Events that Reveal Character		Analyzing the Development of Ideas
	Recognizing How Irony Creates Humor		Evaluating Reasoning and Evidence
Unit 3	Writing a Personal Narrative	Unit 4	Writing a Research Paper
	Practice Performance Task: Essay		Practice Performance Task: Argumentative Essay

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