Collection 1 “Telling Stories”

- Literary Focus: Analyzing Plot
- Informational Reading Focus: Analyzing Preposition and Support
- Elements of Plot Madeline Travers Hovland
- Reading Skills and Strategies: Summarizing the Plot: Retelling: Kylene Beers

**The Wise Old Woman** (Traditional Japanese retold by Yoshiko Uchida)
- No Vocabulary or additional words for this story

**The Broken Chain** (Short Story by Gary Soto)
1. **apparent** - visible
2. **sullen** - grumpy; resentful
3. **impulse** - urge
4. **retrieved** - got back
5. **emerged** - came out

**Road Warriors, Listen Up** (Informational Text by Madeline Travers Hovland)
- No Vocabulary

**Flowers for Algernon** (Short Story Daniel Keyes)
1. **misled** - fooled; led to believe something wrong
2. **tangible** - capable of being seen or felt
3. **refute** - prove wrong using evidence
4. **invariably** - always
5. **regression** - return to an earlier or less advanced condition
6. **obscure** - hide
7. **deterioration** - used, worsening; decline
8. **hypothesis** - theory to be proved
9. **introspective** - looking inward

**Memory a Matter of Brains and Brawn** (Informational Text by Lauran Neergaard)
1. **inevitable** - unavoidable
2. **crucial** - highly important
3. **provocative** - stirring up feelings and thoughts
4. **irrevocably** - a way that cannot be undone or changed
5. **cognitive** - having to do with the process of knowing and being able to remember.
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**The Landlady** (Short Story by Roald Dahl)
- No Vocabulary

**The Monkey’s Paw** (Short Story by W.W. Jacobs)
- No Vocabulary

**The Third Wish** (Short Story by Joan Aiken)
- No Vocabulary or Additional Words

**The Open Window** (Short Story by Saki)
- No Vocabulary Words

**Those Three Wishes** (Short Story by Judith Gorog)
- No Vocabulary Words

**Letter to Councilman Duane** (Student Letter by Hannah Fleury)
- No Vocabulary Words

**Collection 2 “Do the Right Thing”**
- Literary Focus: Analyzing Character
- Informational Reading Focus: Comparing and Contrasting Texts
- Elements of Characters: John Leggett
- Reading Skills and Strategies: Comparing and Contrasting: Kylene Beers

**Thanksgiving: A Meal Without Forks and Other Feast Facts** (by Kylene Beers)
- No Vocabulary Words

**(From) Harriet Tubman Conductor of the Underground Railroad** (Biography by Ann Petry)
1. **fugitive** – people fleeing from danger
2. **incomprehensible** - impossible to understand
3. **incentive** - reason to do something; motivation
4. **dispel** scatter; drive away
5. **eloquence** ability to write or speak gracefully and convincingly

**Go Down Moses** (Anonymous, African American Spiritual)
- No Vocabulary Words
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The Fugitive Slave Acts of 1793 and 1850 (Summary by Flo Ota De Lange)
- No Vocabulary Words

Barbara Frietchie (Narrative Poem by John Greenleaf Whittier)
1. staff – pole
2. tread- step
3. rent tore
4. stirred- woke up

Too Soon a Woman (Short Story by Dorothy M. Johnson)
1. skimpy less than enough
2. grudging reluctant; unwilling
3. gaunt very thin and bony
4. rummaged searched through the contents of a box, drawer, and so on
5. savoring – enjoying with great delight

Union Pacific Poster
- No Vocabulary Words for this story

Home Sweet Soddie (by Flo Ota De Lange)
- No Vocabulary Words

Mrs. Flowers from I Know Why Caged Birds Sing (Autobiography by Maya Angelou)
1. taut – tightly stretched
2. benign – kindly
3. Infuse – fill
4. Intolerant – unwilling to accept something
5. Illiteracy - inability to read or write

Mrs. Flowers’s Recipes (Informational Text)
- No Vocabulary Words

Historical Data About the Battle of Shiloh (History)
- No Vocabulary Words

“Drumbeats and Bullets” (by Jim Murphy History)
- No Vocabulary Words

“The Drummer Boy of Shiloh” (Short Story by Ray Bradbury)
- No Vocabulary Words
How I Came to Write “The Drummer Boy of Shiloh” (Comment by Ray Bradbury)
- No Vocabulary Words

Green Gulch (Autobiography by Loren Eiseley)
- No Vocabulary Words

My Parents (Poem by Stephen Spender)
- No Vocabulary Words

(From) No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War (Autobiography by Anita Lobel)
- No Vocabulary Words

Fragment on Slavery, 1854 (Notes from Abraham Lincoln)
- No Vocabulary Words

From What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July? (Speech Excerpt from Frederick Douglass)
- No Vocabulary Words

Collection 3 “Being There”
- Literary Focus: Analyzing Setting and Its Influence on Mood and Tone
- Informational Reading Focus: Understanding Text Structures
- Elements of Literature: Setting By Mara Rockliff
- Reading Skills and Strategies: Making Inferences By Kylene Beers

The Green Mamba (True Narrative by Roald Dahl)
- No Vocabulary

In Trouble from Woodsong (True Narrative by Gary Paulsen)
1. steeped— filled with
2. alleviate — relieve
3. contention — conflict
4. exaltation- great joy
5. chagrin— embarrassment

Fast, Strong and Friendly Too (Article by Flo Ota De Lange)
- No Vocabulary Words for this story
There Will Come Soft Rains (Short Story by Ray Bradbury)
1. paranoia – mental disorder that causes people to feel unreasonable distrust and suspicion
2. cavorting – leaping about
3. tremulous – trembling
4. oblivious – unaware
5. sublime – majestic; grand

Destination Mars (Magazine Article by Aline Alexander Newman)
- No Vocabulary Words

The Circuit (Short Story by Francisco Jimenez)
1. circuit – regular route of person doing a certain job
2. detect – discover; notice
3. populated – lived in
4. drone – continuous buzzing sound
5. instinctively – automatically

Cesar Chavez: He Made a Difference (Article by Flo De Lange)
- No Vocabulary Words for this story

Picking Strawberries: Could You Do It? (Article by Flo De Lange)
- No Vocabulary Words for this story

Ray Bradbury Author Study
- From Ray Bradbury Is On Fire (Interview by James Hibberd)
- The Flying Machine (Short Story by Ray Bradbury)
- The Dragon (Graphic Story by Ray Bradbury)
- The Fog Horn (Short Story by Ray Bradbury)

Shipwreck At the Bottom of the World (History by Jennifer Armstrong)
- No Vocabulary Words

From the Cay (Novel Excerpt by Theodore Taylor)
- No Vocabulary Words
Collection 4 “Forms of Fiction”

- Literary Focus: Identifying and Analyzing Theme
- Informational Reading Focus: Analyzing Main Idea
- Elements of Literature: Forms of Fiction Mara Rockliff
- Reading Skills and Strategies: When the Words Are Tough: Kylene Beers

The People Could Fly (Folk tale by Virginia Hamilton)
- No Vocabulary Words for this story

The Diary of Anne Frank (The Play by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett)
1. conspicuous – noticeable
2. unabashed – unembarrassed
3. loathe – hate
4. indignantly – with anger caused by something felt to be unjust
5. fortify – strengthen
6. zeal – great enthusiasm; devotion to a cause
7. tyranny – cruel and unjust use of power
8. gingerly – cautiously
9. ostentatiously – in a showy way
10. appalled – horrified

The Diary of Anne Frank (The Diary by Anne Frank)
- No Vocabulary Words

A Tragedy Revealed: A Heroine’s Last Days (Magazine Article by Ernst Schabel)
1. indomitable – unconquerable
2. annihilation – complete destruction
3. refuge – a place of safety
4. reconciliations – acts of making up after arguments.
5. inexplicable – incapable of being explained
6. dispirited – sad and discouraged
7. premonition – feeling that something bad will happen
8. emaciated – extremely thin, as from starvation or illness
9. raucous – loud and rough
10. clamorous – loud and demanding

Walking With Living Feet (Student Essay by Dora Horn)
- No Vocabulary Words
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Camp Harmony From Niesei Daughter (Autobiography by Monica Sone)
1. tersely – briefly and clearly
2. laconically with few words
3. breach – opening
4. riveted – fastened; held tightly
5. vigil – watch

In Response to Executive Order 9066 (Poem by Dwight Okita)
• No Vocabulary Words

The Gettysburg Address (Speech by Abraham Lincoln)
• No Vocabulary Words

(From) I Have A Dream (Speech by Martin Luther King Jr.)
• No Vocabulary Words

The Power of Non Violence (John Lewis, interviewed by Joan Morrison and Robert K. Morrison)
• No Vocabulary Words

The New Colossus (Poem by Emma Lazarus)
• No Vocabulary Words

Refugee in America (Poem by Langston Hughes)
• No Vocabulary Words

The First Americans (Speech- Historical Document by the Grand Council Fire of American Indians)
• No Vocabulary Words for this story

First Stop Ellis Island (Photo Essay by Janet Bode)
• No Vocabulary Words for this story

Coming to America (From New Kids on the Block: Oral Histories of Immigrant Teens-Janet Bode)
• No Vocabulary Words or Additional Words for this story

The Dog and the Wolf (Fable from Aesop)
• No Vocabulary Words

The Puppy (Fable by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn)
• No Vocabulary Words
Collection 5 “A Matter of Style”

- Literary Focus: Analyzing Literary Devices and Style
- Informational Reading Focus: Analyzing Unsupported Inferences and Fallacious Reasoning
- Elements of Literature: Elements of Style by Mara Rockliff
- Reading Skills and Strategies: Fallacious Reasoning: Kylene Beers

**Green Eggs and Ham** (Poem by Dr. Seuss)
- No Vocabulary Words

**Who are you, little i** (Poem by E.E. Cummings)
- No Vocabulary Words

**Fame is a bee** (Poem by Emily Dickinson)
- No Vocabulary Words

**Edgar Allen Poe His Life Revealed** (Article by Kylene Beers)
- No Vocabulary Words

**The Tell Tale Heart (Short Story by Edgar Allen Poe)**

1. acute – sharp
2. vexed - disturbed
3. sagacity - intelligence and good judgment
4. refrained – held back
5. wary – cautious
6. suavity- smooth manner
7. audacity- boldness
8. vehemently- forcefully
9. gesticulations – energetically
10. derision- ridicule

**Raymond’s Run** (Short Story by Toni Cade Bambara)
- No Vocabulary Words

**Olympic Games** (From the World Book Encyclopedia)
- No Vocabulary Words
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The Old Olympic Games (A Report: Anonymous)
• No Vocabulary Words

My Mother Pieced Quilts (Poem by Teresa Palomo Acosta)
• No Vocabulary Words

Sweater/Sueter (Poem by Alberto Forcada)
• No Vocabulary Words

A word is dead (Poem by Emily Dickinson)
• No Vocabulary Words

The Word/ La palabra (Poem by Manuel Ulacia)
• No Vocabulary Words

Brer rabbit and Brer Lion (Folk Tale Retold by Julius Lester)
• No Vocabulary Words

The Ransom of Red Chief (Short Story by O’Henry)
• No Vocabulary Words

Brer Possum’s Dilemma (A Traditional African American, retold my Jackie Torrence)
• No Vocabulary Words

Gil’s Furniture Bought and Sold (by Sandra Cisneros)
• No Vocabulary Words

Collection 6 “Poetry: Sound and Sense”
• Literary Focus: Analyzing Poetry
• Informational Reading Focus: Analyzing Summaries
• Elements of Literature: Poetry by Mara Rockliff
• Reading Skills and Strategies: How to Read a Poem Kylene Beers

Riding Lesson (Poem by Henry Taylor)
• No Vocabulary or Story Words

Introduction to Poetry (Poem by Billy Collins)
• No Vocabulary or Story Words
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Valentine for Ernest Mann (Poem by Naomi Shihab Nye)
  • No Vocabulary or Story Words

Paul Revere’s Ride (Poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)
  • No Vocabulary or Story Words

The Cremation of Sam McGee (Poem by Robert W. Service)
  • No Vocabulary or Story Words

The Dying Cowboy (Poem by Anonymous)
  • No Vocabulary or Story Words

Maiden –Savin' Sam (Poem by Jenny Ellison)
  • No Vocabulary or Story Words

(From) Beowulf  Translated by Burton Raffel)
  • No Vocabulary or Story Words

Casey at Bat (Poem by Ernest Lawrence Thayer)
  • No Vocabulary or Story Words

Summaries of Casey at Bat (Analyzing Summaries)
  • No Vocabulary or Story Words

Ode a las gracias/Ode to Thank (Poem by Pablo Neruda)
  • No Vocabulary Words

Birdfoot’s Grampa  (Poem by Joseph Bruchac
  • No Vocabulary Words

Ode to a Toad  (Student Poem by Anne-Marie Wulfsberg)
  • No Vocabulary Words

On The Grasshopper and the Cricket (Poem by John Keats)
  • No Vocabulary Words

O Captain, My Captain  (Poem by Walt Whitman)
  • No Vocabulary Words
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_I Hear America Singing_ (Poem by Walt Whitman)
- No Vocabulary Words

_I, Too_ (Poem by Langston Hughes)
- No Vocabulary Words

_Langston Hughes_ (A Biography and Summary)
- No Vocabulary Words

_Grandma Ling_ (Poem by Amy Ling)
- No Vocabulary Words

_Legacy II_ (Poem Leroy V. Quintana)
- No Vocabulary Words

_The Naming of Cats_ (Poem by T.S. Eliot)
- No Vocabulary Words

_I've Heard Said_ (Poem by Julia Alvarez)
- No Vocabulary Words

_Oranges_ (Poem by Gary Soto)
- No Vocabulary Words

_Oranges_ (Summary)
- No Vocabulary Words

_Collection 7 “Literary Criticism: A Biographical Approach”_
- Literary Focus: Interpreting a Literary Work
- Elements of Literature: Analyzing Texts for Logic and Coherence
- Literary Criticism by Mara Rockliff
- Reading Skills and Strategies: Taking a Biographical Approach to Literary Criticism

_I Never saw a moor_ (Poem by Emily Dickinson)
- No Vocabulary Words

_Robert Frost_
- No Vocabulary Words
“Out, Out---” (by Robert Frost)
- No Vocabulary or Story Words

Ribbons (Short Story by Lawrence Yep)
1. harassed - troubled, bothered
2. laborious – hard; difficult
3. exotic – foreign; strange in a fascinating way.
4. exertion - hard work or effort
5. exile – living away from one’s country or community.

Getting to the Pointe (Article by Sheri Henderson)
- No Vocabulary or Story Words

The Treasure of Lemon Brown (Short Story by Walter Dean Myers)
1. impromptu - unplanned
2. tentatively – in an uncertain or hesitant way
3. intently – with close attention
4. brittle – having a sharp, hard quality, ready to break
5. ominous – threatening

Little Walter (Article by Studs Terkel)
- No Vocabulary or Story Words

A Smart Cookie/Bien aguila (Short Story by Sandra Cisneros)
- No Vocabulary or Story Words

Saying Yes (Poem by Diana Chang)
- No Vocabulary or Story Words

Saying Yes
- No Vocabulary or Story Words

The Medicine Bag (Short Story by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve)
- No Vocabulary or Story Words

An Hour with Abuelo (Short Story by Judith Ortiz Cofer)
- No Vocabulary or Story Words
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The Old Grandfather and His Little Grandson (Folk Tale retold by Leo Tolstoy)
- No Vocabulary or Story Words

Just Enough Is Plenty A Hanukkah Tale (Short Story by Barbara Diamond Goldin)
- No Vocabulary or Story Words

Blasting Through Bedrock: The Central Pacific Railroad Workers (Article by Flo Ota De Lange)
- No Vocabulary Words

Collection 8 “Reading for Life”
- Informational Focus: Using Documents to Solve a Problem, Analyzing Consumer Materials, Explaining How to Use Technical Devices

Tools of the Trade (from the Newspaper Designer’s Handbook) (Technical Document by Tim Harrower)
- No Vocabulary Words

Skateboard Park Documents
- Memorandum (Office Memo)
- The City Beat (Newspaper Article)
- Discount Coupon (Coupon)

Leash Free Dog Run Documents
- Southpaws (Website)
- Letter from Southpaws (Business Letter)

WarpSpeedNet Documents
- With WarpSpeedNet You Get What You Want, Now (Advertisement)
- Service Agreement (Contract)
- Welcome to SpeedWarpNet (Instructions)
- Limited Warranty (Warranty)

Sweet Player Documents
- Sweet Player: The Best Free MP3 in Town! (Advertisement)
- Download Directions (Web Site Instructions)
- Software User’s Agreement (Contract)
- Limited Warranty (Warranty)
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Technical Directions
- No Vocabulary Words

Analyzing Persuasive Techniques (Informational Text)
- No Vocabulary or Additional Words for story