Unit 4: Grammar -- Capitalization

Content Area: **English Language Arts**
Course(s): **English Language Arts**
Time Period: **Marking Period 4**
Length: **3 Weeks**
Status: **Published**

Unit Overview

Students will practice capitalization skills in a variety of contexts with an eye toward applying these skills to their writing.

Standards

LA.L.8.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

Essential Questions

How do conventional rules apply to capitalization?

Why does following standard conventions makes writing more authoritative?

Application of Knowledge and Skills...

Students will know that...

- -the rules for capitalization as they apply to initial words, salutations and closings of letters, and miscellaneous categories of words.
- -the rules for capitalization as they apply to various categories of proper nouns and adjectives.

Students will be able to...

- -capitalize initial words, salutations and closings of letters, and miscellaneous categories of words.
- -capitalize the various categories of proper nouns and adjectives.

Assessments

Daily Warm-Up Exercises
Formative: Sample Assessment Item

Students complete these exercises in their notes and on the SmartBoard. The class discusses different approaches to various concepts and skills in the unit.

Quiz and Test Reviews
Formative: Self Assessment

After taking a practice quiz or a practice test, students pair up to identify strengths and weaknesses in their understanding of topics. They then share their self-assessments with the class.

Formative Quizzes
Formative: Written Test

At the discretion of the teacher, formative quizzes will assess students' progress in the unit.

Unit Test
Summative: Written Test

This test requires students to apply various forms of capitalization to words in sentences.

Unit Pretest
Diagnostic: Written Test

Capitalization

Activities

Activities may include the following:

Distribution of handouts/study guides for each form of capitalization; discussion and analysis of concepts and contexts

SmartBoard exercises requiring students to correct and add capitalization (may be used as daily warm-up

activities)

Activities for practice and analysis of skills and concepts

Composition of flash cards to supplement study guides

Supplemental activities/lessons from *The Writer's Craft*

Activities to Differentiate Instruction

Visual: handouts for each form of capitalization, worksheets, practice assessments

Auditory: rhymes, repetitions of key phrases from guides

Visual/Kinesthetic: SmartBoard activities

Struggling learners: peer pairings, handouts, reviews

Advanced students: peer pairings; challenge sentences

Integrated/Cross-Disciplinary Instruction

Proper capitalization is a skilled that will be utilized in all content areas.

Resources

Teacher, Student, and Parent Resources

Capitalization guide sheet

Worksheets

Pearson Prentice Hall *Writing and Grammar Workbook*

Pearson Prentice Hall *Writing Coach*

Pearson Prentice Hall Writing Coach *ExamView* CD-ROM

Practice quizzes

Practice test

Student-generated supplemental materials (flashcards, notes)

Teacher Website (for assignments and expectations)

Daily Warm-up activities

The Writer's Craft (the grammar textbook whose content was the basis for the former grammar curriculum, and whose organization and information are highly compatible with this unit)

Capitalization Notes

21st Century Skills

CRP.K-12.CRP2.1	Career-ready individuals readily access and use the knowledge and skills acquired through experience and education to be more productive. They make connections between

	abstract concepts with real-world applications, and they make correct insights about when it is appropriate to apply the use of an academic skill in a workplace situation.
CRP.K-12.CRP4.1	Career-ready individuals communicate thoughts, ideas, and action plans with clarity, whether using written, verbal, and/or visual methods. They communicate in the workplace with clarity and purpose to make maximum use of their own and others' time. They are excellent writers; they master conventions, word choice, and organization, and use effective tone and presentation skills to articulate ideas. They are skilled at interacting with others; they are active listeners and speak clearly and with purpose. Career-ready individuals think about the audience for their communication and prepare accordingly to ensure the desired outcome.