

# Unit 5: Speech for Special Occasions

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## **Unit 5: Speech for Special Occasions**

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## **Unit Overview**

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Students will understand the purpose of speech as a socially normative function and its role and function at ceremonies and celebrations.

## **Enduring Understanding**

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- Speeches for special occasions are extemporaneous speeches that are defined by the particular event and audience. They contain many different types and circumstances.
- Speeches for special occasions include introduction, welcome, presentation, acceptance, graduation, after dinner and commemoration.
- Word choice and language are influenced by each particular occasion when considering the content of a special occasion speech.
- Graduation speeches are particularly concerned with shared memories and collective emotions and should be worded accordingly.
- The tone of a speech is dictated by the particular occasion.
- Many well-known special occasion speeches have had historical significance.

- The study of special occasion speeches is instructive in developing and emulating the proper tone and emotion for important events.
- A special occasion speech is organized with a specific introduction, body and conclusion

## Essential Questions

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- How do speeches for special occasions differ in content and organization?
- What are the different occasions that would require a speech?
- How do the audience, purpose and situation influence every public speaking situation?
- How is a graduation speech an especially sensitive special occasion?
- How should the tone and language of a speech suit its occasion?
- What has been the influence of some famous special occasion speeches?
- What are some outstanding occasions that might require presentations and acceptance speeches?
- How do we organize a speech for a special occasion?

## Exit Skills

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- Recognize and identify vivid language in the creation of a speech for a special occasion.
- Narrate in an oral presentation an anecdote that reflects the purpose and tone of a speech for a special occasion.
- Develop ideas and incorporate the requirements for variety of special event speeches.
- Incorporate the use of quotations and other devices to make their speeches more effective.
- Create the introduction, body and conclusion of a speech for a special occasion.
- Complete an original oral presentation.
- Evaluate the presentation of peers according to a prescribed rubric.

## New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS-S)

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LA.RL.11-12.1

Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.

LA.RL.11-12.2

Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to

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|               | produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of the text.   |
| LA.RL.11-12.3 | Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).  |
| LA.RI.11-12.1 | Accurately cite strong and thorough textual evidence, (e.g., via discussion, written response, etc.), to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferentially, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.  |
| LA.RI.11-12.2 | Determine two or more central ideas of a text, and analyze their development and how they interact to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of the text.  |
| LA.RI.11-12.3 | Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.  |
| LA.W.11-12.1  | Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.   |
| LA.W.11-12.2  | Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.  |
| LA.W.11-12.3  | Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.  |
| LA.W.11-12.4  | Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)   |
| LA.W.11-12.5  | Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, trying a new approach, or consulting a style manual (such as MLA or APA Style), focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.   |
| LA.W.11-12.6  | Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.   |
| LA.W.11-12.7  | Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.   |
| LA.W.11-12.8  | Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation. (MLA or APA Style Manuals). |
| LA.W.11-12.9  | Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.  |
| LA.W.11-12.10 | Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes.   |
| LA.SL.11-12.1 | Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with peers on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.   |
| LA.SL.11-12.2 | Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, qualitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.  |
| LA.SL.11-12.3 | Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, assessing the stance, premises, links among ideas, word choice, points of emphasis, and tone used.  |
| LA.SL.11-12.4 | Present information, findings and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically. The   |

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|                     | content, organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.   |
| LA.SL.11-12.5       | Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.   |
| LA.SL.11-12.6       | Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating a command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.   |
| LA.L.11-12.1        | Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  |
| LA.L.11-12.2        | Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.  |
| LA.L.11-12.3        | Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.   |
| LA.L.11-12.4        | Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.   |
| LA.L.11-12.5        | Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.   |
| LA.L.11-12.6        | Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. |
| LA.11-12.SL.11-12.2 | Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) in order to make informed decisions and solve problems, evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source and noting any discrepancies among the data.   |

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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Visual and Performing Arts-apply different rhetorical modes and means for different situations, topics, and audiences

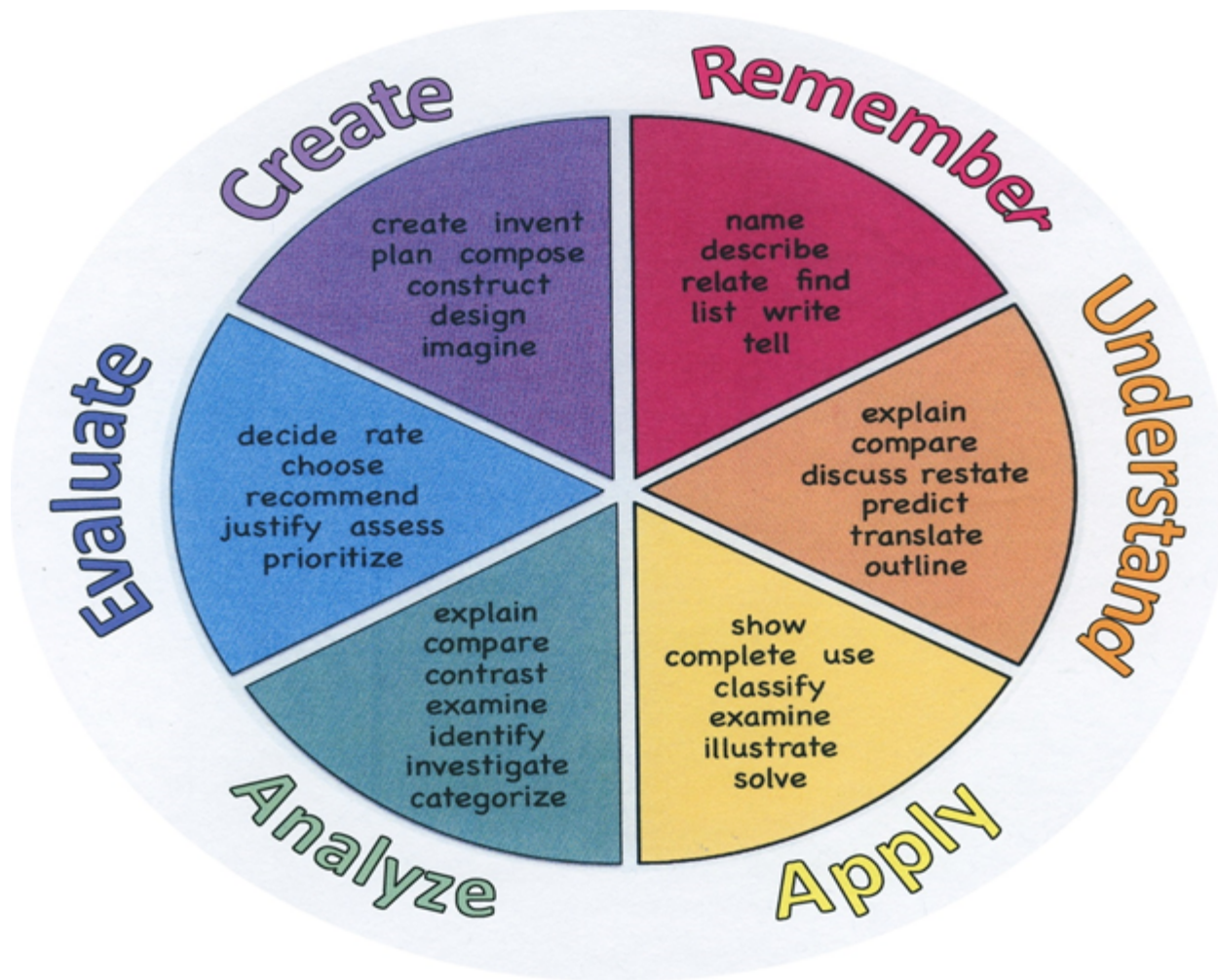
## **Learning Objectives**

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**Action Verbs:** Below are examples of action verbs associated with each level of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy.

| Remember  | Understand   | Apply   | Analyze  | Evaluate   | Create   |
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| Choose<br>Describe<br>Define<br>Label<br>List<br>Locate<br>Match<br>Memorize<br>Name<br>Omit<br>Recite<br>Select<br>State<br>Count<br>Draw<br>Outline<br>Point<br>Quote<br>Recall<br>Recognize<br>Repeat<br>Reproduce | Classify<br>Defend<br>Demonstrate<br>Distinguish<br>Explain<br>Express<br>Extend<br>Give Examples<br>Illustrate<br>Indicate<br>Interrelate<br>Interpret<br>Infer<br>Match<br>Paraphrase<br>Represent<br>Restate<br>Rewrite<br>Select<br>Show<br>Summarize<br>Tell<br>Translate<br>Associate<br>Compute<br>Convert<br>Discuss<br>Estimate<br>Extrapolate<br>Generalize<br>Predict | Choose<br>Dramatize<br>Explain<br>Generalize<br>Judge<br>Organize<br>Paint<br>Prepare<br>Produce<br>Select<br>Show<br>Sketch<br>Solve<br>Use<br>Add<br>Calculate<br>Change<br>Classify<br>Complete<br>Compute<br>Discover<br>Divide<br>Examine<br>Graph<br>Interpolate<br>Manipulate<br>Modify<br>Operate<br>Subtract | Categorize<br>Classify<br>Compare<br>Differentiate<br>Distinguish<br>Identify<br>Infer<br>Point out<br>Select<br>Subdivide<br>Survey<br>Arrange<br>Breakdown<br>Combine<br>Detect<br>Diagram<br>Discriminate<br>Illustrate<br>Outline<br>Point out<br>Separate | Appraise<br>Judge<br>Criticize<br>Defend<br>Compare<br>Assess<br>Conclude<br>Contrast<br>Critique<br>Determine<br>Grade<br>Justify<br>Measure<br>Rank<br>Rate<br>Support<br>Test | Combine<br>Compose<br>Construct<br>Design<br>Develop<br>Formulate<br>Hypothesize<br>Invent<br>Make<br>Originate<br>Organize<br>Plan<br>Produce<br>Role Play<br>Drive<br>Devise<br>Generate<br>Integrate<br>Prescribe<br>Propose<br>Reconstruct<br>Revise<br>Rewrite<br>Transform |



### **Suggested Activities & Best Practices**

- Students view video clips of national forensic HI competitions. They will also view Poetry Out Loud videos to gain better understanding of various elements of the Oral Interpretation. Students will view the videos to get a better idea of the combination of acting elements with speaking elements. Incorporating nonverbal into their speeches. Students will then discuss ways in which they can incorporate nonverbal communication into their speeches and use that information when constructing their Oral Interpretation Presentation.
- Students are given various simple sentences with simple commands on them. Working in small group or a partner, students have to communicate the simple task/command by using only nonverbal skills. Students are forced to look at how they can communicate without speaking. Students will work in small groups on presenting the information without communicating and then we will have a discussion on the benefits and the difficulties of trying to communicate without words.

## **Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)**

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Nonverbal approaches in speeches - formative assessment

Class Discussions - formative assessment

Public Speaking Graphic Organizers - alternative assessment

Speech - summative assessment

Other CFUs used at the teacher's discretion

- Admit Tickets
- Anticipation Guide
- Common Benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- Create a Multimedia Poster
- DBQ's
- Define
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Exit Tickets
- Explaining
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
- Illustration
- Journals
- KWL Chart
- Learning Center Activities
- Multimedia Reports
- Newspaper Headline
- Outline
- Question Stems
- Quickwrite

- Quizzes
- Red Light, Green Light
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar
- Study Guide
- Surveys
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List
- Unit review/Test prep
- Unit tests
- Web-Based Assessments
- Written Reports

## **Primary Resources & Materials**

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Speech for effective Communication by Robert F. Verderber (Holt, Rinehart and Winston)

Projects in Effective Communication, Editorial Director Carol Francis (Pearson Hall)

## **Ancillary Resources**

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<http://www.thinkinfinity.org>

<http://www.csus.edu/indiv/k/kiddv/comsites/speeches.html/>

<http://www.abolngman.com/ab/publicspeaking-2>

<http://www.newyorktimes.com>

## **Technology Infusion**

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Google Classroom

Google Website

Blogger

Google Docs

Google Slides

Screencastify

Other technology infusions are used at the teacher's discretion.

## Win 8.1 Apps/Tools Pedagogy Wheel

Podcasts  
Photostory 3  
Kid Story Builder  
Music Maker Jam  
Paint A Story  
Office 365  
MS PowerPoint  
Stack 'Em Up  
NqSquared Numbers  
Physamajig  
Xylophone 8

Wikipedia  
Skydrive  
Lync  
SkyMap  
Skype  
Office 365  
Puzzle Touch  
Easy QR  
Memorylage  
Life Moments  
Word Cloud Maker

Where's Waldo?  
MS Excel  
Flipboard  
Office 365  
Nova Mindmapping

Ted Talks  
Record Voice Pen



## **Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology**

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### 21st Century Skills & Technology:

- English Language Arts;
- Social Studies, including American History, World History, Geography, Government and Civics, and Economics;
- World languages;
- Technology;
- Visual and Performing Arts

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| CRP.K-12.CRP1  | Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.  |
| CRP.K-12.CRP2  | Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.   |
| CRP.K-12.CRP4  | Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.   |
| CRP.K-12.CRP6  | Demonstrate creativity and innovation.   |
| CRP.K-12.CRP7  | Employ valid and reliable research strategies.   |
| CRP.K-12.CRP8  | Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.   |
| CRP.K-12.CRP9  | Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.  |
| CRP.K-12.CRP11 | Use technology to enhance productivity.  |
| TECH.8.1.12    | Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge. |
| TECH.8.1.12.B  | Creativity and Innovation: Students demonstrate creative thinking, construct knowledge and develop innovative products and process using technology.   |

## **21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes**

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- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Life and Career Skills
- Media Literacy

## **21st Century Skills**

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- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy
- Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
- Global Awareness
- Health Literacy

## **Differentiation**

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Differentiations:

- Extra time to complete assignments
- Repeat directions in class and on teacher website
- Preview vocabulary and notes on teacher website

Hi-Prep Differentiations:

- Leveled rubric (student made)
- Literature Circles/Socratic Seminar

Lo-Prep Differentiations

- Flexible grouping/seating among classmates
- Think-Pair-Share Online Blog entries

## **Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)**

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- Provide modifications in workload and extended time as specified in the student's IEP/504 plan
- Allow extra time for online blog submissions
- Allow student to preview the material via teacher website
- Use of computer or electronic device during class to follow lesson, take notes, refer to HW for discussion
- Modeled techniques and speeches with discussions for student retention.

- printed copy of board work/notes provided

- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction
- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multi-sensory presentation
- multiple test sessions
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

## **English Language Learning (ELL)**

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-Allow for shorter blog and homework responses

-Use of Youtube videos and Screencasts of lessons for student retention and clarification of material located on teacher's website.

- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)

- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

## **At Risk**

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-Reduce multiple choice options and build the options back into the lessons so students get a feel for true AP questions

-Provide a copy of the teacher's notes on the class website

-Screencast a lesson/discussion.

- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning
- allowing students to select from given choices
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

## **Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)**

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- Create two blogs about the unit (before and after)
  - Allow students to work at a faster pace by having material assessable two weeks prior.
  - Allow students to make more than one required speech to practice techniques.
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- Above grade level placement option for qualified students
  - Advanced problem-solving
  - Allow students to work at a faster pace
  - Cluster grouping
  - Complete activities aligned with above grade level text using Benchmark results
  - Create a blog or social media page about their unit
  - Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text
  - Debate issues with research to support arguments
  - Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
  - Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery
  - Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project
  - Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
  - Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts
  - Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

## **Sample Lesson**

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Sample Lesson is located in Unit 1.