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Unit Overview

Within Unit Six, students will decide whether something is important or not. Students will think about questions, such as how a decision might affect their futures or the lives of people around them. Each week students will produce a project related to the Essential Question. They will then develop one of these projects more fully for the Unit Research Project. Through their research, students will focus their attention on comparing information across sources and recalling, paraphrasing, and presenting information they have found. As students read and reread each week for close reading of text, they take notes, cite text evidence to support their ideas and opinions, and write short analytical responses. After reading, students build writing fluency, analyze model responses, craft longer responses incorporating text evidence, and focus on writing traits.

Enduring Understandings

Students will understand that...

- learning what is valuable to oneself is a way to measure importance.
- weather can affect many different things including the way we live, what we eat, our jobs, and the way we survive.
- setting goals gives us purpose and helps us focus and learn new things. When we achieve these goals, we feel accomplished and this helps us to set new goals.
- becoming educated about animals helps us to understand why they do the things they do, which helps us respect them.
- having a good sense of humor is important because it helps you laugh, share feelings with friends, and makes you feel good.

Essential Questions

- How do we decide what's important?
- How can weather affect us?
- Why are goals important?
- How can learning about animals help you respect them?
- What makes you laugh?

Exit Skills

By the end of Unit 6: Think It Over, students should be able to...

- ask and answer questions about a text.
- demonstrate understanding of text structure.
- demonstrate knowledge of taught skills and strategies of the unit.
- expand on knowledge of vocabulary.
- use key details to find the main idea.
- describe how the author supports opinions in the text.
- write sentences about the topic/text that has been read.
- cite details from the text that supports claims.
- write a narrative that includes a problem, solution, characters that use dialogue, and establish a clear sequence of events.

New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS)

LA.RL.3.1	Ask and answer questions, and make relevant connections to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.
LA.RL.3.2	Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message/theme, lesson, or moral and explain how it is revealed through key details in the text.
LA.RL.3.3	Describe the characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the plot.
LA.RL.3.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language.
LA.RL.3.5	Refer to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking about a text, using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.
LA.RL.3.6	Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters.
LA.RL.3.7	Explain how specific aspects of a text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story (e.g., create mood, emphasize aspects of a character or setting).
LA.RL.3.10	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems at grade level text-complexity or above, with scaffolding as needed.
LA.RI.3	Reading Informational Text
LA.RI.3.9	Compare, contrast and reflect on (e.g., practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic.
LA.RF.3.3.C	Decode multisyllable words.
LA.RF.3.3.D	Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.
LA.RF.3.4.A	Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.
LA.RF.3.4.B	Read grade-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression.
LA.L.3.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when

	writing or speaking.
LA.L.3.2.E	Use conventional spelling for high-frequency and other studied words and for adding suffixes to base words (e.g., sitting, smiled, cries, happiness).
LA.L.3.2.F	Use spelling patterns and generalizations (e.g., word families, position-based spellings, syllable patterns, ending rules, meaningful word parts) in writing words.
LA.L.3.2.G	Consult reference materials, including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings.
LA.L.3.4.A	Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
LA.L.3.4.D	Use glossaries or beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.
LA.L.3.5.B	Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe people who are friendly or helpful).

Interdisciplinary Connections

- History/Social Sciences (Ethical Literacy): "Learning to Succeed"
- Science (Life Sciences): "Animals and You"
- Science (Earth and Space Sciences): "Weather"

SCI.3-5-ETS1-1	Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want that includes specified criteria for success and constraints on materials, time, or cost.
SOC.6.1.4	U.S. History: America in the World: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.
SOC.6.1.4.A.CS1	Rules and laws are developed to protect people's rights and the security and welfare of society.
SOC.6.1.4.D.CS1	Immigrants come to New Jersey and the United States for various reasons and have a major impact on the state and the nation.

Learning Objectives

In Unit 6: Think It Over, students will be able to...

- devise questions and answer them to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.
- recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.
- create predictions and then use text clues to make, confirm, and revise predictions.
- summarize the most important events in a story.
- compose opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons. Introduce the topic or text they are writing about, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure that lists reasons.
- create narratives or develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
- establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.
- explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences.
- ensure subjec/tverb and pronoun/antecedent agreement

- formulate and use comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.
- determine sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
- determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
- determine the author's point of view in the text. Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text.
- justify the theme in historical fiction.
- compare and contrast their own point of view from that of the author of a text as well as additional story elements.
- create scenarios that identify the cause and effect within each sitation.
- formulate and expand vocabulary by adding inflectional endings and suffixes.
- write a grade appropriate feature article.
- revise, edit and publish a feature article.
- write a grade appropriate research report.
- revise, edit and publish a research report.

Suggested Activities & Best Practices

Research and Inquiry lessons provide students with opportunities to collect, analyze, and evaluate information, which are critical 21st Century Skills. Students will work collaboratively to extend their unit knowledge, practice written and oral presentations, and apply research skills.

- Research Roadmap Project 1- In your group, discuss qualities that you value in others, such as caring, bravery, or intelligence. Then, you will produce an essay about that person and present it to your class.

- Research Roadmap Project 2- In your group, choose a weather disaster, such as tornadoes, hurricanes, or tsunamis, and then gather research about that weather disaster from several sources.

- Research Roadmap Project 3- In your group, choose a goal that you might set for your school, town, or community and research how you can achieve that goal.

- Research Roadmap Project 4- In your group, choose an animal to research. You will use this animal as the main character in a fantasy story your group will write.

Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)

- Wonders Assessments (Unit Tests, Fluency, etc.) (Summative)
- Wonders Weekly Assessments (Summative)
- Feature Article & Research Report (Summative)
- Common Benchmark #3 (Benchmark)
- DRA2 Results (Benchmark)
- Anecdotal Results (Formative)
- Think Pair Share: What do goals help us do? What are some ways to stay motivated when pursuing a goal? (Formative)

- 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

- Wonders Anthology
- Reading/Writing Workshop
- Close Reading Companion (online)

- Your Turn Practice Book
- High Frequency Word Cards
- Photo Cards
- Visual Vocabulary Cards
- Retelling Cards
- Sound Spelling Cards
- Leveled Workstation Activity Cards
- Leveled Readers
- Interactive Read Aloud Cards

Ancillary Resources

- Smart TV/ SmartBoard
- Student laptops
- Decodable readers
- Leveled readers
- Literacy centers
- Writing stations

Technology Infusion

- edconnect.mcgraw-hill.com
- ebooks
- interactive vocabulary



Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology

CRP.K-12.CRP1.1	Career-ready individuals understand the obligations and responsibilities of being a member of a community, and they demonstrate this understanding every day through their interactions with others. They are conscientious of the impacts of their decisions on others and the environment around them. They think about the near-term and long-term consequences of their actions and seek to act in ways that contribute to the betterment of their teams, families, community and workplace. They are reliable and consistent in going

	beyond the minimum expectation and in participating in activities that serve the greater good.
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.CRP3.1	Career-ready individuals understand the relationship between personal health, workplace performance and personal well-being; they act on that understanding to regularly practice healthy diet, exercise and mental health activities. Career-ready individuals also take regular action to contribute to their personal financial well-being, understanding that personal financial security provides the peace of mind required to contribute more fully to their own career success.
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.
CRP.K-12.CRP6	Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
CRP.K-12.CRP7.1	Career-ready individuals are discerning in accepting and using new information to make decisions, change practices or inform strategies. They use reliable research process to search for new information. They evaluate the validity of sources when considering the use and adoption of external information or practices in their workplace situation.
CRP.K-12.CRP11	Use technology to enhance productivity.
CRP.K-12.CRP12	Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence.
TECH.8.1.5.A	Technology Operations and Concepts: Students demonstrate a sound understanding of technology concepts, systems and operations.
TECH.8.1.5.A.1	Select and use the appropriate digital tools and resources to accomplish a variety of tasks including solving problems.
TECH.8.1.5.A.2	Format a document using a word processing application to enhance text and include graphics, symbols and/or pictures.
TECH.8.1.5.A.3	Use a graphic organizer to organize information about problem or issue.
TECH.8.1.5.A.4	Graph data using a spreadsheet, analyze and produce a report that explains the analysis of the data.
TECH.8.1.5.A.5	Create and use a database to answer basic questions.
TECH.8.1.5.A.6	Export data from a database into a spreadsheet; analyze and produce a report that explains the analysis of the data.
TECH.8.1.5.A.CS1	Understand and use technology systems
TECH.8.1.5.A.CS2	Select and use applications effectively and productively.
TECH.8.2.5.C.4	Collaborate and brainstorm with peers to solve a problem evaluating all solutions to provide the best results with supporting sketches or models.

21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes

- 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

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

Differentiation

- **Content**: Content will be differentiated through use of multilevel readers for Basic Skills students, Special Education students, Talented and Gifted students, as well as ELL students. The readers are all focused upon the same content, however the lexiles differ depending upon the abilities of the student.

- **Process**: The process will be differentiated through supplying three tiers of questioning for basic, intermediate, and advanced learners. Additionally, students will be supplied with sentence stems and differentiated student workbooks to foster student success of the established goals.

- **Product**: The product will be differentiated because student work will be based upon their reading levels and lexiles. Students will be given choice for projects that appeal to their various learning styles to promote confidence and success amongst the students.

- During **Readers Workshop,** teachers will incorporate differentiation through guided reading, the use of leveled readers and stratedy groups. Students also have the choice of selecting their own books to read independently. This can be a controlled choice of books so that they are reading on their independent reading level.

- Through **Writers Workshop**, teachers will conference with students in order to individualize instruction. This can be done through one-on-one conferencing or with small conference groups. During this time, students can choose their own writing topic within the unit's genre.

Differentiations:

- Small group instruction
- Small group assignments
- Extra time to complete assignments
- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Use manipulatives
- Center-based instruction

- Token economy
- Study guides
- Teacher reads assessments allowed
- Scheduled breaks
- Rephrase written directions
- Multisensory approaches
- Additional time
- Preview vocabulary
- Preview content & concepts
- Story guides
- Behavior management plan
- Highlight text
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology
- Auditory presentations
- Large print edition
- Dictation to scribe
- Small group setting

Hi-Prep Differentiations:

- Alternative formative and summative assessments
- Choice boards
- Games and tournaments
- Group investigations
- Guided Reading
- Independent research and projects
- Interest groups
- Learning contracts
- Leveled rubrics
- Literature circles
- Multiple intelligence options
- Multiple texts
- Personal agendas
- Project-based learning
- Problem-based learning
- Stations/centers
- Think-Tac-Toes
- Tiered activities/assignments
- Tiered products
- Varying organizers for instructions

Lo-Prep Differentiations

- Choice of books or activities
- Cubing activities
- Exploration by interest
- Flexible grouping
- Goal setting with students
- Jigsaw
- Mini workshops to re-teach or extend skills
- Open-ended activities

- Think-Pair-Share
- Reading buddies
- Varied journal prompts
- Varied supplemental materials

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

- Throughout Readers Workshop, teachers will meet with students within this guided reading group more frequently than others. (Recommended at least twice a week).
- Throughout Writers Workshop, teachers will conference with these students more frequently in order to provide additional support through the writing process.
- Wonders Interactive Games- Phoneme Blending and Phonics for Unit 6
- Wonders Retelling Activity Cards for Unit 6
- Wonders Movement Phonics Video for Unit 6
- Wonders Grammar Video for Unit 6
- Wonderworks Acivities for Unit 6

- 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)

- Have students act out what is happening in a story.
- Use organizers to help students organize their thinking and ideas.
- Wonders Interactive Games- Phoneme Blending and Phonics for Unit 6
- Wonders Retelling Activity Cards for Unit 6
- Wonders Movement Phonics Video for Unit 6
- Wonders Grammar Video for Unit 6
- Language Transfer Handbook Acivities for Unit 6

- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarif
- 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 workpresented 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

- Wonders Interactive Games- Phoneme Blending and Phonics for Unit 6
- Approaching Level Leveled Readers
- Wonders Retelling Activity Cards for Unit 6
- Wonders Movement Phonics Video for Unit 6
- Wonders Grammar Video for Unit 6

- 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 workpresented 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)

Challenge students to write about another adventure of Odysseus during his 10-year journey home. Have them write about another time in which Odysseus must make a difficult choice. Invite students to share their stories with the class.

- 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

Using the template below, please develop a **Sample Lesson** for the first unit only.

Unit Name:

NJSLS:

Interdisciplinary Connection:

Statement of Objective:

Anticipatory Set/Do Now:

Learning Activity:

Student Assessment/CFU's:

Materials:

21st Century Themes and Skills:

Differentiation/Modifications:

Integration of Technology: