

# GR 3 Module 01 (What a Character!)

Content Area: **English Language Arts**  
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## Unit Overview

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Module Title: What a Character!

Essential Question: What makes a character interesting?

## Standards

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### Module 1: What a Character!

### Week 1 Lesson 1

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ELA.L.RF.3.3.D	Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.
ELA.L.RF.3.3.E	Analyze the parts of high-frequency words that are regular and the parts that are irregular.
ELA.L.RF.3.4.A	Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.
ELA.L.RF.3.4.B	Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression.
ELA.L.RF.3.4.C	Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.
ELA.L.WF.3.2.G	Spell common words in English, including regular and irregular forms.
ELA.L.KL.3.1.A	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases.
ELA.RL.CR.3.1	Ask and answer questions and make relevant connections to demonstrate understanding of a literary text, referring explicitly to textual evidence as the basis for the answers.
ELA.RL.PP.3.5	Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters.

### Week 1 Lesson 2

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ELA.L.RF.3.4.A	Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.
ELA.L.KL.3.1.A	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases.
ELA.L.VL.3.2.A	Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

ELA.RL.CR.3.1	Ask and answer questions and make relevant connections to demonstrate understanding of a literary text, referring explicitly to textual evidence as the basis for the answers.
ELA.RL.IT.3.3	Describe the development of individual character's traits, motivations, or feelings and explain how their actions contribute to the plot within a text.
ELA.RL.TS.3.4	Utilize and reference features of a text when writing or speaking about a text, referring to parts of stories, dramas, and poems, using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.
ELA.SL.PE.3.1.A	Explicitly draw on previously read text or material and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.
ELA.SL.PE.3.1.B	Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).
ELA.SL.PE.3.1.C	Ask questions to check understanding of information presented, stay on topic, and link their comments to the remarks of others.
ELA.SL.PE.3.1.D	Explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.
ELA.SL.II.3.2	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.

## Week 1 Lesson 3

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ELA.L.RF.3.3.A	Identify and know the meaning of the most common prefixes and derivational suffixes.
ELA.L.RF.3.3.C	Decode multisyllable words.
ELA.L.WF.3.2.F.i	Combine all basic syllable types: closed, VCe, open, vowel team, vowel –r, Consonant-le.
ELA.L.WF.3.2.G	Spell common words in English, including regular and irregular forms.
ELA.L.KL.3.1.A	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases.
ELA.L.VL.3.2.A	Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
ELA.L.VL.3.2.B	Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known affix is added to a known word (e.g., agreeable/disagreeable, comfortable/uncomfortable, care/careless, heat/preheat).
ELA.RL.IT.3.3	Describe the development of individual character's traits, motivations, or feelings and explain how their actions contribute to the plot within a text.
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## Week 1 Lesson 4

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ELA.L.VL.3.2.B	Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known affix is added to a known word (e.g., agreeable/disagreeable, comfortable/uncomfortable, care/careless, heat/preheat).

ELA.RL.CI.3.2	Recount in oral and written form key details from a text and explain how they support the theme (in literary texts, e.g., fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures).
ELA.RL.PP.3.5	Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters.
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ELA.SL.PE.3.1.C	Ask questions to check understanding of information presented, stay on topic, and link their comments to the remarks of others.
ELA.SL.PE.3.1.D	Explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.

## Week 1 Lesson 5

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ELA.L.KL.3.1.A	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases.
ELA.RL.CI.3.2	Recount in oral and written form key details from a text and explain how they support the theme (in literary texts, e.g., fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures).
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ELA.SL.PE.3.1.C	Ask questions to check understanding of information presented, stay on topic, and link their comments to the remarks of others.
ELA.SL.PE.3.1.D	Explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.

## Week 2 Lesson 6

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ELA.L.RF.3.3.D	Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.
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ELA.L.RF.3.4.B	Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression.
ELA.L.RF.3.4.C	Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.
ELA.L.WF.3.2.G	Spell common words in English, including regular and irregular forms.
ELA.L.KL.3.1.A	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases.
ELA.L.VL.3.2.A	Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
ELA.L.VI.3.3.A	Distinguish the literal and nonliteral meanings of words and phrases in context (e.g., take steps).
ELA.RL.CR.3.1	Ask and answer questions and make relevant connections to demonstrate understanding of a literary text, referring explicitly to textual evidence as the basis for the answers.
ELA.SL.ES.3.3	Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate

elaboration and detail.

## Week 2 Lesson 7

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ELA.L.RF.3.3.C	Decode multisyllable words.
ELA.L.RF.3.4.C	Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.
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ELA.L.VL.3.2.A	Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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## Week 2 Lesson 8

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ELA.L.RF.3.3.A	Identify and know the meaning of the most common prefixes and derivational suffixes.
ELA.L.RF.3.3.C	Decode multisyllable words.
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ELA.L.VL.3.2.A	Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
ELA.L.VL.3.2.B	Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known affix is added to a known word (e.g., agreeable/disagreeable, comfortable/uncomfortable, care/careless, heat/preheat).
ELA.RL.IT.3.3	Describe the development of individual character's traits, motivations, or feelings and explain how their actions contribute to the plot within a text.
ELA.RL.TS.3.4	Utilize and reference features of a text when writing or speaking about a text, referring to parts of stories, dramas, and poems, using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.
ELA.RI.CT.3.8	Compare and contrast the elements of informational texts regarding the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic.

## Week 2 Lesson 9

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ELA.L.VI.3.3.A	Distinguish the literal and nonliteral meanings of words and phrases in context (e.g., take steps).

ELA.L.VI.3.3.B	Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe people who are friendly or helpful).
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ELA.RL.CT.3.8	Compare and contrast the elements (theme, settings, and plots) of literary texts written by the same author about similar characters (e.g., in books from a series).
ELA.SL.PE.3.1.A	Explicitly draw on previously read text or material and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.
ELA.SL.PE.3.1.B	Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).
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## Week 2 Lesson 10

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ELA.L.RF.3.4.B	Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression.
ELA.L.WF.3.2.A	Spell single syllable words with less common and complex graphemes (ough, augh; -old, -ind, -ost, -ild families).
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ELA.RL.PP.3.5	Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters.
ELA.RL.MF.3.6	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).

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## Week 3 Lesson 14

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ELA.L.KL.3.1.A	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate conversational, general academic, and
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	domain-specific words and phrases.
ELA.RL.CI.3.2	Recount in oral and written form key details from a text and explain how they support the theme (in literary texts, e.g., fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures).
ELA.W.IW.3.2.A	Introduce a topic clearly.
ELA.W.IW.3.2.B	Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and concrete details, text evidence, or other information and examples related to the topic.
ELA.W.IW.3.2.C	Include text features (e.g.: illustrations, diagrams, captions) when useful to support comprehension.
ELA.W.IW.3.2.D	Link ideas within sections of information using transition words and phrases (e.g., then, because, also, another, therefore).
ELA.W.IW.3.2.E	Provide a conclusion related to the information or explanation presented.
ELA.W.WP.3.4.A	Identify audience, purpose, and intended length of composition before writing.
ELA.W.WP.3.4.B	Consider writing as a process, including self-evaluation, revision and editing.
ELA.W.WP.3.4.C	With adult and peer feedback, and digital or print tools such as a dictionary, thesaurus, and/or spell checker, find and correct errors and improve word choice.
ELA.W.SE.3.6	Use discussion, books, or media resources to gather ideas, outline them, and prioritize the information to include while planning to write about a topic.
ELA.W.RW.3.7	Engage in independent and task-based writing for both short and extended periods of time, producing written work routinely.

## Week 3 Lesson 15

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ELA.W.IW.3.2.A	Introduce a topic clearly.
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## Materials/Activities/Resources

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### Core materials:

- HMH Into Reading
- Schoolwide Writing

### **Supplemental Resources:**

- Foundations
- Brainspring
- Leveled Readers

### **Web Site Resources:**

- Ed Your Friend in Learning
- Schoolwide Writing
- Newsela
- Lexia
- Amira (K-3)
- Raz-Kids/Reading A-Z

## **Technology**

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- **8.2.5.ED.2:** Collaborate with peers to collect information, brainstorm to solve a problem, and evaluate all possible solutions to provide the best results with supporting sketches or models.
- **8.2.5.ITH.3:** Analyze the effectiveness of a new product or system and identify the positive and/or negative consequences resulting from its use.
- **8.2.5.ITH.4:** Describe a technology/tool that has made the way people live easier or has led to a new business or career.

## **Assessment**

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### **Formative Assessments**

- Teacher Observation
- Anecdotal Notes
- Exit Tickets
- Student Practice Pages

### **Summative Assessments**

- Module Tests

### **Benchmark Assessments**

- NWEA MAPs



## **Alternative Assessments**

- Weekly Tests
- Comprehension Quizzes
- Dibels
- F & P Assessments
- Phonics Skill Assessments

## **Accommodations & Modifications**

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### **Special Education**

- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Newsela/Readworks/Reading A-Z level reading passages
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Questions read aloud
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Mnemonic devices
- Songs/videos to reinforce concepts
- Limit number of questions
- Scribe
- Study Guides
- Mixed Ability Grouping

### **504**

- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Newsela/Readworks/Reading A-Z level reading passages
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Questions read aloud
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Mnemonic devices
- Songs/videos to reinforce concepts
- Limit number of questions
- Scribe
- Study Guides
- Mixed Ability Grouping

### **ELL**

- Translation device/dictionary
- In class/pull out support with ESL teacher
- Newsela/Readworks/Reading A-Z level reading passages
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Questions read aloud
- Extended time for completing tasks

- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Mnemonic devices
- Songs/videos to reinforce concepts

### **At-Risk of Failure**

- Additional time during intervention time
- Newsela/Readworks/Reading A-Z level reading passages
- Questions read aloud
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Mnemonic devices
- Songs/videos to reinforce concepts

### **Gifted & Talented**

- Independent projects
- PEP/GEM class
- Above-Level Reading Materials

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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[NJCurriculum Mandates: Galloway Teacher Resource Crosswalk](#)

### **NJSLS Science & Theater Standards Covered in ELA Curriculum:**

TH.3-5.1.4.5.Cr1a	Create roles, imagined worlds and improvised stories in a drama/theatre work articulating the physical qualities of characters, visual details of imagined worlds, and given circumstances, of improvised stories in a drama/theatre work.
TH.3-5.1.4.5.Cr2b	Participate and identify defined responsibilities required to present a drama/theatre work informally to peers/audience and participate in the process.
TH.3-5.1.4.5.Cr3a	Collaborate with peers to revise, refine, adapt and improve ideas to fit the given parameters of an improvised or scripted drama/theatre work through self and collaborative review.
TH.3-5.1.4.5.Pr4a	Participate in, propose, and practice a variety of physical, vocal, and cognitive exercises that can be used in a group setting for drama/theatre work.
SCI.3-LS4-3	Construct an argument with evidence that in a particular habitat some organisms can survive well, some survive less well, and some cannot survive at all.

## **Social and Emotional Learning Connections**

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Learning Mindset: Belonging

## **Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills NJSL**

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### Financial Literacy (9.1):

- By the end of Grade 5
  - 9.1.5.CR.1: Compare various ways to give back and relate them to your strengths, interests, and other personal factors.

### Career Awareness, Exploration, and Preparation (9.2):

- By the end of Grade 5
  - 9.2.5.CAP.1: Evaluate personal likes and dislikes and identify careers that might be suited to personal likes.
  - 9.2.5.CAP.2: Identify how you might like to earn an income.
  - 9.2.5.CAP.3: Identify qualifications needed to pursue traditional and non-traditional careers and occupations.

### Life Literacies and Key Skills (9.4):

- By the end of Grade 5
  - 9.4.5.CI.1: Use appropriate communication technologies to collaborate with individuals with diverse perspectives about a local and/or global climate change issue and deliberate about possible solutions (e.g., W.4.6, 3.MD.B.3, 7.1.NM.IPERS.6).
  - 9.4.5.CI.3: Participate in a brainstorming session with individuals with diverse perspectives to expand one's thinking about a topic of curiosity (e.g., 8.2.5.ED.2, 1.5.5.CR1a).
  - 9.4.5.CI.4: Research the development process of a product and identify the role of failure as a part of the creative process (e.g., W.4.7, 8.2.5.ED.6).
  - 9.4.5.CT.1: Identify and gather relevant data that will aid in the problem-solving process (e.g., 2.1.5.EH.4, 4-ESS3-1, 6.3.5.CivicsPD.2).
  - 9.4.5.CT.4: Apply critical thinking and problem-solving strategies to different types of problems such as personal, academic, community and global (e.g., 6.1.5.CivicsCM.3).
  - 9.4.5.DC.8: Propose ways local and global communities can engage digitally to participate in and promote climate action (e.g., 6.3.5.GeoHE.1).
  - 9.4.5.GCA.1: Analyze how culture shapes individual and community perspectives and points of view (e.g., 1.1.5.C2a, RL.5.9, 6.1.5.HistoryCC.8).

- 9.4.5.IML.6: Use appropriate sources of information from diverse sources, contexts, disciplines, and cultures to answer questions (e.g., RI.5.7, 6.1.5.HistoryCC.7, 7.1.NM.IPRET.5).
- 9.4.5.TL.5: Collaborate digitally to produce an artifact (e.g., 1.2.5CR1d).

## **Career Ready Practices**

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- CRP1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
- CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
- CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason
- CRP5. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
- CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity.