

# GR 7 Unit 2 (Take Control)

Content Area: **English Language Arts**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **Marking Period 1**  
Length: **6 weeks (First 3 weeks--MP 1; Second 3 weeks--MP 2)**  
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## Unit Overview

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**Unit Title:** Reality Check

**Essential Question:** What can blur the lines between what's real and what's not?

## Standards

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ELA.L.SS.7.1.A	Explain the function of phrases and clauses in general and their function in specific sentences.
ELA.L.SS.7.1.B	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
ELA.L.SS.7.1.D	Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives (e.g., It was a fascinating, enjoyable movie but not He wore an old green shirt).
ELA.L.SS.7.1.E	Recognize spelling conventions.
ELA.L.KL.7.2.A	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases.
ELA.L.KL.7.2.B	Gather vocabulary knowledge when selecting a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
ELA.L.KL.7.2.C	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
ELA.L.VL.7.3.A	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
ELA.L.VL.7.3.B	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., belligerent, bellicose, rebel).
ELA.L.VI.7.4.B	Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonym/antonym, analogy) to better understand each of the words.
ELA.L.VI.7.4.C	Analyze the impact of rhymes and other repetitions of sound (e.g., alliteration) on a specific verse or stanza or a poem or section of a story or drama.
ELA.L.VI.7.4.D	Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., refined, respectful, polite, diplomatic, condescending).
ELA.RL.CR.7.1	Cite several pieces of textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what a literary text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
ELA.RI.CR.7.1	Cite several pieces of textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what an informational text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
ELA.RL.CI.7.2	Determine a theme in a literary text (e.g., stories, plays or poetry) and explain how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

ELA.RL.IT.7.3	Analyze how particular elements of a text interact including how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision.
ELA.RI.IT.7.3	Analyze how particular elements of a text interact including how a text makes connections and distinctions among individuals, events, and ideas (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories).
ELA.RL.TS.7.4	Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text and how it contributes to the text as a whole, including how a drama's or poem's form or structure (e.g., soliloquy, sonnet) contributes to its meaning.
ELA.RI.TS.7.4	Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text and how it contributes to the text as a whole, including using knowledge of text structures (e.g., cause-effect, proposition-support) and genre features (e.g., graphics, captions, indexes) to organize and analyze important information.
ELA.RI.PP.7.5	Determine how an author conveys or develops perspective or purpose in a text through distinguishing their position from that of others using evidence.
ELA.RI.CT.7.8	Analyze and reflect on (e.g., practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) how two or more authors writing informational texts about the same topic shape their presentations of key information by emphasizing different evidence or advancing different interpretations of facts.
ELA.W.AW.7.1.D	Establish and maintain a formal style/academic style, approach, and form.
ELA.W.IW.7.2.A	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using text structures (e.g., definition, classification, comparison/contrast, cause/effect, etc.) and text features (e.g., headings, graphics, and multimedia) when useful to aid in comprehension.
ELA.W.IW.7.2.B	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
ELA.W.IW.7.2.C	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
ELA.W.IW.7.2.D	Use precise language and domain/grade-level-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
ELA.W.IW.7.2.E	Establish and maintain a formal style/academic style, approach, and form.
ELA.W.NW.7.3.C	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
ELA.W.WP.7.4	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning; flexibly making editing and revision choices and sustaining effort to complete complex writing tasks; and focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
ELA.W.WR.7.5	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.
ELA.W.SE.7.6	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
ELA.W.RW.7.7	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, metacognition/self-correction, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
ELA.SL.PE.7.1.A	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

ELA.SL.PE.7.1.B	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
ELA.SL.PE.7.1.C	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
ELA.SL.PE.7.1.D	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
ELA.SL.II.7.2	Analyze the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how the ideas clarify a topic, text, or issue under study.
ELA.SL.ES.7.3	Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.
ELA.SL.PI.7.4	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
ELA.SL.UM.7.5	Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings and emphasize salient points.
ELA.SL.AS.7.6	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

## **Materials/Activities/Resources**

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### **Core Materials**

- HMH Into Literature
- Schoolwide Writing

### **Alternate Website Resources**

- Ed Your Friend in Learning
- Schoolwide Writing
- Newsela
- Lexia
- Reading A-Z

## **Technology**

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CS.6-8.8.2.8.ITH.1	Explain how the development and use of technology influences economic, political, social, and cultural issues.
CS.6-8.8.2.8.ITH.2	Compare how technologies have influenced society over time.
CS.6-8.8.2.8.ITH.5	Compare the impacts of a given technology on different societies, noting factors that may make a technology appropriate and sustainable in one society but not in another.

## **Assessment**

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### **Formative Assessment**

- Teacher Observation
- Comprehension Quizzes
- Selection Tests
- Running Records
- Daily Lesson Checks
- Correct & Redirect Opportunities in the Teacher's Guide

### **Summative Assessment**

- Unit Assessment
- On Demand Pieces

### **NWEA MAPS**

- District Benchmark
- F&P Benchmark (special education)

### **Alternate Assessment**

- Student Portfolio

## **Accommodations and 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 and Talented**

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

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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- Science Connections: Investigate Waves
- Math Connections: Calculate percentage of Increase and Decrease
- Visual and Performing Arts Connections: Create Visual Art

## **Texts**

- AAPI- "Heartbeat" by David Yoo
- Amistad Legislation- "Thank You, M'am" By Langston Hughes

MATH.7.RP.A	Analyze proportional relationships and use them to solve real-world and mathematical problems
MATH.7.RP.A.3	Use proportional relationships to solve multistep ratio and percent problems.
SCI.MS-PS4	Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer
VPA.1.3.8.D.1	Incorporate various art elements and the principles of balance, harmony, unity, emphasis, proportion, and rhythm/movement in the creation of two- and three- dimensional artworks, using a broad array of art media and art mediums to enhance the expression of creative ideas (e.g., perspective, implied space, illusionary depth, value, and pattern).
VPA.1.3.8.D.5	Examine the characteristics, thematic content, and symbolism found in works of art from diverse cultural and historical eras, and use these visual statements as inspiration for original artworks.
VPA.1.3.8.D.CS1	The creation of art is driven by the principles of balance, harmony, unity, emphasis, proportion, and rhythm/movement.

## **Social and Emotional Learning Connections**

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**Learning Mindset:** Self-Management, Social Awareness, Self-Awareness, Responsible Decision-Making, Relationship Skills

- Short story: "Heartbeat" By David Yoo. This short story focuses on parental relationships between children, peer interactions, and self confidence.
- Myth: "The Flight of Icarus" Retold by Sally Benson. This myth focuses on how actions can have consequences, the importance of parental relationships, and how grief can affect someones life.
- Short story: "Thank You, M'am" by Langston Hughes. This short story focuses on the importance of truth and how kindness can teach more than negative consequences in the right moment. It also shows how there are more to people than meets the eye.

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

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PFL.9.1.8.B.5	Explain the effect of the economy on personal income, individual and family security, and consumer decisions.
PFL.9.1.8.B.6	Evaluate the relationship of cultural traditions and historical influences on financial practice.
PFL.9.1.8.E.4	Prioritize personal wants and needs when making purchases.

## **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.

