

Fundamentals - Reading Poetry

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Unit Overview

The poet Julia Cunningham says, “Poetry is, to me, a place to be. Walk with your words into these secret, mysterious, and magic places where poems lead you.” Poetry is a rich and engaging genre that invites readers to study and appreciate the beauty and functions of language. It awakens their sense of the many extraordinary things they can notice in their everyday world. The genre of poetry allows readers to create new and surprising images while also uncovering meaning and exploring emotions. Through the use of rhyme, imagery, and figurative language, readers are exposed to literary devices that remain in our thoughts and create opportunities for reflection and celebration. Poetry offers something for readers of all ages and interests, and it exercises all of our imaginations. What greater joy can young readers experience than discovering something new about themselves, or their world, through reading? Poetry does this. It is the natural bridge between cognitive learning and personal expression.

Part of the magic in any unit of study is exposing students to possibilities within the genre. By listening to and reading a variety of poems, students will understand, interpret, appreciate, and enjoy the genre of poetry. Free verse, rhymes, haiku, odes—poetry provides readers and listeners with a chance to experience lyrical musicality. The varying lengths of poems, from just a few lines to many stanzas, make them accessible to people of all ages. The short nature of poetry also makes it a genre that invites reading for pleasure and understanding. Poems are the perfect vehicle for young children to make connections, think deeply, and analyze literature for purpose and message.

This unit will help readers learn and apply specific reading skills and strategies that will help unlock the meaning of poems while building their understanding of poetry as a genre. It will also address strategies that readers use when reading poetry, as well as ways to work through unfamiliar text, infer meaning, and build a deeper understanding of the messages, moods, images, and feelings that are shared in poems.

Transfer

- Interpret a variety of poems and their structural elements;
- Use their senses and create mental images to understand poems;
- Make connections with various poems and use background knowledge or schema to determine meaning;
- Ask and answer questions to clarify thinking and deepen understanding;
- Use strategies before, during, and after reading to aid comprehension;
- Apply self-monitoring skills and strategies to interpret vocabulary;
- Read and compare poems by examining how the structural elements of each poem affect the reading and can help clarify understanding;
- Recognize that reading a poem completely from beginning to end and that repeated readings can heighten the readers’ understanding of a poem even if some words are unclear;
- Apply self-monitoring skills and employ fix-up strategies when meaning breaks down;
- Learn how rhyme, alliteration, and onomatopoeia impact the way a poem is read and understood;

- Analyze poems for a variety of literary elements, including elements of structure (stanzas, verse), figurative language, and other crafting techniques, such as line breaks and white space;
- Deepen their understanding of author's purpose;
- Interpret words and phrases in order to notice and/or discuss how these words and phrases shape meaning and enhance mood and tone;
- Recognize qualities that enhance poetry, such as shared observations of the world, messages or big ideas that are revealed, and opportunities to infer purpose and inspiration;
- Understand how poets create images with language and that it's the reader's job to visualize the poem to build understanding;
- React to a poem using drawings, movements, and/or performances;
- Uncover themes and big ideas within and across poems through making inferences and synthesizing thoughts and ideas.

Meaning

Understandings

Students will understand that...

- Poetry is structured using a variety of literary elements and crafting techniques
- Poets often use a variety of figurative language to enhance their writing
- Poets often use personal experiences

Essential Questions

Students will keep considering...

- What thought provoking questions will foster inquiry, meaning making and transfer?
- What is the poem about?
- What connections can I make to this poem?
- What crafting techniques did the author use?
- How is figurative language used?

Application of Knowledge and Skill

Students will know...

Students will know...

- Text features and structures
- Make inferences
- Determine importance
- Find word meaning
- Synthesize

Students will be skilled at...

Students will be skilled at...

- Using text and genre features or structure to locate and recognize important information and key ideas
- Using prior knowledge and textual information to draw conclusions, make predictions and analyze text
- Apply background knowledge and context clues to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words
- Combine textual information with existing knowledge to summarize texts or form a new idea or opinion

Academic Vocabulary

Instructional Vocabulary: The Instructional Vocabulary are words derived from the discussions and instructions outlined in each lesson.

alliteration	italicized	theme
boldface	make connections	tone
clues	message	unfamiliar

collection	monitoring strategies visualize
compare	mood
conclusion	onomatopoeia
context clues	pattern
contrast	phrases
couplet	punctuation
create	purpose
descriptions	repetition
determine	review
differences	rhyme scheme
emotions	sensory
examine	similarities
features	stanza
images	structural elements
infer	techniques

Tier 2 and 3 Vocabulary - Mentor Texts

Mentor Text	Barefoot	Forest Has a Song	Messing Around on the Monkey Bars	Mirror Mirror	Please Bury Me in the Library	
Tier 2	applaud babbling chandeliers décor disguise douses dusk exhale fluent herds horizon huddle launching recognize rental residents sweltering unearth urgent vacant	applause creak crisp dramatically flakes flicker freely gobs greetings scarlet scratch scribbled silky socked squirreled stash tingly tracing treasure unfurl whip worn	alive blues calculator cough horrificed lazy reason recess riot tough	doubtful moment rest strikes worn	amuse apologies boring clever furious navigating novels paradise pronounce yawned	Zombies! Evacuate the School!
Tier 3	algae cartwheel	articles birches	alien anatomy	beanstalk fragrant	carp comics	alert attributes

cleats	cardinal	backboard	nap	homing device	compute
commas	chorus	barfed	stubby	incomprehensibly	defined
divine	critters	buzzer	swan	navels	evacuate
foundation	cursive	dribble	waltz	soul	habit
fuchsia	ferny	jab		spam	kidding
heckling	footmen	outlines		spine	limit
Jacuzzi	fossil	pass		syllables	moan
lawn	graffiti	quail		uncustomarily	panic
luxurious	lichens	rap/rapping			searching
mortar	melody	rumble			shrug
palm	piney	sharpener			spellbound
pant	stage right	sloth			stress
puckered	trilobites	snort			yawns
punting	whiskery	squish			
riveted	wooded				aphid
rumpled					backpack
saliva					berserk
satin					boggles
shawls					bulging
snort					chrysalis
square					confluence
footage					dribble
squinting					equation
stilts					fixture
torrents					forward
totter					gossamer
townsfolk					guard
whirlpools					ibex
yolk					infinity
					jaws
					lawn
					muse
					quell
					recompense
					sum
					surge
					tryouts
					tube
					twiddling
					zygote

Tier 2 and 3 Vocabulary - Shared Texts

			“On Being the	“School Is
			Oldest”	Over”
Shared Text “Best Friend”	“Cinquain”	“Oak Tree”		

Tier 2	bore borrow tease	curled grinning scattered	touching	approval blame criticism praise privileges recognition responsibilities	mention relatives supposed
Tier 3	nerves	array cinquain stillness	acorn	laundry tasks	fables folktales mysteries

Learning Goal 1

Students will see that poems are structured in different ways, contain figurative language, and recognize that making connections to poetry heighten understanding.

IRA 1 Target: What Makes a Poem a Poem?

Readers learn about genres such as poetry from mentor authors and texts.

- Students will examine the features and structural elements associated with poetry in order to heighten their understanding when they read in the genre.

LA.RL.4.1	Refer to details and examples in a text and make relevant connections when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
LA.RL.4.5	Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text.
LA.RL.4.7	Make connections between specific descriptions and directions in a text and a visual or oral representation of the text.
LA.RL.4.10	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.W.4.10	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.
LA.SL.4.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
LA.SL.4.2	Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, and orally).
LA.SL.4.4	Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes;

Speak clearly at an understandable pace.

LA.SL.4.6	Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion); use formal English when appropriate to task and situation.
LA.L.4.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
LA.L.4.3	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
LA.L.4.6	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., quizzed, whined, stammered) and that are basic to a particular topic (e.g., wildlife, conservation, and endangered when discussing animal preservation).

Formative Assessment Opportunities

Pick one of the shared text poems to use with Appendix. As a whole class, discuss answers students recorded on Appendix "Do you see what I see?".

IRA 2 Target: Do You Hear What I Hear?

Readers of poetry need to pay attention to literary devices and how poems sound.

- Students will learn how rhyme, alliteration, and onomatopoeia impact the way a poem is read and understood.

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IRA 3 Target: Do You See the Poem?

Readers of poetry understand that sensory details bring poems to life.

- Students will connect with the sensory images the words of a poem create in their minds and use these images to read with understanding.

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LA.RL.4.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in literature.
LA.RL.4.7	Make connections between specific descriptions and directions in a text and a visual or oral representation of the text.
LA.RL.4.10	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.
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IRA 4 Target: What Made You Think of That?

Readers understand that recognizing the tone of a poem will help them uncover the poet's attitude toward the subject or topic he or she chose as the big idea of the poem.

- Students will learn how paying attention to tone will deepen their understanding of poems.

LA.RL.4.1	Refer to details and examples in a text and make relevant connections when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
LA.RL.4.2	Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.
LA.RL.4.10	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.W.4.10	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.
LA.SL.4.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
LA.SL.4.3	Identify the reasons and evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.
LA.SL.4.4	Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.
LA.SL.4.6	Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion); use formal English when appropriate to task and situation.
LA.L.4.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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IRA 5 Target: Are You in a Good Mood?

Readers of poetry know that poets create a certain mood by choosing their words carefully.

- Students will understand that questioning and connecting with the feelings a poet creates with words leads them to discover the mood of a poem.

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LA.RL.4.2	Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.
LA.RL.4.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in literature.
LA.RL.4.6	Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated,

including the difference between first- and third-person narrations.

LA.RL.4.10	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.
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IRA 6 Target: Reading and Rereading

Readers of poetry recognize the importance of reading and rereading poems in order to gain meaning.

- Students will learn that reading a poem through from beginning to end and then reading it again will help them get the “big idea” or a sense of what the poem is mostly about without knowing the meaning of each word.

LA.RL.4.2	Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.
LA.RL.4.5	Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text.
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IRA 7 Target: What Are You Thinking?

Readers of poetry learn to stop and reread or read on when meaning breaks down.

- Students will discover how revisiting and then gathering more information by moving forward helps clarify understanding.

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IRA 8 Target: What's the Same, What's Different?

Readers of poetry consider how poems are constructed and compare and contrast poems in order to build understanding.

- Students will compare, contrast, and draw conclusions about two poems by examining how the structural elements of each poem affect the reading and can help clarify understanding for the readers.

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LA.RL.4.9	Compare, contrast and reflect on (e.g., practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) stories in the same genre (e.g., mysteries and adventure stories) on their approaches to similar themes and topics.
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Formative Assessment Opportunities

Provide students with copies of two poems selected from shared texts that include distinguishable similarities and differences. Students will use Appendix Compare and Contrast to distinguish differences and similarities between the two poems.

Learning Goal 2

Students will independently apply strategies, background knowledge, and text features to further their understanding of poetry and how poets structure poems.

Mini-Lesson 1 Target: Try Connecting!

Readers of poetry use various techniques to connect a poet's words to what he or she is really trying to convey.

- Students will learn that reading through a poem, using context clues, drawing upon prior knowledge, and making connections to the topic will help them have a better understanding of unfamiliar words or phrases and the overall meaning of a poem.

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Mini-Lesson 2 Target: Doing What Is Sensible!

Readers of poetry gather information across several lines or stanzas of a poem to understand the “big idea” or what a poem is mostly about.

- Students will learn that understanding the big idea will help them get a sense of what the words mean.

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Mini-Lesson 3 Target: Does the Pattern Fit?

Readers of poetry recognize the importance of rhyme scheme and patterns.

- Students will learn how using the rhyme scheme or pattern of a poem helps unlock unfamiliar words and leads to an understanding of what a poem is mostly about.

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LA.RL.4.2	Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.
LA.RL.4.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in literature.
LA.RL.4.5	Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text.
LA.RL.4.10	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.W.4.10	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.
LA.SL.4.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and

teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

LA.SL.4.6	Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion); use formal English when appropriate to task and situation.
LA.L.4.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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Mini-Lesson 4 Target: What's the Big Idea?

Readers of poetry pay attention to structural elements and patterns to uncover big ideas.

- Students will understand that certain text clues such as the title, opening and closing lines, recurring details, and repeating lines can help readers uncover the big idea of a poem.

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Mini-Lesson 5 Target: Are You in the Mood?

Readers of poetry examine the images that poets create through their choice of words.

- Students will learn how paying attention to imagery helps them infer the mood and message of a poem.

LA.RL.4.2	Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.
LA.RL.4.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in literature.
LA.RL.4.7	Make connections between specific descriptions and directions in a text and a visual or oral representation of the text.
LA.RL.4.10	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.W.4.10	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.
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LA.L.4.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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Mini-Lesson 6 Target: Using the Author's Purpose to Determine the Message

Readers of poetry know that poets have a purpose in mind when they decide to write a poem or a series of poems.

- Students will learn how to interpret an author's purpose in order to better determine the meaning or message of a poem.

LA.RL.4.1	Refer to details and examples in a text and make relevant connections when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
LA.RL.4.2	Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.
LA.RL.4.3	Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific

	details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions).
LA.RL.4.6	Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations.
LA.RL.4.10	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.
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Mini-Lesson 7 Target: What Do You See?

Readers of poetry know that poets use words to create images in their readers' minds.

- Students will learn how these images help them understand the poet's purpose for writing the poem and the poet's message.

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LA.RL.4.2	Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.
LA.RL.4.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in literature.
LA.RL.4.6	Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations.
LA.RL.4.10	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.
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LA.SL.4.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
LA.SL.4.2	Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, and orally).
LA.SL.4.4	Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes;

	<p> speak clearly at an understandable pace. </p>
LA.SL.4.6	<p> Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion); use formal English when appropriate to task and situation. </p>
LA.L.4.1	<p> Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. </p>
LA.L.4.3	<p> Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening. </p>
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Mini-Lesson 8 Target: That’s What You Mean!

Readers of poetry try to connect to a poet in order to better understand his or her message or purpose.

- Students will learn that they need to share a vision with the poet in order to recognize and understand what the poet is actually saying to the readers.

LA.RL.4.2	<p> Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text. </p>
LA.RL.4.4	<p> Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in literature. </p>
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Mini-Lesson 9 Target: Monitoring for Meaning

Readers of poetry understand that using different “fix-up” strategies to examine a poem can help clear up comprehension confusions and clarify meaning.

- Students will use these strategies to help them comprehend and make sense of the poems they read.

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LA.RL.4.5

Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text.

LA.RL.4.7

Make connections between specific descriptions and directions in a text and a visual or oral representation of the text.

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Mini-Lesson 10 Target: Putting It All Together!

Readers of poetry know that paying attention to all the pieces of a poem helps them understand the whole poem.

- Students will understand that putting together the images created by the words, the possible rhyme scheme, and any other text features presented in a poem will help them build understanding.

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Summative Assessment

“The Beach” and “Dryer” by Julie Spreckels

21st Century Life and Careers

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
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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

Apply appropriate academic and technical 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

Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.

CRP.K-12.CRP6.1

Career-ready individuals regularly think of ideas that solve problems in new and different ways, and they contribute those ideas in a useful and productive manner to improve their organization. They can consider unconventional ideas and suggestions as solutions to issues, tasks or problems, and they discern which ideas and suggestions will add greatest value. They seek new methods, practices, and ideas from a variety of sources and seek to apply those ideas to their own workplace. They take action on their ideas and understand how to bring innovation to an organization.

CRP.K-12.CRP12

Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence.

CRP.K-12.CRP12.1

Career-ready individuals positively contribute to every team, whether formal or informal. They apply an awareness of cultural difference to avoid barriers to productive and positive interaction. They find ways to increase the engagement and contribution of all team members. They plan and facilitate effective team meetings.

Accommodations/Modifications

- Preteach vocabulary
- Differentiate texts by student reading level
- Small group to assess students reading and comprehension of selected texts
- Listen to audio recordings of texts
- Provide oral and written instructions
- Use visual materials
- Use Google App text to speech feature for type written responses

Unit Resources

[Schoolwide Running List of Independent Titles - Skill/Strategy Based](#)

Brain Pop

<https://www.brainpop.com/english/writing/poetry/>

Interdisciplinary Connections
