Information: Non-Fiction Text and This Side of Wild

Content Area: **ELA**
Course(s):
Time Period: **Full Year**
Length: **Full Year**
Status: **Published**

Unit Overview

Students will read a variety of informational texts including historical, scientific, technical, persuasive, and biological/ autobiographical selections. Skills include vocabulary development through context and reference resources; central idea and supporting details; comparing and contrasting texts, drawing conclusions, making inferences, and forming judgement; objective summary; use of literary devices, information presented in graphic form; critical and analytical thinking; collaborative discussion, and writing in response to short answers as well as open-ended questions.

Enduring Understandings

Answer questions citing specific information from texts and form answers based on information read from different texts in different genres or points of view.
Synthesize their ideas by distinguishing between main and supporting details and being able to summarize from different sources.
Support or oppose arguments based on information gathered from multiple sources and use this evidence to support their stance.
Think critically and creatively beyond the text.
Use comprehension strategies to enhance their understanding of a text.
Biography and autobiographies can be sources of inspiration and motivation.

Essential Questions

How do readers extract meaning from non-fiction text?
How do graphic features help in comprehending non-fiction?
How does reading informational text apply to daily life?

Learning Objectives

Be able to determine a theme of a story.
Distinguish the different elements of drama.
Practice the skills of characterization.
Compare and contrast characters, settings, and events in a story.
Be able to find and use figurative language, specifically idioms.
Distinguish between formal and informal language.
Explain how a series of events fit together.

Students will read MLK's Letters from a Birmingham Jail (Amistad)

Standards: Content

L	Language
L.RF	Foundational Skills: Reading Language
	Phonics and Word Recognition
L.RF.5.3	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words; use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.
	Fluency
L.RF.5.4	Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
L.RF.5.4.A	Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.
L.RF.5.4.B	Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression.
L.RF.5.4.C	Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.
L.WF	Foundational Skills: Writing Language
	Sentence Composition (Grammar, Syntax, and Punctuation)
L.WF.5.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of writing, including those listed under grade four foundational skills.
L.WF.5.2.A	Avoid fragments, run-ons and rambling sentences, and comma splices.
L.WF.5.2.B	Maintain consistency in verb tense; place phrases and clauses; choose between adjectives and adverbs.
L.WF.5.2.C	Ensure agreement between subject and verb and between pronoun and antecedent.
L.WF.5.2.D	Distinguish between frequently confused words.
L.WF.5.2.E	Use idiomatic language and choose words for effect; use punctuating for meaning and effect.
L.WF.5.2.F	Use punctuation to separate items in a series; use commas in a series of phrases or clauses.
L.WF.5.2.G	Use a comma to separate an introductory element from the rest of the sentence; use a comma to set off the words yes and no (e.g., Yes, thank you), to set off a tag question from the rest of the sentence (e.g., It's true, isn't it?), and to indicate direct address (e.g., Is that you, Emma?).
L.WF.5.2.H	Spell grade appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.
L.KL.5.1	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
L.KL.5.1.A	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases.
L.KL.5.1.B	Expand, combine, and reduce sentences for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.
L.VL.5.2	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning academic and domain-specific words and phrases based on grade 5 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

RI.CR.5.1	Quote accurately from an informational text when explaining what the text says explicitly and make relevant connections when drawing inferences from the text.
RI.CI.5.2	Determine the central idea of an informational text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.
RI.IT.5.3	Analyze the impact of two or more individuals and events throughout the course of a text, explaining the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific evidence in the text.
RI.TS.5.4	Compare and contrast the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in two or more texts.
RI.PP.5.5	Analyze multiple accounts of the same event or topic, noting important similarities and differences in the point of view they represent and how that may influence the reader's interpretation.
RI.MF.5.6	Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, timelines, animations, or interactive elements on web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears.
RI.CT.5.8	Compare and contrast the authors' approaches across two or more informational texts within the same genre or about texts on the same or similar topics.
W.AW.5.1	Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.
W.IW.5.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
W.WP.5.4	With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
W.WR.5.5	Establish a central idea about a topic, investigation, issue or event and use several sources to support the proposed central idea.
W.SE.5.6	Gather relevant information from multiple valid and reliable print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, making note of any similarities and differences among ideas presented; and provide a list of sources.
W.RW.5.7	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
SL	Speaking and Listening
SL.PE.5.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 5 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
SL.PE.5.1.A	Explicitly draw on previously read text or material and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.
SL.PE.5.1.B	Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.
SL.PE.5.1.C	Pose and respond to specific questions by making comments that contribute to the discussion and elaborate on the remarks of others.
SL.PE.5.1.D	Review the key ideas expressed and draw conclusions in light of information and knowledge gained from the discussions.
SL.II.5.2	Summarize a written text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, and orally).
SL.ES.5.3	Summarize the points a speaker makes and explain how each claim is supported by reasons and evidence.

Standards: Interdisciplinary

9.4.5.TL.5	Collaborate digitally to produce an artifact (e.g., 1.2.5CR1d).
8.2.5.EC.1	Analyze how technology has contributed to or reduced inequities in local and global communities and determine its short- and long-term effects.
5-ESS2-1	Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and/or atmosphere interact.
5-ESS2-2	Describe and graph the amounts of salt water and fresh water in various reservoirs to provide evidence about the distribution of water on Earth.

Assessment Evidence

Formative	Class discussions, "my student interactive" workbook (online and print) activities, in-class activities, Graphic Organizers, Kahoot, Exit Tickets, book clubs, questions from leveled readers, teacher observations of student's phonic awareness, and oral reading skills, running records of students, Latic checklists, conferences.
Summative	Test, Quiz, Project, Leveled-Reading Assessments, Writing Assessments, Problem Based Learning Student Presentations.
Alternative & Benchmark	Alternative - Read to the student and chart oral responses. Word banks, sentence frames, oral responses, graphic organizers, observations, portfolios of student work, orally administered assessments, and anecdotal notes. Benchmark – LinkIt Benchmark Assessment, Reading Levels, TPA
Assessment Evidence Resource	

Instructional Resources

Microsoft Office 365, Computers, Internet, Textbooks, Maps, Laptops, Smart Board, Primary & Secondary Source Documents, CommonLit.org, ReadWorks.org, Khan Academy, Leveled Readers, Select student novels, Martin Luther King's Letters from a Brimingham Jail (Amistad) and "This Side of the Wild"

Instructional Resource List

Curricular Mandates

Below are the curricular requirements as defined in NJ Administrative Code and Statute

X	Amistad		Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
	Holocaust		LGBT and Disabilities (Grades 6-12)

	Climate Change		Asian American & Pacific Islander

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Competencies

NJ Social and Emotional Learning Competencies & Sub-Competencies

	Self-Awareness		Relationship Skills
X	Responsible Decision-Making	X	Social Awareness
	Self-Management		

21st Century Skills & Themes

X	Global and Cultural Awareness	X	Technology Literacy		Planning and Budgeting
X	Creativity and Innovation		Financial Institutions		Risk Management and Insurance
X	Information and Media Literacy		Digital Citizenship		Economic and Government Influences
X	Critical Thinking and Problem Solving		Credit Profile		Career Awareness and Planning
	Civic Financial Responsibility		Financial Psychology		