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STABLISHED GOALS/STANDARDS	

W2: Informational/Explanatory

- W4: Clear writing
- W5: Edit and revise
- W6: Use technology
- W9: Draw evidence
- W7: Conduct research
- W8: Gather information
- L6: Use grade-appropriate language

RL1: Cite Textual Evidence

RL7: Compare written to staged/audio

RL2: Determine Theme

- RL3: Analyze elements of a story
- RL6: Analyze author's purpose

RI1: Cite Textual Evidence

- RI4: Determine meaning of words and phrases
- L4: Determine/clarify meaning of unknown words
- L5: Figurative language

RI6: Determine Author's Purpose

- RI5: Analyze structure author uses
- RI9: Analyze multiple author's writing on same topic
- SL2: Analyze main ideas

SL1: Collaborative Discussions

L1: Grammar-Writing/Speaking

• L3: Use knowledge of language

L2: Capitalization, Spelling, & Punctuation

Desired Results

Transfer

Students will be able to independently use their learning to...

- Write an informative paragraph.
- Use textual evidence to support a conclusion.
- Determine theme and support it with textual evidence.
- Determine author's purpose in informative texts.
- Use correct grammar skills.
- Use collaborative skills.

Meaning

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS

Students will understand...

- Writing a strong informative paragraph requires textual evidence to support the conclusion.
- Determining the author's purpose and theme requires the use of multiple strategies.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Students will keep considering...

- What is textual evidence?
- What is author's purpose?
- What is the purpose of informative texts?
- How might readers determine meaning of words?
- What skills are needed in collaborative discussion?
- What skills are needed in the writing process (i.e. drafting, revising, and editing)?

Acquisition

Students will know...

- How to write an informative paragraph.
- How to use textual evidence to support a conclusion.
- How to determine theme and support it with textual evidence.
- How to determine author's purpose in informative texts.
- How to use correct grammar skills.
- How to use collaborative skills.

Students will be skilled at...

• Writing informative paragraphs.

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Evidence			
Evaluative Criteria	Assessment Evidence		
District and Teacher Rubrics	PERFORMANCE TASK(S): Write paragraphs describing an opinion supporting with textual evidence in groups, and independently. Brainstorm inferences about a text. Peer edit each other's writing and then finish with teacher edit. Compare and contrast two characters from a text in an informative paragraph. Identify what events caused certain outcomes in a text and write an informative paragraph. Identify a problem found in a text and present a possible solution to the problem in an informative paragraph. Work in collaborative groups to determine theme of a text together and present findings to class with supporting textual evidence. Independently determine the theme of a text and use textual evidence to support. Use word processing software to produce written work that is double spaced, includes a specific header, and an academic font and size. Produce conclusions to comprehensive textual questions written in complete sentences. Use a print and digital dictionary to find meanings of words from a text and determine between the actual meaning of a word (denotative) to the emotional meaning of a word (connotative). Summarize the main events from a text. Recognize main characters and their characteristics independently and in groups. Recognize the two elements of setting from a text independently and in groups. Take notes from a digital informative text. Read and ummarize main ideas from an informative text. Analyze specific lines from informational and literary texts and recognize their meaning to the overall text. Watch a movie version of a text and can compare and contrast the two versions.		
Paragraph Writing Checklist	OTHER EVIDENCE: Checklist can be used in cross-curricular classes for written assignments (i.e. journal entry, weekly written assignments, final project written assignments, research projects, etc.)		

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Vocabulary		
Textual Evidence	Paraphrase	Text Dependent Analysis (TDA)
Quote	Analysis	Inference
Connotation	Fact	Opinion
Denotation		

Technology Skills

I can...

- Use the home row and accurately type 40 words or more per minute using proper techniques.
- Use electronic mail appropriately, attach documents, and communicate with others from a variety of cultures or places.
- Apply my existing knowledge to emerging technology.
- Use spell and grammar proofing and thesaurus functions of a word processing program.
- Transfer text, graphics, and charts from one document to another.
- Use the Internet to find information in an efficient way.
- Use advanced search features.
- Back up files on storage medium.
- Cite sources appropriately (e.g. MLA, APA, footnotes, endnotes, internal citation, bibliography, etc.).
- Apply my existing knowledge to emerging technology.
- Use headers and footers.
- Use advanced key word searches and choose relevant sources when creating a product.
- Explain plagiarism and behave in an ethical manner.
- Use digital tools collaboratively.
- Use a course or learning management system to access class pages, portfolios, class calendars, and grades.