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Reading: Literature/Key Ideas & Details

Essential Skill: Use details to identify theme.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Why is it sometimes difficult to figure out the theme?	Theme Movie Learn to think like writers do, and uncover the universal ideas that hide within your favorite tales.	Make a Concept Map Analyze the elements of a favorite story and identify details that reveal its theme.	Challenge Apply critical thinking skills to show what you know about theme.	<u>Literary Genres</u> Edgar Allen Poe

Essential Skill: Summarize.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More BrainPOP Topics
Pre-Assessment Paraphrase the sentence.	Paraphrasing Movie Learn when and why to paraphrase, and how to avoid plagiarizing.	Make a Concept Map Identify tips for paraphrasing a passage.	Quiz What did you learn about paraphrasing?	<u>Plagiarism</u> <u>Conducting an</u> <u>Interview</u>



Essential Skill: Identify story elements: plot.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More BrainPOP Topics
Pre-Assessment Who is the antagonist in this well-known story?	Plot Movie Discover the chain of events that drive a story's action and get readers hooked.	Make a Concept Map Choose a story and break down its plot into a Freytag Pyramid.	Challenge Apply critical thinking skills to show what you know about plot.	<u>Drama</u> <u>Mood and Tone</u>

Reading: Literature/Craft & Structure

Essential Skill: Identify elements of a poem.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment What is meter in poetry?	Poetry Movie Discover how writers use meter, rhythm, metaphor, and more to create rich images.	Make a Concept Map Choose a poem and identify the poetic techniques the author uses.	Quiz What did you learn about poetry?	<u>Maya Angelou</u> <u>Mood and Tone</u>



Essential Skill: Identify verb tense.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Which sentence includes the infinitive verb tense?	Tenses Movie Learn how to use the correct verbs tense when describing the past, present, and future.	Make a Concept Map Add a verb in the center of a map. Identify each verb tense and write a sentence using the word in that tense.	Quiz What did you learn about verb tenses?	<u>Verbs and Their</u> <u>Objects</u> <u>Subject and</u> <u>Predicate</u>

Reading: Informational Text/Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Essential Skill: Identify main idea and details.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Which best describes the main idea in a text?	<u>Main Idea Movie</u>	<u>Make a Concept Map</u> Read one of the <u>informational articles</u> .	Quiz What did you learn about the main idea?	<u>Five-Paragraph</u> <u>Essay</u>



C	determine the main idea of a text.	Then make a concept map identifying its main idea and supporting details.		<u>Outlines</u>
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Essential Skill: Explain how authors use reasons and evidence to support claims. .

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Which statement of evidence supports the claim?	Critical Reasoning Movie Learn how arguments can be broken down into claims, evidence, and reasoning	Make a Concept Map Make a claim or argument, and identify evidence to support it	Challenge Use critical thinking skills to show what you know about using evidence to support points in a text.	<u>Main Idea</u> <u>Media Literacy</u>



Reading: Foundational Skills/Phonics and Word Recognition

Essential Skill: Decipher unfamiliar words by identifying the root word and its affixes.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Can you identify the root word?	Roots, Prefixes and Suffixes Movie Learn how prefixes and suffixes can change a word's part of speech, and its meaning.	Make a Concept Map Select words from the movie and label their roots, prefixes, and suffixes. Then replace affixes to change the word's meaning.	Quiz What did you learn about roots, prefixes and suffixes?	Etymology Dictionary and Thesaurus

Writing: Text and Purposes

Essential Skill: Determine the difference between fact and opinion

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
<u>Pre-Assessment</u> What is an informed	Fact and Opinion Movie	<u>Make a Concept Map</u>	<mark>Quiz</mark> What did you learn	Point of View



opinion?	distinctions between	Read one of the <u>informational articles</u> and identify facts and opinions from the text.	about fact and opinion?	<u>Media Literacy</u>
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Essential Skill: Write informative text using facts and details, and provide a concluding

statement.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Which is a greeting?	Business Letter Movie Learn what a business letter is and how to write one.	Make a Concept Map Identify the different parts of a business letter.	Quiz What did you learn about writing a business letter?	<u>Types of Writing</u> <u>Literary Genres</u>

Essential Skill: Write a narrative using descriptive details and conclusion.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Which statement tells	<u>Show, Not Tell Movie</u>	<u>Make a Concept Map</u>	<u>Quiz</u> What did you learn	Idioms and Cliches



rather than shows?	Discover how to give readers a sense of place and use active words to describe settings, moods, and feelings.	Think of an event from your own life that might make a good story. List sensory details you can remember: sights, sounds, feels, tastes, and smells.	about showing, not telling?	Figurative Language
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Essential Skill: Write a persuasive essay stating opinion, listing supporting ideas, and drawing a conclusion.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Where in a five- paragraph essay would	Five-Paragraph Essay Learn about a five-paragraph essay	Make a Concept Map Identify the components of a five-paragraph	Quiz What did you learn about writing a	<u>Writing In</u> Sequence
you first state your argument or opinion?	formula that can help you make a strong, well-supported argument.	essay, and what each paragraph achieves.	five-paragraph essay?	<u>Outlines</u>



Writing: Production and Distribution of Writing

Essential Skill: Use the writing process to strengthen writing.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment What does pre-writing involve?	Writing Process Movie Discover the stages of the writing process, from pre-writing to publishing.	Make-a-Movie Create a movie describing how your notes from a prewriting stage become a first draft.	Quiz What did you learn about the writing process?	Pre-Writing: Choosing a Topic Types of Writing

Essential Skill: Use adjectives to enhance writing.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class Discussion Display a picture with lots of rich details. Ask: What adjectives do you see?	Adjectives Movie Learn how to make sentences more interesting by modifying nouns with adjectives.	Make a Concept Map Place an image in the center of the map. Identify all the adjectives associated with that image.	Challenge Use critical thinking skills to show what you know about adjectives.	<u>Show, Not Tell</u>



Language: Conventions of Standard English

Essential Skill: Identify and use prepositions and prepositional phrases.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Which word is used to begin prepositional phrases?	Prepositional Phrases Movie Learn how prepositional phrases answer questions and what kind of information they provide.	Make a Concept Map Select an image from the movie. Write a sentence including a prepositional phrase to describe it.	Quiz What did you learn about prepositional phrases?	Parts of Speech Diagramming Sentences

Essential Skill: Identify and correct run-on sentences.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class Discussion Write this on the	<u>Run-On Sentences</u> <u>Movie</u> Learn how run-on	<u>Make-a-Movie</u> Make a tutorial describing ways to fix	<u>Challenge</u> Use critical thinking skills to show what	<u>Sentence</u> <u>Fragments</u>
board:	sentences happen, what	run-on sentences.	you know about	Strengthening



"Yesterday, Cassie they look like, and two went to the store to buy apples but they had no more apples, just peaches." Ask: <i>How can you fix</i> <i>this run-on sentence</i> ?	run-on sentences. Sentences
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Essential Skill: Review capitalization rules

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Identify the proper noun.	<u>Capitalization Movie</u> Learn the rules for capitalization.	Make a Concept Map Identify at least three capitalization rules and provide an example of each.	Quiz What did you learn about capitalization?	<u>Nouns</u> Parts of Speech

Brain POP

Essential Skill: Identify when and where to use quotation marks and commas.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class Discussion: Display a line of dialogue with quotations. Ask: <i>What do the</i> <i>quotation marks tell</i> <i>you?</i> Repeat this activity with commas.	Punctuation Movie Learn about the most commonly-used punctuation marks in the English language, including quotation marks and commas.	Make a Concept Map Review the <u>"Did You</u> Know" article. Find a sentence with quotation marks and one with commas. Add them to the map and identify the reason for the punctuation.	Quiz What did you learn about quotation marks, commas, and other punctuation?	<u>Hyphens and</u> <u>Dashes</u> <u>Interjections</u>

Essential Skill: Identify and use coordinating conjunctions in sentences

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
<u>Pre-Assessment</u> What do you know about conjunctions?	Conjunctions Movie Discover the three types of conjunctions, how to	Make-a-Movie Make a BrainPOP-style movie that includes at	Quiz What did you learn about conjunctions?	Diagramming Sentences
	use each one.	least one example of		<u>Subject-Verb</u> Agreement



	each type of conjunction.	

Essential Skill: Identify nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, and direct objects.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Class Discussion Write this on the board: Five cute kittens sleep lazily in the sun. Ask: Which words are nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs?	Parts of Speech Movie Learn about the four main parts of speech including nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs.	Play a Sorting Game Sort words by part of speech.	Challenge Apply critical thinking skills to show what you know about parts of speech.	<u>Verbs and Their</u> <u>Objects</u> <u>Sentence</u> <u>Fragments</u>

Essential Skill: Review and write singular and plural possessive nouns and pronouns.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Identify the singular	<u>Possessives Movie</u>	<u>Make a Concept Map</u> Choose a noun and add	_	<u>They're, There,</u> and Their



possessive?	Learn how possessives let you know what belongs to who.	it to the map. Identify the singular and plural possessive of the noun, and write a sentence for each.	skills to show what you know about possessives.	<u>Personal Pronouns</u>
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Language: Vocabulary Acquisition

Essential Skill: Use context clues for clarity of word meaning.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment Use context clues to complete the sentence.	<u>Context Clues Movie</u> Discover how context clues help you detect the meaning of unknown words.	Meaning of Beep Game Use your context clue smarts to figure out the meaning of unknown words!	Quiz What did you learn about context clues?	<u>Roots, Prefixes</u> <u>and Suffixes</u> <u>Reading Skills</u>



Essential Skill: Identify similes and metaphors and interpret their meanings.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment How are metaphors and similes alike?	Similes and Metaphors Movie Learn how similes and metaphors bring language to life and create pictures out of words.	Primary Source Activity Read the poem and cite details to answer the accompanying questions.	Challenge Apply critical thinking skills to show what you know about similes and metaphors.	<u>Figurative</u> <u>Language</u> <u>Mood and Tone</u>

Essential Skill: Identify antonyms and synonyms.

Warm Up	Build Background	Think and Do	Assess	Explore More Topics
Pre-Assessment: Quiz What do you know about antonyms,	Antonyms, Synonyms, and Homonyms Movie Learn about the three	Make a Concept Map Choose words that you see around you and/or	Challenge Apply critical thinking skills to show what	<u>Dictionary and</u> <u>Thesaurus</u>
synonyms, and homonyms?	word groups and how words relate.	in something you're reading. For each word,	you know about antonyms, synonyms	<u>Strengthening</u> <u>Sentences</u>



	identify one antonym and one synonym.	and homonyms	