



# Fifth Grade Reading Newsletter




Marking Period 2, Part 1

MT	<b>Learning Goals by Measurement Topic (MT)</b> <u>Students will be able to . . .</u>	
<b>Literature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>explain how a series of events, chapters, or scenes fit together to provide overall <b>story structure</b>.</li> <li>determine how illustrations and text contribute to the <b>story structure</b>.</li> <li>discuss how a speaker's <b>point of view</b> influences how events are described.</li> <li>explain how characters in a story respond to challenges to determine theme in a traditional story (e.g. myths, legends, folktales and fables).</li> <li>compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, events and/or genres (a type of text (mystery, myth, traditional text biography).</li> <li><b>analyze</b> how visual and multimedia elements contribute to the tone of a text.</li> <li>use evidence to support analysis of literary text.</li> </ul>	
<b>Informational Text</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>analyze multiple perspectives of the same event or topic, and note similarities and differences within <b>points of view</b>.</li> </ul>	
<b>Language: Vocabulary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>compare the relationships between synonyms and/or words that are closely related in meaning.</li> <li>interpret figurative language such as similes and metaphors.</li> <li>use common Greek and Latin roots and word parts as clues to meanings of words.</li> <li>recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms.</li> </ul>	

<b>Thinking and Academic Success Skills (TASS)</b>		
	<u>It is . . .</u>	<u>In reading, students will . . .</u>
<b>Synthesis</b>	putting parts together to build understanding of a whole concept or to form a new or unique whole.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>analyze</b> and discuss how chapter headings, titles, and events give clues to the origins of storytelling (myths) in various cultures.</li> <li>integrate events and details to develop a concise summary of the text.</li> <li>consider how illustrations contribute to <b>story structure</b> and <b>point of view</b>.</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
<b>Metacognition</b>	knowing and being aware of one's own thinking and having the ability to monitor and evaluate one's own thinking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>explain and evaluate (judge) evidence to support thinking.</li> <li>evaluate use of relevant evidence when thinking about <b>tone</b>.</li> <li>analyze clues from events and key details in order to solve problems within mystery texts.</li> <li>monitor reading to identify characteristics of mystery.</li> <li>self-monitor how thinking changes after reading and discussion.</li> </ul>

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<b>Literature</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identify how authors create <b>tone</b> through word choice within dialogue, character relationships, conflicts and character motivation.</li> <li>identify the characteristics of mysteries and myths.</li> <li>sequence events and identify themes (central or underlying messages of the text) based on characters' responses to challenges.</li> <li><b>analyze</b> the combination of illustrations and text used by the author to provide insight to <b>story structure, point of view,</b> and suspense.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>read a variety of texts nightly including mysteries and myths.</li> <li>create and perform a mystery play that includes a sleuth (a character looking for clues and solving a problem).</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right;"></div>										
			<p><u>Mystery</u>: a type of fiction text that has clues the reader needs to put together to solve the problem</p>	<p><u>Myth</u>: a traditional story which has been passed down informally over time, usually by word of mouth</p>										
			<p><u>Possible Discussion Questions</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What clues led to uncovering the mystery? What were the characteristics of the <b>sleuth</b>?</li> </ul>	<p><u>Possible Discussion Questions</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What culture was highlighted in the story? What lesson was taught or learned?</li> </ul>										
<b>Informational Text</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>examine contributions of individuals associated with the framing of the United States Constitution. <u>Examples</u>: George Washington and Benjamin Franklin</li> <li>read and compare accounts of various events during the Constitutional Convention and <b>analyze</b> the <b>points of view</b>.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>enjoy a visit to local national monuments and museums such as the American History Museum, Library of Congress, or Mount Vernon.</li> <li>take a trip to the library and check out reading books about the United States Government and past leaders.</li> </ul>										
<b>Vocabulary</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use Greek and Latin word parts with similar roots to develop vocabulary.</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Prefix</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Root</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Suffix</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Meaning</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Trans- (<i>move across</i>)</td> <td>Form (<i>structure</i>)</td> <td>-ed (<i>past tense</i>)</td> <td><i>Transformed means- To move or change structure</i></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>recognize an idiom in a text and infer its meaning. <u>Example</u>: "Hold your tongue" means "do not speak."</li> <li>compare synonyms and closely related words to develop strong vocabulary (e.g. <u>hot</u>- boiling, toasty, blazing, burning)</li> <li>interpret the meanings of metaphors and similes.</li> </ul>	Prefix	Root	Suffix	Meaning	Trans- ( <i>move across</i> )	Form ( <i>structure</i> )	-ed ( <i>past tense</i> )	<i>Transformed means- To move or change structure</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>practice using idioms in your daily conversations.</li> <li>listen to your favorite songs. List the similes and metaphors used by the artists and discuss their meanings.</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> <p><u>Simile</u>: a comparison of two things using "like" or "as" <i>Example</i>: "Her skin was <u>like</u> a rose petal."</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> <p><u>Metaphor</u>: a type of figurative language authors use to directly compare two things <i>Example</i>: "Time is money."</p> </td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>work with a partner at home and play a word game. <u>Directions</u>: Choose a word like "happy". Take two minutes to write as many synonyms as possible. The person with the most synonyms wins!</li> </ul>	<p><u>Simile</u>: a comparison of two things using "like" or "as" <i>Example</i>: "Her skin was <u>like</u> a rose petal."</p>	<p><u>Metaphor</u>: a type of figurative language authors use to directly compare two things <i>Example</i>: "Time is money."</p>
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<b>Glossary</b>		<p><b>analyze</b>: break down the whole in to parts that may not be immediately obvious; examine the parts so that the structure of the whole is understood</p>	<p><b>point of view</b>: perspective from which the story is told or viewpoint from which the text is narrated</p>	<p><b>story structure</b>: the organization or structure of the elements of a story</p>	<p><b>tone</b>: the author's attitude toward a subject</p>									

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