Unit 1: Essential Skills

Active Reading

- Make predictions based on text features (title, heading, subheading, graphs, pictures, illustrations, captions)
- Preread text to identify main ideas/key vocabulary
 - Skimming and scanning
 - Making connections
- Text structure
- Chunking
- What the text does vs says
- Annotation

Active Listening

- Listen with all senses
- Look at the speaker
- Lean forward
- Keep an open mind--don't mentally judge or respond

Make Inferences

- Use pre-reading skills (active reading, above)
- Find clues (textual evidence)
- Add prior knowledge/cultural knowledge
- Context: Title, Date, Author

Main Idea and Detail

- identify key words in a passage
- What is the passage about?
- Infer if not explicit (see making inferences)

Sequence

- reading, listening) look/listen for signal words (next, first, then, finally, etc.)
- (writing, speaking) use signal words

Summarize

- Practice active reading skills (see above)
- Identify main idea (see above)
- Identify key support points
- Structure summary (see strategies)

Note Taking

• Types of graphic organizers, ex. Cornell notes, Venn diagrams, sequence charts, main idea/detail charts, webs, bubble maps, etc.

UNIT 1

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

Students will use active reading and listening skills such as identifying key vocabulary, making connections to the text, chunking, identifying sequence and E&D language to support making inferences and identifying the main idea and details of a text. Students will use sequence and E&D language to construct written and verbal products.

NEED TO KNOW	Nice to Know
Active Reading and Listening	 Make predictions based on text features (title, heading, subheading, graphs, pictures, illustrations, captions) Preread text to identify main ideas/key Skimming and scanning Text structure What the text does vs says Use pre-reading skills (active reading, above) Find clues (textual evidence) Add prior knowledge/cultural knowledge identify key words in a passage Summarize and Paraphrase Practice active reading skills (see above) Identify main idea (see above) Identify key support points Structure summary (see strategies) Paraphrase* Note Taking Types of graphic organizers, ex. Cornell notes, Venn diagrams, sequence charts, main idea/detail charts, webs, bubble maps, etc.

Unit 2: Essential Skills

Respond to a prompt

- Read the prompt carefully
- Underline key words
- Know what it's asking--all parts
- Make sure you respond to all parts of the prompt
- Make sure you respond completely
- Understand the *scope* and the purpose of the prompt
- Create a claim
- Support the claim

Defend a claim/Justify an opinion

- Provide and logically organize relevant support/reasons from a variety of sources
- Address & refute counterclaims & counter-arguments
- Cite textual evidence
- Use signal words and phrases appropriate to justifying/defending
- Make connections between ideas

Describe

- Identify and use sensory details
- Use specific adjectives and nouns, strong action verbs
- Organize logically (temporal, spatial, etc.)
- Describe Mortar Language

Interpret information from a graphic

- Identify factual information
- Make logical inferences

Graphs and charts:

- Identify type of graph (line, pie, bar, etc.)
- Read title, labels, and any key
- Identify factual information (values, changes, differences)
- Extrapolation and interpolation
- Make logical inferences

Images

- Look for major figures (people, animals, objects)
- Look for evidence of what they are doing or what is happening to them (including words in the image, captions)
- If helpful, divide image in quadrants
- Make inferences

Cite textual evidence

- Use proper MLA format for quotations, paraphrases, and summaries of others' words or ideas (punctuations, periods, parentheticals)
- Add or omit words to quotations; use relevant parts of quotations only

Persuade others

• Adjust language choice according to audience, context and/or purpose

UNIT 2

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

NEED TO KNOW	Nice to Know
 Read and understand the scope and the purpose of the prompt Create a claim Support the claim Make connections between ideas/evidence to support claim Address & refute counterclaims & counter-arguments Use specific adjectives and nouns, strong action verbs w/ appropriate "mortar" templates that fits purpose Interpret information from a graphic Identify make inferences based upon factual information Create claims from those graphs, charts, and images 	 Underline key words in a text Cite textual evidence Use signal words and phrases appropriate to justifying/defending Identify and use sensory details Organize logically (temporal, spatial, etc.)
Make logical inferences	

Unit 3: Essential Skills

Make comparisons

- Identify similarities and differences within and/or between texts
- Make connections between use of this language structure and a theme, message, or idea
- Students create graphic organizers such as Venn diagrams to compare/contrast 2 events or 2 people (using multiple sources such as short texts, images, videos, graphs and charts, etc.)
- Students will use the language of compare/contrast (orally and in writing):
 - Similar, same, in the same way, just like, just as
 - o Different, contrast, not like, unlike
- Students will be able to construct a well-developed paragraph that analyzes the similarities and the differences between 2 subjects

Identify a problem and a solutions

- identify problem(s)
- Identify proposed or attempted solutions to the problem(s)
- Determine which solution(s) are more likely to succeed
- Students create graphic organizers to identify problem and possible solutions (using multiple sources such as short texts, images, videos, graphs and charts, etc.)
- Students will use the language of proposition/support (orally and in writing):
 - E.G., states, claims, argues, believes, asserts, validate, perspective, data, doubt, challenge
- In at least a 5 paragraph essay with an introduction, body, and conclusion:
- Students will be able to construct one more well-organized paragraphs that analyze the problem (causes, effects, manifestations,...)
- Students will be able to construct one or more well-organized paragraphs that analyze various attempted or proposed solutions to a problem
- Students will be able to make and support a claim as to the efficacy of one or more solutions

Draw conclusions/Make inferences

• Extract information from text

UNIT 3

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

NEED TO KNOW	Nice to Know
 Make comparisons between texts Students will use the language of compare/contrast (orally and in writing): Similar, same, in the same way, just like, just as Different, contrast, not like, unlike Identify a problem and a solutions Determine which solution(s) are more likely to succeed Students will use the language of proposition/support (orally and in writing 	 Venn Diagram, and other charts to highlight differences and similarities Students create graphic organizers to identify problem and possible solutions (using multiple sources such as short texts, images, videos, graphs and charts, etc.) Write a 5 paragraph essay In at least a 5 paragraph essay with an introduction, body, and conclusion: Students will be able to construct one more well-organized paragraphs that analyze the problem (causes, effects, manifestations,) Students will be able to construct one or more well-organized paragraphs that analyze various attempted or proposed solutions to a problem Students will be able to make and support a claim as to the efficacy of one or more solutions Draw conclusions/Make inferences Extract information from text

Unit 4: Essential Skills:

Evaluate information

- students can determine the difference between a fact and an opinion
- Students evaluate whether information is from a credible or biased source
- Students can explain the distinction between fake news vs. real sources
- Students can identify traits of reputable sources
 - facts and statistics
 - o quoting an expert in the area
 - o graphs, charts, and surveys
- Students can identify major news sources (newspapers, magazines, educational institutions, major networks)

Synthesize information

- Use skills of classification, comparison and contrast across multiple sources
- Connect and combine information from multiple sources

Analyze and identify language choices/vocabulary

- Identify differences in meaning among near synonyms
- Identify connotations of words in context
- Identify figurative language and determine effect on text
- Determine effectiveness of word choices and diction

4	lΤ	Ν		U	
		$ \mathcal{N} $	I	U	ı

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

NEED TO KNOW	NICE TO KNOW
 Evaluate information students can determine the difference between a fact and an opinion Students evaluate whether information is from a credible source 	
 Students can identify traits of reputable sources facts and statistics quoting an expert in the area graphs, charts, and surveys Students can identify major news sources (newspapers, magazines, educational institutions, major networks) 	
 Use skills of classification, comparison and contrast across multiple sources Connect and combine information from multiple sources 	
 Analyze and identify language choices/vocabulary Identify differences in meaning among near synonyms Identify connotations of words in context Identify figurative language and determine effect on text Determine effectiveness of word choices and diction 	