Unit 1: Essential Skills

Active Reading and Listening

- Introducing Text Features (title, heading, subheading, graphs, pictures, illustrations, captions)
- Pre-reading text to identify main ideas/key vocabulary
 - Skimming and scanning
 - Making connections
- Note taking (Ex: Cornell notes, Venn diagrams, sequence charts, main idea/detail charts, webs, bubble maps, etc.)
- Looking at words in bold (understanding key vocab before reading)

Main Idea and Detail

- Using text features to identify main ideas and details
- Using text features to create questions

Sequence

- Being able to create a sequence chart after reading
- being able to explain sequence (orally and in writing) after a listening exercise

Summarize

- teaching sentence frames to build summaries
- using graphic organizers to build summaries
- Students will be able to summarize a text feature such as a graph or a chart

Note Taking

• Introduce different types of graphic organizers such as Cornell notes, Venn diagrams, sequence charts, main idea/detail charts, webs, bubble maps, etc.

Respond to a prompt

- Being able to answer basic question after reading a text that are at DOK Level 2
- Being able to summarize or explain a sequence in writing or in an oral presentation

UNIT 1

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

Students will be able to identify main idea, sequence details, and organize notes, and respond to a prompt.

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Unit 2: Essential Skills

Defend a claim/Justify an opinion

- Students will be able to read a prompt and come up with a response
- Students will be able to use a variety of different types of resources for support such as images, short texts, videos, graphic organizers, graphs and charts
- Use three supports in their justification in writing
- Orally state an opinion and give three reasons to support their opinion (give conclusion/restate opinion at the end)
- Use signal words such as my first reason, my second reason, my final reason...

Describe

- Students will be able to describe an image, video, or the content of a graph or chart
- Students will be able to look at a picture and identify a problem, make a prediction or an inference and describe the prediction or inference
- Students should be able to describe an important figure from science or history or current events (who, what, where, when)
- Students can identify personality traits and find supporting evidence for their claim

Interpret information from a graphic

- Introduce students to the types of graphs and charts and their distinct purposes
 - o pie chart
 - o bar graph
 - o line graph
 - o Timeline
 - Venn diagram
 - o cause/effect chain of events
 - o maps
- Introduce students to basic statistical terms
 - Percents
 - less than/more than
 - increase/decrease

Cite textual evidence

- students will use a graphic organizer to collect evidence from text & use graphic organizer to create a paragraph (at the beginning of the unit) or multi paragraph response (by the end of the unit/semester)
- Students will use academic language to bring in examples.

Persuade others

- Students need to defend whether or not a graph or chart supports a claim.
- Students use evidence from the graph or chart to support their opinion.

UNIT 2

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

Students will be able to describe visual content as well as the circumstances surrounding an important figure, understand information from different graph types, and justify an opinion.

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Unit 3: Essential Skills

Make comparisons

- 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 and contrast (orally and in writing):
- Students will be able to construct a basic paragraph that analyzes the similarities between 2 subjects
- Students will be able to construct a basic paragraph that analyzes the differences between 2 subjects

Identify a problem and a solutions

- Students create graphic organizers such as causal chain of events to identify problem and a solution (using multiple sources such as short texts, images, videos, graphs and charts, etc.)
- Students will use the language of cause/effect (orally and in writing):
- Students will be able to construct a basic paragraph that analyzes the causes of a problem
- Students will be able to construct a basic paragraph that analyzes the effects of a problem
- Students will be able to construct a basic paragraph that analyzes a possible solution or various solutions to a problem

Draw conclusions/Make inferences

- Answering DOK Level 3 Questions
- Students need to support their answer with evidence from text, image, graph or chart
- Students need to be taught explicitly what an inference is and what drawing a conclusion is. Students will then be able to define and apply making inferences and drawing conclusions using texts and various mediums (images, video, graphs and charts, etc.)

UNIT 3

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

Students will be able to draw conclusions, make inferences based on a text or visual, and express their findings in a basic paragraph using compare/contrast or problem/solution.

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Unit 4: Essential Skills:

Evaluate information

- determine the difference between a fact and an opinion
- evaluate whether information is from a credible or biased source
- explain the distinction between fake news vs. real sources
- identify traits of reputable sources
 - facts and statistics
 - o quoting an expert in the area
 - o graphs, charts, and surveys

Synthesize information

- take notes using a graphic organizer that has them pull evidence from multiple sources
- use more than 2 sources to defend a claim or support a thesis (oral presentation, written essay, or multimedia project)
- cite evidence by using a direct quote and paraphrasing a section of the text (image, chart, graph, video, or article/essay)
- mention where evidence came from and makes use of academic language frames
- organize the flow of their writing (topic sentence, evidence, explanation, conclusion)

Analyze and identify language choices/vocabulary

• know when to use academic vs. informal writing

UNIT 4

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

Students will be able to distinguish fact from opinion, support their opinion with appropriate evidence, and make use of evidence in writing by properly citing text.

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