

Age of Exploration

Anchor Literature

Start-to-Finish novel
The Prince and the Pauper

Book Summary

On the same day, in the city of London, two boys are born. The two boys meet and find out that they look like twins. They trade clothes, but after they do it, people get the boys mixed up.

Author's Intention

Explain how everyone is a "victim" of birth and circumstance.



Instructional Elements

English Language Arts Standards

- Answer Questions
- Compare and Contrast
- Compare Behavior
- Finding a Reason
- Identify Feelings of Characters
- Remember Details
- Remember Story Details
- Retell Story
- Same and Different
- Sequence of Events

Science Topics

- Copernicus** | Learn about scientist Nicolaus Copernicus and his discoveries.
- Solar Eclipse** | Watch a video that explains a solar eclipse.
- The Sun** | Watch a video to learn facts about the Sun.
- Rainbows** | How to make a rainbow using everyday objects.
- Telescopes** | Learn what kinds of telescopes we can use to look at things in space.

Social Studies Topics

- Columbus' Voyage** | Read a map to learn about the path that Columbus sailed.
- Explorers** | Learn about famous explorers from 1200-1600 and their travels.
- Henry VIII** | Learn about King Henry VIII, Edward Tudor's father.
- Jamestown** | Facts on the history and settlement of Jamestown.
- Poverty**
Learn about a man named George Ochien Odalo born into a poor family in Africa.
- Types of Government**
Compare and contrast facts about a monarchy and a democracy.

Text Types Taught

- Article with a Sidebar
- Biography
- Chart
- Compare and Contrast
- Directions
- Fantastic Facts
- Map
- Timeline
- Two Text Types

Selected Sight Words

around, boy, do*, don't*, eat, found, just, must, put*, takes, these, wish
*AAC Core Vocabulary Words

Key Vocabulary Words (Content-specific)

arc, astronomer, democracy, dump, explore, explorer, fusion, joust, jousting, monarch, monarchy, orbit, prince, pauper, rainbow, settlement, slum, solar eclipse, Solar System, Sun, supernova, telescope, universe, voyage, year

Instructional Terms Taught

argue/argument, article, biography, character, chart, compare, contrast, describe/description, detail, directions, event, fact, identify, map, reason, retell, sidebar, timeline

Age of Exploration

Functional Literacy / Life Skills

Real Life Experience Activity

Daily Living Skills

- Selecting and Managing a Household
- Buying, Preparing, and Consuming Food
- Exhibiting Responsible Citizenship
- Utilizing Recreational Facilities & Engaging in Leisure

Self-Determination and Interpersonal Skills

- Understanding Self-Determination
- Being Self-Aware
- Developing Interpersonal Skills

Employment Skills

- Knowing and Exploring Employment Possibilities
- Exploring Employment Choices
- Exhibiting Appropriate Employment Skills

American Civil War

Anchor Literature

Start-to-Finish novel
The Red Badge of Courage

Book Summary

A young soldier dreams of glory in the Civil War, but runs away during his first battle.

Author's Intention

Contrast a young soldier's lofty ambitions with the harsh realities of battle.



Instructional Elements

English Language Arts Standards

- Ask Questions
- Answer "What?" Questions
- Compare and Contrast Events
- Describe Characters
- Identify Actions of a Character
- Identify Details
- Identify Feelings of a Character
- Identify Related Ideas
- Make Predictions

Science Topics

Germ
Identify the kinds that caused the death of many wounded Civil War soldiers.

Social Studies Topics

Abraham Lincoln / Clara Barton / Harriet Tubman | biographies

Civil War
Which states were Confederate and which Union, compare and contrast the interests of both sides, and learn how many soldiers died on each side.

Text Types Taught

- Article with a Sidebar
- Biography
- Chart
- Directions
- Fantastic Facts
- Map
- Timeline
- Two Text Types

Selected Sight Words

again, be, both, don't*, everyone, first, here, need, red, stop*, up*
*AAC Core Vocabulary Words

Key Vocabulary Words (Content-specific)

adjust the elevation, assassinated, black powder, cannon, Civil War, crisis, collapsed, coward, Declaration of Independence, disaster, Emancipation Proclamation, factories, germs, gun crew, rights, rumor, secede, shot, slavery, slave(s), State's Rights, surrender, The Confederacy, The North (blue states), The South (red states), The Union, Underground Railroad violent, wound(ed)

Instructional Terms Taught

argue/argument, article, biography, character, chart, compare, contrast, describe, detail, explain, fact, identify, illustration, map, opinion, predict/prediction, sidebar, timeline

American Civil War

Functional Literacy / Life Skills

Real Life Experience Activity

Daily Living Skills

- Caring for Personal Needs
- Demonstrating Relationship Responsibilities
- Exhibiting Responsible Citizenship
- Utilizing Recreational Facilities and Engaging in Leisure

Self-Determination and Interpersonal Skills

- Understanding Self-Determination
- Being Self-Aware
- Communicating with Others

Employment Skills

- Knowing and Exploring Employment Possibilities
- Exploring Employment Choices
- Exhibiting Appropriate Employment Skills

Ancient Earth

Anchor Literature

Start-to-Finish novel
Journey to the Center of the Earth

Book Summary

Henry and his uncle embark on a dangerous and fantastic journey down into a volcano to the depths of the Earth.

Author's Intention

Explore 19th century theories and conjectures about Earth's geology and paleontology.



Instructional Elements

English Language Arts Standards

- Ask a Question About the Meaning of Idioms
- Ask “What?” Questions
- Ask “How?” Questions
- Describing Main Characters
- Describe the Setting
- Determine Sequence of Events
- Identify Beginning, Middle, and End
- Identify Cause and Effect
- Identify Feelings of a Character
- Identify Important Details
- Retell a Story

Science Topics

Dinosaurs | facts about a Spinosaurus

Thunder and Lightning | facts about thunder and lightning

Paleontology | biography of Jack Horner

Volcanoes
Lava, volcanoes at Yellowstone, and how to make a volcano.

Social Studies Topics

City of Pompeii | Daily life long ago versus today.

Iceland | locate on a world map

Vikings | daily life

Text Types Taught

- Article with a Sidebar
- Biography
- Claims and Evidence
- Compare and Contrast
- Directions
- Fantastic Facts
- Map
- Timeline

Selected Sight Words

because, but, first, found, help*, look*, my, pulled, said, which
*AAC Core Vocabulary Words

Key Vocabulary Words (Content-specific)

caldera, carnivore, collapsed, controls, dinosaur, drone, Earth's Crust, erupt, fossils, Ice Age, Igneous rock, lava, lightning, magma, magma chamber, Mid-Atlantic Ridge, Native Americans, paleontologist, plates, preserve, scientist, Spinosaurus, stadium, super volcano, surrounded, thunder, T. Rex, Vikings, volcano, webbed feet, woolly mammoths, Yellowstone

Instructional Terms Taught

argument, article, biography, cause, character, claim, compare, contrast, describe, detail, directions, discuss, effect, event, evidence, fact, identify, idiom, map, opinion, setting, sidebar, timeline

Ancient Earth

Functional Literacy / Life Skills

Real Life Experience Activity

Daily Living Skills

- Selecting and Managing a Household
- Caring for Personal Needs
- Buying, Preparing, and Consuming Food
- Utilizing Recreational Facilities and Engaging in Leisure

Self-Determination and Interpersonal Skills

- Understanding Self-Determination
- Being Self-Aware
- Developing Interpersonal Skills

Employment Skills

- Exploring Employment Choices
- Exhibiting Appropriate Employment Skills

Ancient Egypt / Roman Empire

Anchor Literature

Start-to-Finish novel
Cleopatra: Queen of the Nile

Book Summary

Cleopatra meets a Roman general named Julius Caesar. She dreams of ruling the world together.

Author's Intention

Describe Cleopatra's life in ancient Egypt during the time of the Roman Empire.



Instructional Elements

English Language Arts Standards

- Answer “How?” Questions
- Answer “Where?” Questions
- Answer “Why?” Questions
- Identify Important Details
- Identify the Settings
- Order of Events
- Relationship Between Characters
- Remember the Details
- Retell a Story
- Similarities Between Two Characters
- Similarities Between Two Characters or Two Events

Science Topics

Erosion | Facts about water, wind, and erosion.

Flooding | Facts and dams and flooding.

Social Studies Topics

Ancient Egypt / Roman Empire

Leaders, power, and wars in Ancient Egypt and the Roman Empire.

Julius Caesar | Biography of Julius Caesar.

Gods of Ancient Egypt | How gods were like animals in Ancient Egypt.

Mummies | Facts about mummies and the afterlife.

Pyramids | Facts about pyramids in Egypt.

Rosetta Stone / Hieroglyphs | Picture writing versus writing today.

Nile River | Facts about the Nile River and locating on a map.

Text Types Taught

- Article with a Sidebar
- Biography
- Chart
- Compare and Contrast
- Fantastic Facts
- Map
- Timeline
- Two Text Types

Selected Sight Words

about, call, can, children, girl, go*, made, like, that*, your

*AAC Core Vocabulary Words

Key Vocabulary Words (Content-specific)

1 A.D., afterlife, assassinate, auxiliaries, B.C., ballista, capture, cavalry, citizen, concrete, conquer, defeat, delta, desert, empire, erosion, general, glacier, hieroglyphics, hoodoo, legion, legionnaires, map, natron, onager, pardon, Parthians, pregnant, pyramid, republic, reservoir, retire, rivals, scroll, senate, senator, senators, source, The Forum, timeline, tomb, turbine

Instructional Terms Taught

argue/argument, article, biography, character, chart, compare, contrast, describe, detail, event, explain, fact, identify, fact, identify, illustration, list, map, opinion, retell, setting, sidebar, timeline

Ancient Egypt / Roman Empire

Functional Literacy / Life Skills

Real Life Experience Activity

Daily Living Skills

- Caring for Personal Needs
- Utilizing Recreational Facilities and Engaging in Leisure
- Choosing and Accessing Transportation

Self-Determination and Interpersonal Skills

- Understanding Self-Determination
- Being Self-Aware

Employment Skills

- Exploring Employment Choices
- Exhibiting Appropriate Employment Skills

Ancient Mayans / The Solar System

Anchor Literature

Start-to-Finish novel
The Secret of Old Mexico

Book Summary

There is a secret that has been hidden in Mexico for more than 1,000 years. The characters will have to get past snakes, deadly poison, and a man named Hector.

Author's Intention

Embed facts about the Mexican and Mayan cultures.



Instructional Elements

English Language Arts Standards

- Ask a Question
- Identify Details in the Story
- Identify Reasons Why
- Identify Words and Phrases to Describe an Event
- Match Characters and Details
- Order of Events
- Recall Details of the Story
- Same and Different
- True or False

Science Topics

Planets

Understand the distance between the sun and planets, compare and contrast Earth and Venus, and learn facts about the Sun.

Solar Systems

Discover which planets orbit the sun, learn facts about our moons and other moons, and explore Galileo's use of a telescope.

Social Studies Topics

Egyptians

Compare and contrast the Egyptian Civilization to the Mayan Civilization.

Galileo | a biography

Mayan Civilization | The rise and fall of the Mayan Civilization.

Text Types Taught

- Article with a Sidebar
- Biography
- Compare and Contrast
- Fantastic Facts
- Graph
- Timeline
- Two Text Types

Selected Sight Words

asked, buy, friend, get*, later, men, need*, right, think, would, your
*AAC Core Vocabulary Words

Key Vocabulary Words (Content-specific)

abandon, archaeologist, archaeology, artifact(s), astronaut(s), astronomer, astronomy, atmosphere, civilization, crater(s), day, distance, drought, empire, gravity, hieroglyphs, jaguar, meteoroids, moon, observatory, observe, oxygen, planet, poison, pottery, rainforest, reservoir, Solar System, spacecraft, spaceship, spacesuit, sun, The Milky Way, telescope, temperature, temple, tombs, toxic, universe

Instructional Terms Taught

argue/argument, article, biography, character, compare, connect/connection, contrast, describe/description, detail, events, identify, fact, graph, opinion, sidebar, statement, timeline

Ancient Mayans / The Solar System

Functional Literacy / Life Skills

Real Life Experience Activity

Daily Living Skills

- Managing Personal Finances
- Selecting and Managing a Household
- Buying, Preparing, and Consuming Food
- Utilizing Recreational facilities and Engaging in Leisure

Self-Determination and Interpersonal Skills

- Being Self-Aware
- Communicating with Others

Employment Skills

- Knowing and Exploring Employment Possibilities
- Exploring Employment Choices
- Exhibiting Appropriate Employment Skills

Earth and Life Sciences

Anchor Literature

Start-to-Finish novel
Frankenstein

Book Summary

A scientist named Dr. Frankenstein builds a living creature—a monster who is rejected by society—with horrific consequences.

Author's Intention

Tell a scary story that describes a man's desire to manipulate nature without realizing the consequences.



Instructional Elements

English Language Arts Standards

- Ask “Who?” Questions
- Describe Characters
- Describe a Setting
- Determine True / False
- Determine Why
- Identify Details
- Identify Feelings of a Character
- Make and Defend a Prediction
- Relationship Between Person and Place
- Retell a Story

Science Topics

Arctic Sea Ice | Graphing temperature changes in the Arctic.

Glaciers

How glaciers are made, force, movement, and relationship to other land formations.

North and South Pole | location and relationship to temperature

Polar Bears | Facts about Polar Bears living in the North Pole.

Scientific Method | Learn the steps of the Scientific Method.

Scientists

Learn about famous fictional and real scientists Victor Frankenstein and Benjamin Franklin

Social Studies Topics

Arctic Exploration

Use a timeline to learn about famous Arctic and Antarctic explorers

Biography | Benjamin Franklin

Europe | Locate the places Victor Frankenstein traveled on a map

Text Types Taught

- Article with a Sidebar
- Biography
- Compare and Contrast
- Directions
- Fantastic Facts
- Graph
- Map
- Timeline

Selected Sight Words

another, been, body, cold, him, make*, story, wanted, very, woman, you*

*AAC Core Vocabulary Words

Key Vocabulary Words (Content-specific)

analyze, Antarctica, Arctic, boulder, carve, conclusion, Constitution, cottage, cub, Declaration of Independence, den, equator, experiment, explore, explorer, Founding Fathers, glacier, glacier calving, gravity, hypothesis, iceberg, inventor, island, monster, mystery, observe, puzzled, reflect, research, revenge, scientific method, scientist, shrink, slope, survival, survive

Instructional Terms Taught

argument, article, biography, character, compare, contrast, describe, detail, determine, directions, discuss, event, fact, graph, identify, idiom, map, opinion, predict/prediction, retell, setting, sidebar, timeline

Earth and Life Sciences

Functional Literacy / Life Skills

Real Life Experience Activity

Daily Living Skills

- Caring for Personal Needs
- Buying, Preparing, and Consuming Food
- Utilizing Recreational Facilities and Engaging in Leisure
- Choosing and Accessing Transportation

Self-Determination and Interpersonal Skills

- Understanding Self-Determination
- Being Self-Aware
- Communicating with Others
- Developing Social Awareness

Employment Skills

- Exploring Employment Choices
- Exhibiting Appropriate Employment Skills

The Earth's Oceans

Anchor Literature

Start-to-Finish novel
Treasure Island

Book Summary

A boy named Jim Hawkins and his friends get caught up with a dangerous pirate named Long John Silver in a search for treasure.

Author's Intention

Describe a boy's coming of age and search for an appropriate role model as he observes the effects of greed on people's lives.



Instructional Elements

English Language Arts Standards

- Ask "Why?" Questions
- Compare and Contrast Characters
- Describe a Character
- Describe the Setting
- Determine Importance
- Identify a Character's Feelings
- Identify Details in the Story
- Make a Prediction
- Problem-Solving
- Sequence Events

Science Topics

Parrots | Fantastic facts about parrots

Dolphin Training

Watch a video to learn how trainers teach dolphins to respond to commands.

Dolphin Communication

Watch a video to explore how dolphins communicate with each other and with humans.

Social Studies Topics

Age of Exploration

Read a map to see the exploration routes of explorers from Spain and Portugal.

Blackbeard | Learn about a famous pirate named Blackbeard.

Christopher Columbus | a biography

Earth's Oceans

Read a chart to learn about the size and the location of Earth's oceans.

Juana Maria

Learn about a woman named Juana Maria who lived alone on an island.

Pirate Democracy | Learn about the structure and rules of pirate culture.

Sailing | Learn what life was like long ago on sailing ships.

Trade

Exchange of trade goods between Europe and the Americas during the time of Columbus and other explorers

Text Types Taught

- Article with a Sidebar
- Biography
- Chart
- Claims and Evidence
- Compare and Contrast
- Fantastic Facts
- Map
- Timeline
- Two Text Types

Selected Sight Words

back, each, found, men, not*, now, right, sea, this*, us

*AAC Core Vocabulary Words

The Earth's Oceans

Instructional Elements

Key Vocabulary Words (Content-specific)

body language, booty, claim, communicate, crew, democracy, disease, Europeans, explorers, facility, illness, institute, mend, Native Americans, pirates, privateers, scrub, shipwreck, smallpox, survive, thug, trainer

Instructional Terms Taught

argument, article, biography, cause, character, chart, claim, compare, contrast, describe, details, discuss, effect, event, evidence, fact, identify, idiom, map, opinion, prediction, setting, sidebar, timeline

Functional Literacy / Life Skills

Real Life Experience Activity

Daily Living Skills

- Utilizing Recreational Facilities and Engaging in Leisure

Self-Determination and Interpersonal Skills

- Being Self-Aware
- Developing Interpersonal Skills
- Communicating with Others
- Good Decision Making
- Developing Social Awareness

Employment Skills

- Exhibiting Appropriate Employment Skills

Gravity, Force, and Motion

Anchor Literature

Start-to-Finish novel
The Tuskegee Airmen

Book Summary

A young man named Henry fights for his country during World War II while also fighting against segregation and prejudice.

Author's Intention

Tell a World War II story while introducing topics of segregation, racism, and fighting for civil rights.



Instructional Elements

English Language Arts Standards

- Ask a “What?” Question
- Ask “Who?” Questions
- Ask a Question About the Meaning of Idioms
- Beginning, Middle, and End
- Cause and Effect
- Describe Characters
- Find and Remember Details
- Identify Feelings of a Character and Ask “Why?”
- Sequence of Events

Science Topics

- Airplanes** | Learn facts about how airplanes are made.
- Force and Motion** | Watch videos about gravity and air resistance.
- Gravity** | Learn about Isaac Newton how he discovered gravity.
- Lift** | Read an article about how airplanes fly using gravity, lift, and thrust.

Booker T. Washington
a biography about Booker T. Washington and the Tuskegee Institute

Social Studies Topics

- Civil Rights**
Read about black leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X and their fight for equal rights for all.
- World War II** | Graph the number of African-American soldiers in World War II.
- Wright Brothers** | Watch a video to learn about the history of airplanes.
- Segregation**
Use evidence to support claims that the Tuskegee Airmen helped end segregation

Text Types Taught

- Article with a Sidebar
- Biography
- Claims and Evidence
- Compare and Contrast
- Directions
- Fantastic Facts
- Graph
- Map
- Timeline

Selected Sight Words

against, America, black, can*, country, father, read, school, use, white
*AAC Core Vocabulary Words

Key Vocabulary Words (Content-specific)

adversity, air resistance, airship, aluminum, astronaut, bomber, Commemorative Air Force, discovery, enemy, force, gravity, high tide, jet engine, lift, low tide, military, missions, motion, orbit, propeller, recycle, Redtail Squadron, segregation laws, served, Space Station, thrust, values

Instructional Terms Taught

argue/argument, article, biography, cause, character, claim, compare, contrast, describe/description, details, directions, effect, experiment, explain, evidence, fact, graph, identify, idiom, illustration, map, opinion, predict/prediction, sidebar, timeline

Gravity, Force, and Motion

Functional Literacy / Life Skills

Real Life Experience Activity

Daily Living Skills

- Caring for Personal Needs
- Utilizing Recreational Facilities and Engaging in Leisure
- Choosing and Accessing Transportation

Self-Determination and Interpersonal Skills

- Understanding Self-Determination
- Being Self-Aware
- Communicating with Others
- Good Decision Making
- Developing Social Awareness

Employment Skills

- Exploring Employment Choices
- Exhibiting Appropriate Employment Skills

Marine Life

Anchor Literature

Start-to-Finish novel
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

Book Summary

A sea monster is scaring sailors all over the world. Follow the adventure of three men as they go out to find the beast.

Author's Intention

Tell the story of a powerful man who uses science as a means to achieve evil ends.



Instructional Elements

English Language Arts Standards

- Cause and Effect
- Compare and Contrast Characters
- Create a Map
- Describe a Character
- Identify Beginning, Middle, and End
- Identify Important Details
- Identify Key Vocabulary
- Identify Location of Events
- Identify Main Characters
- Make a Prediction

Science Topics

Breathing | Compare human, dolphin, and whale breathing under water.

Buoyancy | Follow directions to do an experiment about buoyancy.

Coral Reefs

Define the differences between warm and cold water coral.

Dolphins

Fantastic Facts about dolphins including echolocation.

Photosynthesis | Explanation of photosynthesis in water and on land.

Whales

Facts about habitat, migration, behavior, and food sources of whales.

Social Studies Topics

Environmental Awareness

Learn about current conditions that threaten the world's coral reefs.

Conservation

Learn about individual action for conservation of coral reefs.

Text Types Taught

- Article with a Sidebar
- Chart
- Compare and Contrast
- Directions
- Fantastic Facts
- Map
- Timeline
- Two Text Types

Selected Sight Words

away, around, is, just, know, opened, people, something, was, what*, who*
 *AAC Core Vocabulary Words

Key Vocabulary Words (Content-specific)

algae, blubber, blue whale, buoyancy, calf/calves, chlorophyll, colony, coral, echo, echolocation, explore, global warming, glucose, hard corals, killer whale, krill, ocean floor, orca, photosynthesis, pollution, prediction, propellers, skeleton, soft corals, submarine, Sunlit/Sunlight Zone, surfaces (of the ocean), threat, Twilight Zone, zone

Instructional Terms Taught

argue/argument, article, cause, character, chart, compare, connect/connection, contrast, describe/description, detail, directions, effect, event, identify, fact, graph, map, predict/prediction, sidebar, timeline

Marine Life

Functional Literacy / Life Skills

Real Life Experience Activity

Daily Living Skills

- Selecting and Managing a Household
- Demonstrating Relationship Responsibilities
- Buying, Preparing, and Consuming Food
- Exhibiting Responsible Citizenship

Self-Determination and Interpersonal Skills

- Understanding Self-Determination
- Being Self-Aware
- Developing Social Awareness

Employment Skills

- Exploring Employment Choices
- Exhibiting Appropriate Employment Skills

Middle Ages / Renaissance

Anchor Literature

Start-to-Finish novel
Romeo and Juliet

Book Summary

Romeo and Juliet were growing up in the same town, but never met. Their families hated each other and were always fighting. Romeo and Juliet met, fell in love and decided to marry in secret.

Author's Intention

Set a love story within two families who are at odds with one another.



Readtopia®

Instructional Elements

English Language Arts Standards

- Ask a Question
- Compare and Contrast
- Defend a Prediction
- Defend a Claim
- Identify Beginning, Middle, and End
- Identify a Character's Feelings
- Order of Events
- Remember Details

Science Topics

Galileo
Learn how Galileo used a telescope to discover things about the moon, stars, and planets

Parachutes | Make a parachute

Biography | William Shakespeare

Black Death | Watch a video to learn about the Black Plague

Bubonic Plague | Read an article and review a timeline

Italy | Locate important cities in Italy

London | Make a chart to reflect population growth in London over time

Middle Ages | Learn fantastic facts

Renaissance | Identify the Renaissance era on a timeline

The Theater

Social Studies Topics

Text Types Taught

- Article with a Sidebar
- Biography
- Chart
- Claims and Evidence
- Compare and Contrast
- Directions
- Fantastic Facts
- Map
- Timeline
- Two Text Types

Selected Sight Words

all, and, before, family, know, off, she*, tell, to where*, yes
*AAC Core Vocabulary Words

Key Vocabulary Words (Content-specific)

astonished, bacteria, canal, Colosseum, demonstrate, disease, event, eyeball, flea, insect, invader, invent, joust, knight, lance, lens, locate, mail shirt, medicine, microscope, Middle Ages, nobleman, nut, perform, parachute, plague, play, populations, printing press, Renaissance, shield, spacecraft, sunspots, telescope, thane, tournament, washer, writer

Instructional Terms Taught

article, biography, chart, claim, compare, contrast, directions, evidence, fact, map, sidebar, timeline

Middle Ages / Renaissance

Functional Literacy / Life Skills

Real Life Experience Activity

Daily Living Skills

- Selecting and Managing a Household
- Caring for Personal Needs
- Utilizing Recreational Facilities

Self-Determination and Interpersonal Skills

- Understanding Self-Determination
- Being Self-Aware
- Developing Interpersonal Skills
- Communicating with Others
- Developing Social Awareness

Employment Skills

- Exploring Employment Choices
- Exhibiting Appropriate Employment Skills

The Solar System / Weather

Anchor Literature

Start-to-Finish novel
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

Book Summary

Huck runs away from his home along the Mississippi River and joins up with Jim. Old Jim is a slave. Huck gets to know Jim and learns to respect him.

Author's Intention

Use humor to poke fun at racism and responsibility.



Instructional Elements

English Language Arts Standards

- Answer “Why?” Questions
- Figuring Out Why
- Identify the Main Characters
- Identify the Meaning of Idioms
- Order of Events
- Problem-Solution
- Related Ideas
- Remember Details
- Summarization

Science Topics

The Mississippi River

Use a map to identify the Mississippi River and other bodies of water.

Rain | Learn about rainfall and collecting precipitation data.

Snow | fantastic facts about snow and snowflakes

Space Travel

Use a chart to find out how far away stars and planets are from the sun.

Storms | a comparison of storms on Earth and Jupiter

Water Cycle | Learn about rain and the water cycle.

Social Studies Topics

Mark Twain | a biography

Slavery | a timeline of slavery in the United States through the American Civil War

Text Types Taught

- Biography
- Chart
- Claims and Evidence
- Compare and Contrast
- Directions
- Fantastic Facts
- Map
- Timeline
- Two Text Types

Selected Sight Words

after, also, down, fast, house, it*, me*, night, remember, those, use, write
*AAC Core Vocabulary Words

Key Vocabulary Words (Content-specific)

abolitionists, adventure, Civil War, Confederate soldiers, drunk, flood, fog, gauge, hail, hurricane, lightning, precipitation, sediment, slave, snowflake, steamboat, tornado, tributaries, Union soldiers, Water Cycle, water vapor, weather, whiskey

Instructional Terms Taught

argue / argument, article, biography, chart, claim, compare, contrast, describe, directions, evidence, explore, fact, forecast, map, report, sidebar, temperature, timeline

The Solar System / Weather

Functional Literacy / Life Skills

Real Life Experience Activity

Daily Living Skills

- Caring for Personal Needs
- Buying, Preparing, and Consuming Food
- Utilizing Recreational Facilities and Engaging in Leisure
- Choosing and Accessing Transportation

Self-Determination and Interpersonal Skills

- Being Self-Aware
- Communicating with Others
- Good Decision Making
- Developing Social Awareness

Employment Skills

- Knowing and Exploring Employment Possibilities
- Exploring Employment Choices
- Exhibiting Appropriate Employment Skills

Westward Expansion

Anchor Literature

Start-to-Finish novel
Sacagawea:
The Trip to the West

Book Summary

Sacagawea, a young Indian, helped Lewis and Clark find their way to the Pacific Ocean.

Author's Intention

Tell the story of Sacagawea and how her life intersects with the story of Lewis and Clark.



Instructional Elements

English Language Arts Standards

- Ask a “How?” Question
- Identify Main Characters
- Identify Actions of Characters
- Identify Feelings of Character
- Match Characters and Events
- Related Ideas
- Relationship Among Events
- Relationship Between Characters
- Relationship Between Person/Place

Science Topics

Animals in Their Environment
Learn about the habitat and behaviors of grizzly bears and buffaloes.

Mountain Formation
Read about the process that occurred when mountains were formed.

Social Studies Topics

Lewis and Clark
Learn where Lewis and Clark traveled and track events that occurred.

Native Americans
Identify tribes who were friendly and those that were not.

Thomas Jefferson | a biography

Westward Expansion | defined and explained throughout

Text Types Taught

- Article with a Sidebar
- Biography
- Claims and Evidence
- Compare and Contrast
- Fantastic Facts
- Graph
- Map
- Timeline
- Two Text Types

Selected Sight Words

always, best, didn't, I*, live, many, me, the, up*, were
*AAC Core Vocabulary Words

Key Vocabulary Words (Content-specific)

aim(ed), bison, Civil War, core, coyote, crust, Declaration of Independence, discover, discovery, equal, expedition, explore, foe, form, fort, hide, historians, independent, journal, journey, kidnap, lava, magma, Mandans, mantle, medal, millennium, mountain range, mouth of a river, Native Americans, ocean, plain, plate, President, rattlesnake, river's source, Rocky Mountains (Rockies), separate, shelter, skins, volcano, woolly mammoth

Instructional Terms Taught

argument, article, biography, character, claim, compare, connect/connection, contrast, describe/description, event, evidence, fact, graph, identify, illustration, map, opinion, predict/prediction, setting, sidebar, timeline

Westward Expansion

Functional Literacy / Life Skills

Real Life Experience Activity

Daily Living Skills

- Developing Relationship Responsibilities
- Choosing and Accessing Transportation
- Utilizing Recreational Facilities

Self-Determination and Interpersonal Skills

- Being Self-Aware
- Developing Interpersonal Skills
- Communicating with others

Employment Skills

- Exploring Employment Choices
- Exhibiting Appropriate Employment Skills

World War II

Anchor Literature

Start-to-Finish novel
The Story of Anne Frank

Book Summary

This is the story of a 13-year-old girl and her family who hid from the Hitler during World War II.

Author's Intention

Tell the story of Nazi Germany's suppression of Jews during World War II.



Instructional Elements

English Language Arts Standards

- Answer a “Why?” Question
- Identify Activities
- Identify Events
- Identify Feelings of a Character
- Identify Groups
- Identify Laws
- Match Character and Events
- Identify Words and Phrases to Describe a Country
- Identify Words and Phrases to Describe a Setting
- Order of Events

Science Topics

- Rocket Technology**
Learn about the United States and Germany’s competition to build rockets.
- Radar** | Learn about radar technology.
- Sonar** | Watch a video that explains sonar.
- Dolphin Echolocation**
Watch a video in which dolphins are used as examples of having sonar capabilities.

Social Studies Topics

- Adolph Hitler** | a biography
- Allies and Axis**
Use a map to identify countries that were part of the Allies and Axis groups.
- D-Day** | Explore a map and the sequence of events that occurred on D-Day.
- Holocaust**
Review a timeline that shows specific persecutory actions against people who were Jewish.
- Pearl Harbor** | Learn when and how Japan and the US joined in WWII.

Text Types Taught

- Article with a Sidebar
- Biography
- Chart
- Directions
- Fantastic Facts
- Map
- Timeline
- Two Text Types

Selected Sight Words

are, could, finished*, like*, now, remember, sleep, tell, their, why
*AAC Core Vocabulary Words

Key Vocabulary Words (Content-specific)

Allies, Axis, battle, beacons, communism, concentration camp, defeat, defend, diary, echo, echolocation, fake, Holocaust, invade, Jews, medics, mission, nation, Nazis, parachute, paratroopers, pilot, prison, radar, sacrifice, sonar, surrender, victory

Instructional Terms Taught

argue/argument, article, biography, character, chart, describe/description, directions, event, fact, identify, map, setting, sidebar, timeline

World War II

Functional Literacy / Life Skills

Real Life Experience Activity

Daily Living Skills

- Exhibiting Responsible Citizenship
- Utilizing Recreational Facilities and Engaging in Leisure

Self-Determination and Interpersonal Skills

- Understanding Self-Determination
- Being Self-Aware
- Developing Social Awareness

Employment Skills

- Exploring Employment Choices
- Exhibiting Appropriate Employment Skills