

**Reading English Language Arts: Grade 7 Reading Curriculum**  
**Course Anthology: Savvas Grade 7 *myPerspectives***

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| <b>Grade 7 Unit 1: Crossing Generations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Essential Question:</b> <i>What can one generation learn from another?</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Maryland College and Career Ready Frameworks, Grades 6-8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Reading Literature Framework</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Reading Informational Texts Framework</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Writing Framework</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Speaking and Listening Framework</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Language Framework</a></li> </ul> |  | <b>Savvas myPerspectives Family Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Savvas Parent Guide</a> (English)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Savvas Parent Guide</a> (Spanish)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Savvas Parent Guide</a> (Arabic)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Unit 1 Selection Titles</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  | <b><a href="#">Maryland College and Career Ready Standards for English Grades 6-8</a></b>                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Unit 1 Introduction</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| • Grandfather’s Garden, Cyber-Seniors (media)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | RI.7.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Whole-Class Learning</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| • Don’t Just Sit There Like a Punk by Matt de la Pena                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | RL.7.2, RL.7.3, RL.7.4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| • The Case of the Disappearing Words by Alice Andre-Clark                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | RI.7.2, RI.7.3, RI.7.4, RI.7.5, RI.7.6                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Timed Writing</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| • Compare-Contrast Essay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | RI.7, W.7.2, W.7.9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Peer-Group Learning</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| • <i>from</i> Mom & Me & Mom by Maya Angelou                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | RI.7.2, RI.7.3, RI.7.4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| • Learning to Love My Mother by Maya Angelou with Michael Maher                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | RI.7.9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| • Mother-Daughter Drawings by Mica and Myla Hendricks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | L.7.6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| • Poetry Collection 1: Ode to My Papi by Guadalupe Garcia McCall, Mother to Son by Langston Hughes, To James by Frank Horne                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | RL.7.2, RL.7.4, RL.7.5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Performance Task</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| • Speaking and Listening: Present a Personal Narrative                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | W.7.3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Independent Learning (Student Choice)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| • Poetry Collection 2: Lineage by Margaret Walker & Family by Grace Paley                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | RL.7.2, RL.7.4, RL.7.5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| • “Gotcha Day” Isn’t a Cause for Celebration by Sophie Johnson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  | RI.7.4, RI.7.6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| • Water Names by Lan Samantha Chang                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | RL./RI.7.10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| • An Hour with Abuela by Judith Ortiz Cofer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <b>Reflect and Respond</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | W.7.4, SL.7.1, SL.7.5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Unit 1 Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | RL.7.2, RL.7.5<br>RI.7.2 - RI.7.9                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Whole-Class Novel or Book Clubs</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Novels for consideration are listed below. Teachers may select a novel for whole-class study or create book clubs of selected texts.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | RI/RL.7.2-7.9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Grade 7 Unit 2: Living Among the Stars</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Essential Question:</b> <i>Should we make a home in space?</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Unit 2 Selection Titles</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | <b><a href="#">Maryland College and Career Ready Standards for English Grades 6-8</a></b>                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Unit 2 Introduction</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Humans Are Not Meant to Live in Space, 6 Nasa Technologies to Get Humans to Mars (media)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | RI.7.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Whole-Class Learning</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Space Settlement Art (National Space Society)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | L.7.3, L.7.5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dark They Were, and Golden-Eyed by Ray Bradbury</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | RL.7.2, RL.7.4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dark They Were, and Golden-Eyed (Radio Play) by Ray Bradbury and Michael McDonough</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  | RL.7.7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Timed Writing</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare-Contrast Essay</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | RL.7.7, W.7.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Peer-Group Learning</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan to Start Research on the Moon and Mars for Humans by Tomoyuki Suzuki</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | RI.7.2, RI.7.4, RI.7.6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why We Should Continue to Explore Space by Sheri Buckner</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | RI.7.4, RI.7.5, RI.7.6, RI.7.8                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why We Should Save Earth Before Colonizing Mars by Bruce Dorminey</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | RI.7.3, RI.7.4, RI.7.6, RI.7.8, RI.7.9                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Performance Task</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaking and Listening: Conduct a Debate</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | SL.7.2, SL.7.3, SL.7.4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Independent Learning (Student Choice)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beyawned Earth: Pillownauts and the Downside of Space Travel by Jennifer Mason</li> <li>Danger! This Mission to Mars Could Bore You to Death by Maggie Koerth</li> <li>Time Capsule Found on the Dead Planet by Margaret Atwood</li> <li>Space Comics (Various Cartoonists)</li> </ul>                                                  | RI.7.2, RI.7.4, RI.7.6<br>RL./RI.7.10                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Reflect and Respond</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | W.7.4, SL.7.5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Unit 2 Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | RI.7.4, RI.7.6, RI.7.8, RI.7.9                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Whole-Class Novel or Book Clubs</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Grade 7 Unit 3: Transformation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Essential Question: <i>Can people really change?</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Unit 3 Selection Titles</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b><a href="#">Maryland College and Career Ready Standards for English Grades 6-8</a></b>                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Unit 3 Introduction</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Golden Windows, How Do You Overcome a Fear of Spiders? (media)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | RI.7.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Whole-Class Learning</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>from</i> A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | RL.7.4, RL.7.6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley (Acts 1 &amp; 2) based on novella by Charles Dickens</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | RL.7.2, RL.7.3, RL.7.4, RL.7.5, RL.7.6                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Timed Writing</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical Review</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | W.7.1, W.7.9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Peer-Group Learning</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learning Rewires the Brain by Alison Pearce Stevens</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | RI.7.2, RI.7.4, RI.7.5, RI.7.5, RI.7.8                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poetry Collection: Trying to Name What Doesn't Change, I Myself, Do not trust the eraser</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | RL.7.2, RL.7.4, RL.7.5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makeup Artist Mimi Choi's Mesmerizing Art-Inspired Beauty Looks by Ryma Chikhoun / Mimi Choi Brings Fear to Life with Her Makeup Artistry by True Calling Media</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                              | RI.7.2, RI.7.4, RI.7.7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Performance Task</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaking and Listening: Deliver a Dramatic Adaptation</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | W.7.4, W.7.5, SL.7.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Independent Learning (Student Choice)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little Things Are Big by Jesus Colon</li> <li>The Story of Victor d' Aveyron, The Wild Child by Eloise Montallban</li> <li>A Retrieved Reformation by O. Henry</li> <li>The Old Man and His Grandson by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm</li> </ul>                                                                                              | RL.7.2, RL.7.4<br>RI.7.2, RI.7.4, RI.7.6<br>RL./RI.7.10                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Reflect and Respond</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | W.7.4, W.7.9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Unit 3 Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | RL.7.2, RL.7.3, RL.7.5, RL.7.6<br>RI.7.2, RI.7.5, RI.7.7, RI.7.8                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Whole-Class Novel or Book Clubs</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Grade 7 Unit 4: Learning from Nature</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Essential Question: <i>What is the relationship between people and nature?</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Unit 4 Selection Titles</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b><a href="#">Maryland College and Career Ready Standards for English Grades 6-8</a></b>                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Unit 4 Introduction</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wildlife Rehabbers Are Here to Help, Protecting the Land of the Spirit Bear (media)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | RI.7.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Whole-Class Learning</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Bee Highway: Making a Place for Bees in the City by Kathryn Hulick</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | RI.7.2, RI.7.4, RI.7.5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>from</i> Silent Spring by Rachel Carson</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | RI.7.4, RI.7.6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How Grandmother Spider Stole the Sun by Michael J. Caduto &amp; Joseph Bruchac / Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon by Richard Erdoes &amp; Alfonso Ortiz</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                            | RL.7.2, RL.7.3, RL.7.4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Timed Writing</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare-Contrast Essays 1 &amp; 2</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | W.7.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Peer-Group Learning</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Purpose in Poetry: Or, Earthrise by Amanda Gorman</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | RL.7.2, RL.7.4, RL.7.6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earthrise by Amanda Gorman</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | RL.7.7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creature Comforts: Three Biology-Based Tips for Builders by Mary Beth Cox</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | RI.7.4, RI.7.5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He-y, Come on Ou-t! by Shinichi Hoshi</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | RL.7.2, RL.7.3, RL.7.4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Performance Task</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaking and Listening: Give and Follow Directions</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | W.7.4, SL.7.4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Independent Learning (Student Choice)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>from</i> My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George</li> <li>How the Teens of St. Pete Youth Farm Fight Food Insecurity by Gabrielle Calise</li> <li>Rice University Researchers Are Turning Dead Spiders Into “Necrobots” by Ariana Garcia</li> <li>Lyric Poetry: Turtle Watchers, Jaguar, The Sparrow</li> </ul> | RL.7.2, RL.7.4,<br>RI.7.2, RI.7.4, RI.7.6<br>RL./RI.7.10                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Reflect and Respond</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Unit 4 Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | RL/RI.7.2 –RL/RI..7.4, RL.7.7                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Whole-Class Novel or Book Clubs</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Grade 7 Unit 5: Facing Adversity</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Essential Question: <i>How do we overcome life’s challenges?</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Language Framework</a></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Unit 5 Selection Titles</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b><a href="#">Maryland College and Career Ready Standards for English Grades 6-8</a></b>                                           |
| <b>Unit 5 Introduction</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Against the Odds, This 15-Year-Old Beat a Rare Disease to Become a Competitive Cyclist (media)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                             | RI.7.2                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Whole-Class Learning</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black Sunday: The Storm That Gave Us the Dust Bowl by Erin Blakemore</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | RI.7.2, RI.7.4, RI.7.6                                                                                                              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>from</i> Survival in the Storm: The Dust Bowl Diary of Grace Edwards by Katelan Jankle</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                  | RL.7.2, RL.7.4, RL.7.9                                                                                                              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A More Accessible World by Lisa Christensen</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | RI.7.2, RI.7.4, RI.7.5                                                                                                              |
| <b>Timed Writing</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare-and-Contrast Essay</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | W.7.2                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Peer-Group Learning</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Circuit by Francisco Jimenez / How This Son of Migrant Farm Workers Became an Astronaut by Jose Hernandez &amp; Octavio Blanco</li> <li><b><u>OR</u></b></li> <li>A Work in Progress by Aimee Mullins / Simile: Willow and Ginko, Four Skinny Trees by Sandra Cisneros</li> </ul> | Circuit: RL.7.3, RL.7.4<br>Son of Migrant Farm Worker: RI.7.3, RI.7.4, RI.7.5, RI.7.9<br>Work in Progress: RI.7.4<br>Simile: RL.7.4 |
| <b>Performance Task</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaking and Listening: Present an Informational Text</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | W.7.4, W.7.5, SL.7.1                                                                                                                |
| <b>Independent Learning (Student Choice)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Girl Who Fell from the Sky by Julianne Keopcke</li> <li>Malala Yousafzai: Speech to United Nations Security Council by Malala Yousafzai</li> <li><i>from</i> The Story of My Life by Helen Keller</li> <li>Rikki-Tikki-Tavi by Rudyard Kipling</li> </ul>                         | RL.7.2, RL.7.4<br>RI.7.2, RI.7.4, RI.7.6<br>RL./RI.7.10                                                                             |
| <b>Reflect and Respond</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | W.7.4, W.7.9                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Unit 5 Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | RL.7.2, RL.7.3, RL.7.5, RL.7.9<br>RI.7.2, RI.7.3 - RI.7.6, RI.7.9                                                                   |
| <b>Whole-Class Novel or Book Clubs</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Novels for consideration are listed below. Teachers may select a novel for whole-class study or create book clubs of selected texts.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                       | RI./RL. 7.2 - 7.9                                                                                                                   |

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**Novels for consideration:** *Fever 1793, The Lions of Little Rock, Nothing but the Truth, Out of the Dust, Peak, Resistance, The Running Dream, The Seventh Most Important Thing, Starfish, A World Without Fish, Code Talkers, Good Different, Among the Hidden, Boy*

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