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RL.2 RL.3 L.4 L.4A L.4B L.6 RI.2 RI.5 RI.6 W.2 W.2a W.2b L.1 L.2 SL	**Unit 1 Fiction and Nonfiction** UEQ-What is the best way to find the truth? LEQ -How do authors make characters come alive? LEQ - How do we recognize the major components of plot? LEQ-What are the elements of setting? LEQ- What is the importance of theme? LEQ- How is conflict critical to a text? LEQ- How does using context clues improve understanding? LEQ- How do you determine the point of view? LEQ- How do we recognize details that indicate the author's purpose? LEQ- How does dialogue enhance a story? LEQ- How do we write an effective descriptive essay?	***Special Education modifications and enrichment- utilize acceleration program: incorporate the series supplemental material to scaffold in order to assist at- risk students as well as enrichment students.*** Meet the Author Video Unit 1 Introduction Pearsonsuccess.net Activities Teacher-directed, collaborative, and independent reading of texts from Prentice Hall Text Vocabulary building	Connections: • Hindenburg • Chinese culture and famous places • Good luck charms around the world • Irish Potato famine • Dominican Republic	Diagnostic Test Unit 1. Portfolios Beginning of the year Benchmark Test. Story Selection tests	Pearson Prentice Hall Literature Text • Three Century Woman • Fall of the House of Usher • Papa's Parrot • MK • The Luckiest Time of All • Barrio Boy • A Day's Wait • All Summer in a Day • The Night the Bed Fell • Stolen Day Novels Online component Pearsonsuccessnet.com Teacher created materials

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		activities Graphic organizers Open-ended questions/RAISE Restate Answer all questions Include powerful vocabulary Support answer with detail. Extend –make connections Scaffolding of main concepts taught. Writing Scoring Rubric Journal Writing Note-taking Memoir writing Brainpop			

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		Grammar-Common and proper nouns Personal/possessive nouns			

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L7.2b L7.3 L7.4b L7.4c L7.5a L7.5c L7.6		Short Story Analysis Scaffolding of main concepts taught Writing Rubric Journal Writing Note taking Grammar- Verbs, Adjectives, Adverbs A or B Story- Differentiated instruction Six traits of writing			

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	Unit 4: Exploring Poetry UEQ- What is the secret to reaching someone through verse? LEQ- How can you utilize the elements of poetry to appreciate, comprehend, and compose poems? LEQ- How do we determine the meaning of a poem? LEQ- What are the literary devices used in poetry? LEQ- How can paraphrasing be used to better understand poetry? LEQ- How do you effectively read a poem?	Poetry writing Poetry jam Poetry Collections 1- Loneliness and nature 2- Animal, plants, and flowers 3- Life, nature, and courage 4- Expressing admiration for people and nature 5- Exploring responsibility, individuality, and musicality of rain 6- Ideas of loss, rhythmic travel, and watery words 7- Honoring		Diagnostic test Selection tests Portfolio Poetry writing Collection Benchmark tests	

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		people important to the speaker 8- Celebrates memorable characters and experiences			