

## Grade 7

*The Grade 7 Core ELA units take students through literary and nonfiction texts that explore how individuals are affected by their choices, journeys, and interactions with others. Students will begin this unit as readers, and they will finish as writers, as they apply what they have learned about writing genres to their own writing projects.*

<p><b>Unit Title:</b> Conflicts and Clashes  <b>Essential Question:</b>            When do differences become conflicts?</p>	<p><b>Genre Focus:</b> Fiction  <b>Writing:</b> Narrative</p>	<p>This unit offers a wide variety of literature for students to explore questions while also exploring texts in the unit’s genre focus, fiction.</p>	<p>Sample Readings:            Rikki Tikki Tavi            Monsters Are Due on Maple</p>
<p><b>Unit Title:</b> Highs and Lows  <b>Essential Question:</b>            What do we learn from love and loss?</p>	<p><b>Genre Focus:</b> Poetry  <b>Extended Writing Project:</b> Literary Analysis</p>	<p>The unit offers a wide variety of literature including both contemporary and classic works. The selections also include poems about family relationships.</p>	<p>Sample Readings:            Excerpts from <i>Tangerine</i>, and Dickens’s <i>A Christmas Carol</i>            “<i>The Highwayman</i>”</p>
<p><b>Unit Title:</b> Chasing the Impossible  <b>Essential Question:</b>            What makes a dream worth pursuing?</p>	<p><b>Genre Focus:</b> Argumentative Text  <b>Extended Writing Project:</b> Argument</p>	<p>The selections convey a range of messages about people overcoming obstacles to create a better life for themselves and their community.</p>	<p>Sample Readings:            Excerpt from <i>We Beat the Street</i>            The First Americans            Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad</p>
<p><b>Unit Title:</b> Moment of Truth  <b>Essential Question:</b>            How can one event change everything?</p>	<p><b>Genre &amp; Writing Focus:</b> Informational Text</p>	<p>Texts explore the events and moments that shaped the lives of extraordinary individuals. Students learn how a moment can activate a chain of events that result in dramatic change.</p>	<p>Sample Readings:            The Boy Who Harnessed Wind            “Casey at the Bat”</p>