

# **Rigorous Curriculum Design**

# **Unit Planning Organizer**



Subject:	ELA				Grade:	8
Unit	5 Unit Name:		Novel Study (My Brothe	r Sam Is Dead, Divergent, H	unger Game	s, The Giver,
Number:			etc.)			
Unit Length	Five Wee	eks/25 days + Five	s/25 days + Five Buffer Days Mins/Day: 50 minutes			
Unit Synopsis	track the	central idea, the sive poster that e	me, conflict and resolution	ow they apply to a novel. St on over the course of the no oose sides on a topic. Their le students.	vel. The fina	al product will be

#### **ELA CCSS**

- RL 8.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.
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- RL 8.5 Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts and analyze how the differing structure of each text contributes to its meaning and style.
- RL 8.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
- RI 8.9 Analyze a case in which two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic and identify where the texts disagree on matters of fact or interpretation.
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  - d. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

#### Collaborative

Collaborative 1 Exchanging information and ideas with others through oral collaborative discussions on a range of social and academic topics (SL8.1)

Collaborative 3 Offering and justifying opinions, negotiating with and persuading others in communicative exchanges (W8.1)

## Interpretative

Interpretive 5 Listening actively to spoken English in a range of social and academic context (SL8.1)

Interpretive 6 Reading closely literary and informational texts and viewing multimedia to determine how meaning is conveyed explicitly and implicitly through language (RI/RL8.2)

Interpretive 7 Evaluating how well writers and speakers use language to support ideas and arguments with details or evidence depending on modality, text type, purpose, audience, topic, and content area (L8.5)

Interpretive 8 Analyzing how writers and speakers use vocabulary and other language resources for specific purposes (to explain, persuade, entertain, etc.) depending on modality, text type, purpose, audience, topic, and content area (L8.5)

#### **Productive**

Productive 10 Writing literary and informational texts to present, describe, and explain ideas and information, using appropriate technology (W8.1) (W8.2) (L8.5)

Productive 11 Justifying own arguments and evaluating others' arguments in writing (W8.1)

Productive 12 Selecting and applying varied and precise vocabulary and language structures to effectively convey ideas (L8.5)

## **Unwrapped Priority Standards**

"Unwrapped" Skills (Students need to be able to do)	"Unwrapped" Concepts (Students need to know)	Bloom's Taxonomy (Level of Cognitive Rigor)	Depth of Knowledge (Target for Unit Mastery)
RL 8.2 Determine Analyze Provide	<ul> <li>Theme or central idea</li> <li>Development over time and relationship to characters, setting, and plot</li> <li>Objective Summary</li> </ul>	Level 4: Analyze	Level 2: Skills and Concepts
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W 8.1	• Claims		
Write	<ul> <li>Opposing claims</li> </ul>	Level 6:	Level 4:
Support	<ul> <li>Reasons and evidence</li> </ul>	Create	Extended Thinking
	<ul> <li>Credible sources</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Cohesion</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Clear relationships (claim, counter claim,</li> </ul>		
	reason, evidence)		
	Formal style		
	Concluding statement		
W 8.2	<ul> <li>Informative/explanatory text</li> </ul>		Level 3:
Write	<ul> <li>Topic or thesis statement</li> </ul>	Level 6:	Strategic
Examine	Develop the topic	Create	Thinking/Reasoning
			Or
			Level 4:
			Extended Thinking
L 8.5	<ul> <li>Understanding of figurative language, word</li> </ul>		
Demonstrate	relationships, and nuances in word meanings.	Level 2:	Level 2:
Interpret	<ul> <li>Figures of speech</li> </ul>	Understand	Skills and Concepts
Use	<ul> <li>Word relationships</li> </ul>		
Distinguish	<ul> <li>Connotation and denotation</li> </ul>		

# **Learning Progressions of Skills and Concepts**

Anchor Standard	RL2 Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.		
Previous Grade		Current Grade	Next Grade
Determine a theme or centre text and analyze its develop the course of the text; provious objective summary of the text.	ment over ide an ext.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.
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Previous Grade		Current Grade	Next Grade
Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.		Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.
Anchor Standard		1 Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid asoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.	

		English Language Arts
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W2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

# Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. a. Introduce a topic or thesis

- a. Introduce a topic or thesis statement clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension. CA
- Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

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relevant content. CA

**Current Grade** 

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**Next Grade** 

- a. Introduce a topic or thesis statement; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension. CA
- Develop the topic with wellchosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

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Anchor Standard	L5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.		
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Essential Questions	Corresponding Big Ideas		
(RL8.2) How is a theme developed?	(RL8.2) Character, setting and plot help develop a theme/central idea.		
(RI8.2) How is a central idea developed?	(RI8.2) Supporting ideas help develop the central idea of a text.		
(W8.1) Why are supporting claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence important when writing an argument?	(W8.1) Arguments are strengthened with clear reasons and relevant evidence from credible sources.		
(W8.2) Why do we write informative/explanatory texts?	(W8.2) Informative/explanatory texts examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information.		
(SL 8.1) Why are collaborative discussions important?	(SL 8.1) Collaborative discussions enable us to express and develop ideas clearly.		
(L8.5) What affects our understanding of text?	<b>(L8.5)</b> Figurative language, word relationships and nuances impact meaning which affects our understanding of texts.		
Unit Voca	bulary Words		
Academic Cross-Curricular Vocabulary (Tier 2)	Content/Domain Specific Vocabulary (Tier 3)		
See Sample Vocabulary List on P Drive (Mix of Tier 2 and Tier 3 Words)	See Sample Vocabulary List on P Drive (Mix of Tier 2 and Tier 3 Words)		
Resources for Vocabulary Developm	nent (Strategies, Routines and Activities)		
See Year-Long Resource folder on P drive.			
Informal synonym and context clue list.			

	Unit Assessments				
	Pre-Assessment	Post-Assessment			
Test	Description: Argumentative Writing	Test Description: Argumentative Writing			
If ad	se see www.alvordschools.org/cfa for the most ent EADMS CFA ID Numbers.  Iministering test online, students will click on links to them to the two articles; if administering hard copy, articles are in the resource folder.	https://www.newsela.com/articles/D-day-fallen/id/4277/  Please see www.alvordschools.org/cfa for the most current EADMS CFA ID Numbers.			
	Scoring Guides	and Answer Keys			
(Incl	SBAC Argumentative 4-Point Rubric uded in EADMS test and also on P-Drive and District mon Core Link)	See SBAC Argumentative 4-Point Rubric (Included in EADMS test and also on P-Drive and District Common Core Link)			
	Assessment	Differentiation			
Students with Disabilities	Reference IEP  Accommodations and Modifications  See Website for suggestions on accommodating based http://www.alvordusdrcd.com/	on specific IEPs:			

	Engaging Scenario Overview	
	(Situation, challenge, role, audience, product or performance)	1
Description:		Days: Three
create a poster tha assigned a side in t your ideals. Make i	t and you have been given the task to recruit people for your army. Your group will t persuades people to buy into your ideals and fight for your cause. You will be he conflict to represent. Your poster must contain a slogan, visual, and declaration of t dynamic and persuasive. The best posters from each class will be displayed around will be an enlistment survey to determine the winner of the most recruits.	Mins/Day: 50
	Engaging Learning Experiences Synopsis of Authentic Performance Tasks	
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Performance Tasks	Description	Suggested Length of Time
Task 1:	Suggested activity for My Brother Sam is Dead:	Days: Three
Mini Research Project and Poster; Gallery Walk	In order to reinforce concepts learned in history and prepare for the time period of the chosen novel, the students will conduct mini research projects or web quests where they will work in groups to research one topic and create a poster of their information. They will then hang their posters and the class will participate in a gallery walk where they will take notes on all of the topics that were selected by the teacher.	Mins/Day: 50
	Suggested Research Topics:  Everyday life in a colonial town  Medicine/Disease  Education  Loyalist v. Patriot  Being a soldier (conditions, pay, etc.)  Occupations  Colonial Money  Women's Roles  Religion  Technology  Suggested activity for dystopian literature (Divergent, Hunger Games, The Giver, etc.):  Students will research dystopian and utopian societies. Students will use the information gathered to create a collage using images that depict dystopian and utopian concepts. Students will write a two paragraph response explaining and justifying how their images represent dystopia/utopia.	

Nonfiction Reading Guide  Smith to Gov. Gage Reading Guide.pdf	Students will read a piece on nonfiction as they read, they will complete a nonfiction sections and requires the students to pull meaning in their own words. Teachers car the class and have the students complete as a jigsaw activity.  Suggested text for My Brother Sam is Deal Smith to Gage letter	Days: Two  Mins/Day: 50		
Task 3:  Chapter Road  Map  Chapter Road  Map.docx	As students read the novel, they will compeach chapter or groups of chapters (as deprovide a one sentence summary, find 3 processed on a teacher provided for <i>My Brother Sam is Dead</i> ).  Suggested Novel:	Days: 15 Mins/Day: 50		
Task 4:	My Brother Sam is Dead  Students participate in "fishbowl discussion	ons" centered on specific questions posed		
<u>Fishbowl</u>	by the teacher relating to the novel.  *See detailed description of Fishbowl pro-			
Task 5:	Student will write a response to literature essay about the novel they completed.			
Essay	Sample prompts for My Brother Sam is Dead is in the P-drive			
Interdisciplinary Connections	History 8			
Scoring Rubric	See SBAC Argumentative Rubric			
	21 <sup>st</sup> Cent	ury Skills		
	novation	☐ Initiative and Self-Direction		
_	and Problem Solving	⊠Social and Cross-Cultural Skills		
<b>⊠</b> Communication		☐ Productivity and Accountability		
☐ Flexibility and Ad	•	☐ Leadership and Responsibility		
☐Globally and Fina	•			
✓ Information and Media Literacy □				
Connections between 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills, CCCSS, and Unit Overview:				
Enables innovative learning methods that integrate the use of supportive technologies, inquiry- and problem-based				
approaches and higher order thinking skills				
Teaches 21st century skills discretely in the context of key subjects and 21st century interdisciplinary themes				
		rategies (such as formative assessments) to	•	
	nd create environments that support differen			
from P21 and Costa & Kallick, 2008, http://www.p21.org/about-us/p21-framework				

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Mini Research Project and Poster; Gallery Walk	Technology (i.e. military weapons, inventions)		

## **Priority Standard(s)**

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Big Idea(s)	(SL 8.1) Collaborative	discussions enable us to express and devel	op ideas clearly.	
idea(3)	(L8.5) Figurative lang	uage, word relationships and nuances impo	act meaning.	
Blo	om's	DOK	Scoring Rubric	
Level 6: Create		Level 3: Strategic Thinking/Reasoning	See Poster Rubric Below	

# (Suggested Instructional Strategies and Tasks) **Teaching and Learning Sequence** Mini review on research and Cornell note-taking Put students in pairs or groups and assign topic to be researched (Students may be assigned roles so they can split up the elements needed for the research) Allow students access to computers for a 1-day research with partner/group Have students create poster for their assigned topic Display posters around the classroom; have students take Cornell notes on the various topics as they participate in the Gallery Walk (e.g., Textbook References, Multi-Media Sources, Additional Print Sources and Artifacts)

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\*See Task 1 Resource folder on the P Drive

	Strategies for Differentiation					
All Students	SWD	ELs	Enrichment			
Research	Reference IEP	Emerging	Students can create a			
	Accommodations and		multi-media presentation in			
Poster Creation	Modifications	Provide structured posters	lieu of a poster.			
Gallery Walk C-Notes	See Website for suggestions on accommodating based on specific IEPs: <a href="http://www.alvordusdrcd.com/">http://www.alvordusdrcd.com/</a>	that clearly label the parts and number of sentences/details required for each section.	Students may act as "gallery guides" and stand by their posters providing a short oral presentation on			
		Expanding	their findings and understanding of the topic.			
		Provide sentence frames and/or guided questions and a structured poster guide with no required number of details.				
		Bridging				
		Specific teacher-selective grouping for the project and guided questions.				

W Poster Rubric.docx **Scoring Rubric** 

Task Description	TASK: Nonfiction Reading Guide  Students will read a piece on nonfiction associated with the topic of the novel. As they read, they will complete a nonfiction reading guide that breaks the text into sections and requires the students to pull important pieces of text and explain the meaning in their own words. Teachers can complete the first half of the text with the class and have the students complete the remainder independently, in pairs, or as a jigsaw activity.	Suggested Length	Days: Two Mins/Day: 50
	Priority Standard	(s)	
Standards Addressed	RI 8.2 Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its dever including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an object SL 8.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussion with diverse partners on <i>grade 8 topics, texts, and issues,</i> build clearly.  a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or research that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, under discussion.  b. Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-mak deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.  c. Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speak comments with relevant evidence, observations, and if the decision own views in light of the evidence presented.	ons (one-on-one, in groups, a ing on others' ideas and exponed material under study; exponed to others' questions, track progress toward spacers and respond to others' questions.	nd teacher-led) ressing their own plicitly draw on eflect on ideas pecific goals and uestions and
Standards	L 8.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and mult grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence of a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.  b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes (e.g., precede, recede, secede).  c. Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g. both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a wide meaning or its part of speech or trace the etymology of d. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).	iple-meaning words or phras strategies. r paragraph; a word's positionse. s and roots as clues to the me .g., dictionaries, glossaries, the ord or determine or clarify its	n or function in eaning of a word nesauruses), s precise

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		Target ELD Standard(s)				
		anging information and ideas with others thro cademic topics (SL8.1)	ugh oral collaborative discussions on a			
	Interpretative Interpretive 5 Listen	ve 5 Listening actively to spoken English in a range of social and academic context (SL8.1)				
	'	ng closely literary and informational texts and a sexplicitly and implicitly through language (RI/				
	Productive Productive 11 Justif	ying own arguments and evaluating others'	arguments in writing (W8.1)			
Essential	(RI8.2) How is a cer	tral idea developed?				
Question(s)	(SL 8.1) Why are co	ollaborative discussions important?				
Big	(RI8.2) Supporting i	deas help develop the central idea of a text.				
Idea(s)	(SL 8.1) Collaboration	ve discussions enable us to express and deve	lop ideas clearly.			
Bloo	om's	DOK	Scoring Rubric			
Lev	el 4:	Level 3:				
Ana	llyze	Strategic Thinking/Reasoning	0- 3 Rubric			
<i>p</i> 0		Suggested Instructional Strategies	and Tasks			
Learning	Show completed le	tter on ELMO and read to class				
_	Model how to do the first section: read, find important text, summarize text, fill in handout					
Teaching and Sequer	Students in groups	work together in an "expert" group to fill ou	t one of the remaining passages.			
Теас	Students can then j	Students can then jigsaw and take notes on the remaining passages				
	(e.g., Textbo	ok References, Multi-Media Sources, Additi	onal Print Sources and Artifacts)			
Resources and Materials		Jigsaw in 9 Easy Smith to Gov. Gage Sm Steps.docx Reading Guide.pdf	ith to Gov. Gage Letter.pdf			
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Strategies for Differentiation				
All Students	SWD	ELs	Enrichment	
Jigsaw Graphic Organizer	Reference IEP Accommodations and Modifications  See Website for suggestions on accommodating based on specific IEPs: http://www.alvordusdrcd.com/	Emerging Provide sentence frames  Expanding Provide sentence frames and/or guided questions  Bridging Specific teacher-selective grouping	Students can rewrite the letter in text-message form. This would make them be more concise and truly identify the meaning (students can look at the most important text for help).	

	<ul> <li>A proficient response:         <ul> <li>Gives sufficient evidence of the ability to give only relevant factual information</li> <li>Avoids use of opinions</li> </ul> </li> <li>1         <ul> <li>Partial</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Scoring Rubric	A partial response:  • Gives limited evidence of the ability to include only relevant information
ccogc	May include some opinion
	No credit
	<ul> <li>A response gets no credit if:</li> <li>Provides no evidence of the ability to summarize the article without including opinion.</li> <li>Does not identify any relevant facts</li> </ul>

	Chapter Road Map	Suggested	Days: 15
	As students read the novel, they will complete a Chapter Road Map handout for each chapter or groups of chapters (as designated by the teacher). It is recommended that two to three chapters be chunked at a time for the Chapter Road Map.	Length	Mins/Day: 50
	After reading the chapters, students will provide a one to two sentence summary, find 3 pieces of textual evidence, and write a constructed response based on a teacher generated question (sample questions provided for <i>My Brother Sam is Dead</i> ).		
	This activity will run the length of the novel and should be completed either daily or as chapters are completed (teacher preference). This will be the main artifact for the reading of the novel.		
	*Optional Concurrent Activity: Teachers may also choose to have students complete vocabulary activities as they are reading. There is a list of possible vocabulary words included on the P drive. Based on teacher preference, students may complete formal activities or use the provided list as a running synonym guide students can keep using context clues to		
Task Description	decode meaning.		

## **Priority Standard(s)**

- RL 8.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.
- W8. 1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
  - a. Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
  - b. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
  - c. Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
  - d. Establish and maintain a formal style.
  - e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
- SL 8.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacherled) with diverse partners on *grade 8 topics, texts, and issues,* building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
  - a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
  - b. Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
  - c. Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
  - d. Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
- L 8.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
  - a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g. verbal irony, puns) in context.
  - b. Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
  - c. Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., *bullheaded*, *willful*, *firm*, *persistent*, *resolute*).

## **Supporting Standard(s)**

RL 8.5 Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts and analyze how the differing structure of each text contributes to its meaning and style.

W.8.10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

- L 8.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
  - a. Use verbs in the active and passive voice and in the conditional and subjunctive mood to achieve particular effects (e.g., emphasizing the actor or the action; expressing uncertainty or describing a state contrary to fact).
- L 8.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on *grade 8 reading and content*, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
  - a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
  - b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., *precede*, *recede*, *secede*).
  - c. Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech or trace the etymology of words. CA
  - d. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

	Target ELD Standard(s)
	Collaborative Collaborative 1 Exchanging information and ideas with others through oral collaborative discussions on a range of social and academic topics (SL8.1)
	Collaborative 3 Offering and justifying opinions, negotiating with and persuading others in communicative exchanges (W8.1)
	Interpretative Interpretive 5 Listening actively to spoken English in a range of social and academic context (SL8.1)
	Interpretive 6 Reading closely literary and informational texts and viewing multimedia to determine how meaning is conveyed explicitly and implicitly through language (RL8.2)
	Interpretive 7 Evaluating how well writers and speakers use language to support ideas and arguments with details or evidence depending on modality, text type, purpose, audience, topic, and content area (L8.5)
	Interpretive 8 Analyzing how writers and speakers use vocabulary and other language resources for specific purposes (to explain, persuade, entertain, etc.) depending on modality, text type, purpose, audience, topic, and content area (L8.5)
	Productive Productive 10 Writing literary and informational texts to present, describe, and explain ideas and information, using appropriate technology (W8.1) (L8.5)
	Productive 11 Justifying own arguments and evaluating others' arguments in writing (W8.1)
	Productive 12 Selecting and applying varied and precise vocabulary and language structures to effectively convey ideas (L8.5)
	(RL8.2) How is a theme developed?
Essential	(W8.1) Why are supporting claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence important when writing an argument?
Question(s)	(SL 8.1) Why are collaborative discussions important?
	(L8.5) What affects our understanding of text?
	(RL8.2) Character, setting and plot help develop a theme/central idea.
	(W8.1) Arguments are strengthened with clear reasons and relevant evidence from credible sources.
Big	(SL 8.1) Collaborative discussions enable us to express and develop ideas clearly.
Idea(s)	(L8.5) Figurative language, word relationships and nuances impact meaning.

Blo	om's	DOK	Scoring Rubric
Level 4: Analyze		Level 2: Skills and Concepts	Chapter Road Map Rubric.docx
in 8	Mini lesson on conte	(Suggested Instructional Strategies xt clues/vocabulary	s and Tasks)
nd Lear	Read the novel as a class, in pairs, groups, and independently (with or without audio)		
Optional Teaching and Learning Sequence	Allow students time at the end of the day or at the end of the chapters to fill in their Chapter Road Map		
nal Te	Stop frequently to participate in class discussions and check for understanding		
Teachers may choose to create and give the students quick comprehension quizzes throughout days if they choose.		nprehension quizzes throughout the 15	
Resources and Materials		k References, Multi-Media Sources, Addit	

# **Strategies for Differentiation**

All Students	SWD	ELs	Enrichment
Read Novel	Reference IEP Accommodations and	Emerging  Model filling out the chart.	Create a graphic novel chapter to replace one
Chapter Road Map	See Website for suggestions on accommodating based on	Provide sentence frames.  Expanding Provide some sentence	<ul><li>of the chapters.</li><li>Write a eulogy/elegy for Sam.</li></ul>
	specific IEPs: <a href="http://www.alvordusdrcd.com/">http://www.alvordusdrcd.com/</a>	frames. Selective pairing.	Book Jacket project
		Bridging Pair-share, guided questions on what evidence can be used.	Coded message (make up a code for the alphabet and write a message to someone in the army)



	Students participate in "fishbowl discussions" centered on specific	Suggested	Days: Two	
	questions posed by the teacher relating to the novel.	Length	Mins/Day: 50	
	The class is divided into two groups. One group of eight participates		Willis/Day. 30	
	in the fishbowl discussion that begins a question posed by the			
	teacher. As the group is discussing, the rest of the class takes notes			
	on either the content or process of the discussion.			
	of either the content of process of the discussion.			
Task Description	After roughly ten minutes or when it is apparent that the round of			
	discussion is over, the teacher asks the observers to share key			
	impressions from the details of their notes.			
	If time allows, another group then moves into the fishbowl and			
	another round commences.			
	*See detailed description and PowerPoint in Task 4 folder.			
	Priority Standard(s)			
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ress	c. Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and			
PΡV	comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.			
∕ sp	d. Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when to	warranted, quality	or justify their	
Standards Addressed	own views in light of the evidence presented.			
Star	Supporting Standard(s)			
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	Use verbs in the active and passive voice and in the conditional and subjunctive mood to achieve particular			
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	Interpretative Listening actively to spoken English in a range of social and academic context (SL8.1)				
	Evaluating how well writers and speakers use language to support ideas and arguments with details or evidence depending on modality, text type, purpose, audience, topic, and content area (L8.5)				
	Analyzing how writers and speakers use vocabulary and other language resources for specific purposes (to explain, persuade, entertain, etc.) depending on modality, text type, purpose, audience, topic, and content area (L8.5)				
Essential Question(s)	Why are collaborative discussions important?				
Big	Collaborative discu	ssions enable us to express and develop	ideas clearly.		
Idea(s)					
Bloom's		DOK	Scoring Rubric		
Lev	vel 4:	Level 4:	See "Fishbowl Rubric" in Task Four		
Analyze		Extended Thinking	Folder		
and ig ce		(Suggested Instructional Strategies and Tasks)			
Teaching a Learning Sequence	See "Everything You Wanted to Know about the Fishbowl Strategy" in the "Fishbowl Resources" folder in the Unit 3 Folder.				
	(e.g., Textbook References, Multi-Media Sources, Additional Print Sources and Artifacts)				
My Brother Sam Is Dead					
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Strategies for Differentiation				
All Students	SWD	ELs	Enrichment	
Participate in discussion     Take notes     Give feedback	Reference IEP Accommodations and Modifications  See Website for suggestions on accommodating based on specific IEPs: http://www.alvordusdrcd.com/	Observe discussion     Take notes in native language.     While sitting next to a proficient English speaker, ask for clarification and/or translation.  Expanding     Observe discussion     Take limited notes in English.     Discuss with neighbor impressions of observed discussion.  Bridging     Observe discussion     Take limited notes in English.     Participate in class discussion after fishbowl.	Student must take the open seat at least one time during another group's fishbowl session.	

**Scoring Rubric** 



See "Fishbowl Rubric" in Task Four Folder

### **Engaging Scenario**

## Detailed Description (situation, challenge, role, audience, product or performance)

## Description:

War has broken out and you have been given the task to recruit people for your army. Your group will create a poster that persuades people to buy into your ideals and fight for your cause. You will be assigned a side in the conflict to represent. Your poster must contain a slogan, visual, and declaration of your ideals. Make it dynamic and persuasive. The best posters from each class will be displayed around campus, and there will be an enlistment survey to determine the winner of the most recruits.

Students will work in groups or pairs to create a poster that encourages people to join their army (Rebel v British). Teachers may choose to assign sides or allow students to choose. Review the poster rubric with the students and show sample recruitment posters to start them in the right direction. After students have completed their posters, the class will vote on the best poster for each side of the war to represent their class. Teachers will then hang the selected posters around campus or other classrooms. 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teachers will then pass out ballots for their students to pick a side to enlist based on the posters they have seen around campus. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will then tally the responses and tell students who won the enlistment war.

Strategies for Differentiation				
All Students	SWD	ELs	Enrichment	
	Reference IEP	Emerging	Students create a video,	
Students work in groups and	Accommodations	Strategic grouping	MovieMaker, PowToons,	
can work off the ideas of	Modifications		etc. enlistment presentation,	
their peers		Students may substitute	as well as the poster.	
	See Website for suggestions on	American Revolutionary		
	accommodating based on	War for a revolutionary		
	specific IEPs:	war fought in home		
	http://www.alvordusdrcd.com/	country.		
		Students may create		
		poster with words and		
		phrases in native		
		language, or exclude the		
		use of text altogether.		
		Expanding		
		Students may create		
		poster with words and		
		phrases in native		
		language, or exclude the		
		use of text altogether.		
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		Bridging Students can ask for hole		
		Students can ask for help from teacher or students		
		when writing the text for		
		poster.		

	Feedback to Curriculum Team				
Re	Reflect on the teaching and learning process within this unit of study. What were some successes and challenges that				
might be helpful when refining this unit of study?					
Successes		Challenges			
Student Perspective					
Teacher Perspective					