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Literacy	The Night the Bed Fell by Thurber Shooting an Elephant by Orwell Selections of stories from early Asian civilizations.	Short Stories by Edgar Allan Poe; Cyrano de Bergerac by Rostand	The Secret Life of Walter Mitty by Thurber; The Necklace by Maupassant	The Gift of the Magi by O. Henry	Holocaust Novel Study including Diary of Anne Frank and other novels on loan from the Holocaust Center for Humanity in Seattle	Speech "Declaration of War on Japan" (FDR)	Call of the Wild	Poetry: National Poetry Month	Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
Writing	Narrative - Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.	Write a research paper, with attention to: asking open-ended questions gathering relevant data through library and field research summarizing, paraphrasing, and quoting, accurately when taking notes defining a thesis, organizing with an outline, integrating quotations from sources, acknowledging sources and avoiding plagiarism, preparing a bibliography	Compare and Contrast Essay - Write explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.	Descriptive Essay - Write informative texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.	Speech - Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings and emphasize salient points.		Persuasive Essay - Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.	Analyze how a drama's or poem's form or structure (e.g., soliloquy, sonnet) contributes to its meaning.	Memoir Writing - Write a memoir about an event in your own life.
Social Studies	Ancient Civilizations in the Eastern Hemisphere. Fall of Rome and the rise of the Dark Ages: Investigate how life changes for the citizens of the Roman Empire as the empire ends.	Describe and compare the beliefs, the spread, and the influence of religions throughout Europe, Asia, and Africa. What impact does the rise of the Holy Roman Empire have on civilizations.		Analyze the importance of trade routes and how they lead to the rise of cultural centers and cities in Europe, Asia, and Africa.		Analyze the historical importance of the Crusades and the impact the Crusades had on the people of the Eastern Hemisphere.	Discuss the connection between the Renaissance and Scientific Revolution and identify major cultural changes that came about from both movements.		Identify key voyages of discovery and how they lead to imperial conquests around the world. How did colonization impact existing societies and what lasting impacts are seen today?
Assessment	Narrative Essay	Research Paper	Compare and Contrast Essay	Descriptive Essay	Novel Group Project and Presentation		Persuasive Essay		Map Skills Test
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Literacy	Variety of Short Stories to practice close reading strategies.	Edgar Allen Poe Poems and stories	Twelfth Night by Shakespeare		Speeches and Essays - JFK Inaugural Address, MLK speech and essay		The Outsiders by SE Hinton	Poetry - National Poetry Month	Autobiography excerpts from I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou	
Writing	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.	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.	Research Paper- Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.	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.		Persuasive Essay - Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.	
Social Studies	Analyze the origins of the conflict between the 13 Colonies and Great Britain that lead to the Revolutionary War. Analyze the Declaration of Independence.	Examine the major American and British leaders, key events, international support, and consequences of the American Revolution.	Constitutional Convention: Key people and the creation of the Constitution. Analyze changes to the document throughout its history.	Rights and Responsibility of Citizens of United States	Industrial Revolution and the impact it had on US society and its economy.	Examine the social, political, and economic factors that caused Westward Expansion.	Civil War: Causes, major battles, lasting impact of the war. African American experience before and after the Emancipation Proclamation.	Reconstruction: Process of recovering from the war and the changes to society in the South. Lasting conflict from the war.	Geography of Canada and Mexico	
Assessment	Narrative essay	Explanatory Essay	Research Paper			Persuasive Essay	Explanatory Essay	Analysis Paper	Literary Analysis	
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