

<p><b>Grade:</b> 4  <b>Subject:</b> English  Language Arts</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unit of Study: Theme 2: Side by Side</b></p>
<p><b>Big Idea/Rationale:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will develop the ability to read a variety of texts which requires independence, comprehension, and fluency practice.</li> <li>• Students will analyze characters’ traits, feelings, relationships, conflicts, and point of view</li> <li>• Students will evaluate how characters solve problems and relate this knowledge to their own lives. Students will discover the benefits of embracing their own special qualities.</li> <li>• Students will develop strategies for close reading of fiction and nonfiction texts</li> <li>• Students will effectively apply prior knowledge to understand “cold” readings</li> <li>• Students will self-select and read a variety of texts voluntarily</li> <li>• Students will have opportunities for practice in reading independently using the Literature Circles model</li> <li>• Students will analyze point of view</li> <li>• Students will draft, revise, and edit writing using the Writing Process model, employing the 6 Traits of Effective Writing</li> </ul>
<p><b>Enduring Understanding (Mastery Objective):</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different reading skills and strategies are needed to understand a variety of materials.</li> <li>• Strategies good readers use include adjusting their rate, reading ahead, rereading, summarizing and paraphrasing</li> <li>• People apply critical thinking skills when reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing.</li> <li>• People evaluate materials and use a variety of resources to get information.</li> <li>• Reading comprehension is built on a solid foundation of vocabulary, context, practice, experience, and knowledge of the conventions of genre.</li> <li>• Reading allows the reader to connect and reflect upon their own lives.</li> <li>• Using prior knowledge about life will help the reader to understand the story better.</li> <li>• Writing is a process, not a result.</li> <li>• Writing is a way to communicate and express ourselves</li> <li>• Original ideas, precise vocabulary, clear organization and conventions are essential to quality writing.</li> <li>• Fiction writing elements include characters, setting, problem, sequence of events, and solution.</li> <li>• Nonfiction selections will answer many of the following who, what, where, when, why, and how.</li> <li>• Literature is a way to show and teach the importance of cooperation and working together.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Essential Questions (Instructional Objectives):</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What skills and strategies can we use to completely understand what we read and hear?</li> <li>• Which reading strategies and skills work best for each genre?</li> <li>• What is critical thinking? Why is critical thinking important?</li> <li>• How do we apply critical thinking skills to reading, writing, speaking, and our life decisions?</li> <li>• Why do we need a variety of resources to thoroughly understand a topic?</li> <li>• How do I evaluate these resources for accurate and timely information, as well as bias?</li> <li>• What are the most effective strategies a reader can use to understand a new text?</li> <li>• What lessons about the world and myself can I learn from reading?</li> <li>• What techniques are involved in writing narratives, informative texts, and opinion pieces?</li> <li>• What language choices can a writer make to improve a piece?</li> <li>• How are the six traits important to all types of writing?</li> <li>• What are the elements of fiction and nonfiction writing?</li> <li>• How can literature help students learn to cooperate?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Content (Subject Matter &amp; Lesson Objectives):</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Language Arts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Teach how to research, write, and present orally an aspect of Lenape life.</li> <li>○ Use a picture prompt or poem prompt to teach how to generate original ideas and use as a springboard for writing a story or personal narrative. (6 Traits: Organization, Sentence Fluency, Word Choice, and Conventions)</li> <li>○ Teach how to write informational pieces.</li> <li>○ Grammar (commonly confused words, pronouns, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Explain the difference between cause and effect relationships.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Novels:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Phoebe the Spy</i> by J.B. Griffin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Read and discuss passage of literature with students</li> <li>▪ Teach students how to will make a prediction.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <i>The Secret Soldier</i> by Ann McGovern <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Read and discuss passage of literature with students</li> <li>▪ Teach how to compare and contrast.</li> <li>▪ Give examples on how to write a diary entry from Deborah’s point of view</li> <li>▪ Give examples on how to dialogue to write a conversation</li> <li>▪ Show how to develop and interpret a time line of</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deborah Sampson’s life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Give examples on how to write a friendly letter.</li> <li>▪ Give examples on how to write a dialogue</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <i>The War with Grandpa</i> by Robert Kimmel Smith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Read and discuss a passage of literature with children</li> <li>▪ Teach how to write a description</li> <li>▪ Use literature as an example as to problem solve real life situations</li> <li>▪ Debate points of view</li> <li>▪ Analyze multiple representations of the text</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literature Circle Books</li> </ul>
<p><b>Skills/Benchmarks: (Standards)</b></p>	<p><b>Key Ideas and Details</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RL.4.1. Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.</li> <li>• RL.4.2. Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.</li> <li>• RL.4.3. Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character’s thoughts, words, or actions).</li> </ul> <p><b>Craft and Structure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RL.4.5. Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text.</li> <li>• Integration of Knowledge and Ideas</li> <li>• RL.4.7. Make connections between the text of a story or drama and a visual or oral presentation of the text, identifying where each version reflects specific descriptions and directions in the text.</li> <li>• RL.4.9. Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes and topics (e.g., opposition of good and evil) and patterns of events (e.g., the quest) in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.</li> <li>• Range of Reading and Complexity of Text</li> <li>• RL.4.10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, in the grades 4–5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Ideas and Details</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RI.4.1. Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.</li> <li>• RI.4.2. Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.</li> </ul>

- RI.4.3. Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.

#### **Craft and Structure**

- RI.4.4. Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a *grade 4 topic or subject area*.
- RI.4.5. Describe the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text.
- RI.4.6. Compare and contrast a firsthand and secondhand account of the same event or topic; describe the differences in focus and the information provided.
- Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
- RI.4.8. Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text.

#### **Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**

- RI.4.10. By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 4–5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

#### **Phonics and Word Recognition**

- RF.4.3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
- RF.4.3.A. Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.

#### **Fluency**

- RF.4.4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
- RF.4.4.A. Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.
- RF.4.4.B. Read grade-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression.
- RF.4.4.C. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.

#### **Text Types and Purposes**

- W.4.1. Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.
- W.4.1.A. Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create

an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support the writer's purpose.

- W.4.1.B. Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details.
- W.4.1.C. Link opinion and reasons using words and phrases (e.g., *for instance, in order to, in addition*).
- W.4.1.D. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.
- W.4.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
- W.4.2.A. Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
- W.4.2.B. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.
- W.4.2.C. Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., *another, for example, also, because*).
- W.4.2.D. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
- W.4.2.E. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.
- W.4.3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
- W.4.3.A. Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.
- W.4.3.B. Use dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.
- W.4.3.C. Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events.
- W.4.3.D. Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely.
- W.4.3.E. Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

#### **Production and Distribution of Writing**

- W.4.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
- W.4.5. With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.

#### **Research to Build and Present Knowledge**

- W.4.7. Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through

investigation of different aspects of a topic.

- W.4.8. Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources.
- W.4.9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- W.4.9.A. Apply *grade 4 Reading standards* to literature (e.g., “Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text [e.g., a character’s thoughts, words, or actions].”).
- W.4.9.B. Apply *grade 4 Reading standards* to informational texts (e.g., “Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text”).

#### **Range of Writing**

- W.4.10. 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.

#### **Comprehension and Collaboration**

- SL.4.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on *grade 4 topics and texts*, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- SL.4.1.A. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.
- SL.4.1.B. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.
- SL.4.1.C. Pose and respond to specific questions to clarify or follow up on information, and make comments that contribute to the discussion and link to the remarks of others.
- SL.4.1.D. Review the key ideas expressed and explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.
- SL.4.2. Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
- SL.4.3. Identify the reasons and evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.

#### **Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas**

- SL.4.4. Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.

- SL.4.5. Add audio recordings and visual displays to presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.
- SL.4.6. Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion); use formal English when appropriate to task and situation.

### **Conventions of Standard English**

- L.4.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
  - L.4.1.A. Use relative pronouns (*who, whose, whom, which, that*) and relative adverbs (*where, when, why*).
  - L.4.1.B. Form and use the progressive (e.g., *I was walking; I am walking; I will be walking*) verb tenses.
  - L.4.1.C. Use modal auxiliaries (e.g., *can, may, must*) to convey various conditions.
  - L.4.1.D. Order adjectives within sentences according to conventional patterns (e.g., *a small red bag* rather than *a red small bag*).
  - L.4.1.E. Form and use prepositional phrases.
  - L.4.1.F. Produce complete sentences, recognizing and correcting inappropriate fragments and run-ons.\*
  - L.4.1.G. Correctly use frequently confused words (e.g., *to, too, two; there, their*).\*
- L.4.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
  - L.4.2.A. Use correct capitalization.
- L.4.3.B. Use commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from a text.
- L.4.3.C. Use a comma before a coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence.
- L.4.3.D. Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.

### **Knowledge of Language**

- L.4.3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
  - L.4.3.A. Choose words and phrases to convey ideas precisely.\*
  - L.4.3.B. Choose punctuation for effect.\*
  - L.4.3.C. Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion).

### **Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**

- L.4.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-

	<p>meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L.4.4.A. Use context (e.g., definitions, examples, or restatements in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</li> <li>• L.4.4.B. Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.</li> <li>• L.4.5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.</li> <li>• L.4.5.A. Demonstrate understanding of words by relating them to their opposites (antonyms) and to words with similar but not identical meanings (synonyms).</li> <li>• L.4.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., quizzed, whined, stammered) and that are basic to a particular topic (e.g., <i>wildlife</i>, <i>conservation</i>, and <i>endangered</i> when discussing animal preservation).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Materials/Resources:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harcourt <i>Collections</i> texts</li> <li>• Supplemental Leveled Readers</li> <li>• McDougall-Littel <i>Language of Literature</i> texts</li> <li>• 6 Traits Writing</li> <li>• Released testing materials from the NJDOE</li> <li>• <i>The Continuum of Literacy Learning</i> by Fountas and Pinnell</li> <li>• <i>Phoebe the Spy</i> by J.B. Griffin</li> <li>• <i>The Secret Soldier</i> by Ann McGovern</li> <li>• <i>The War with Grandpa</i> by Robert Kimmel Smith</li> <li>• <i>Time for Kids Magazine</i></li> <li>• <a href="http://reading.ecb.org/">http://reading.ecb.org/</a> (Into the Book)</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.harcourtschool.com/menus/collections">http://www.harcourtschool.com/menus/collections</a></li> <li>• Sadlier, <i>Vocabulary Workshop</i></li> </ul>