

**Unit Title/Focus:** Dramatic Literature

**Grade Level:** 7

**Texts Examined:**

-Literary-

The Monsters are Due on Maple Street (teleplay)

Excerpt from *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens - Close Read

*A Christmas Carol* Drama by Frederick Gaines

“The Eighth Tuesday We Talk About Money” from *Tuesdays With Morrie* by Mitch Albom

-Informational-

“Do Experiences or Material Goods Make us Happier “ - Science Daily

“Study: Experiences Make Us Happier than Possessions” - CNN.com

**Writing:** (Argumentative, Expository, Narrative)

Perspective from Character (Narrative)

Comparison of versions (Expository)

Happiness Essay - research + Christmas Carol integration (Expository)

Effectiveness of Spirit/Best Scrooge Argument (Argumentative)

**Speaking:**

Reading roles aloud

**Viewing:**

Twilight Zone Episodes - “The Monsters are Due on Maple Street”(1960); “The Monsters Are On Maple Street” (2002)

YouTube Christmas Scrooge Vs Scrooge Vs Scrooge - 1935 - 1999

Disney’s *A Christmas Carol*

**Listening:**

Note taking on elements of drama and background

**Note:**

Grammar, language, conventions, and vocabulary are imbedded in every unit.