

Unit Title/Theme: Survival

Focus: Short Story/Legend/Historical

Grade Level: 8

Texts Examined:

-Literary-

“To Build a Fire” by Jack London

Nez Perce Legends from *Nu Mee Poom Tit Wah Tit*:

- “Coyote Builds a Dam” p. 48
- “Coyote and Killer Blind-Worm” p. 178
- “Cottontail and Thunder” p. 183
- “Rabbit Slays the Grizzly Bear” p. 198

Two Old Women: An Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage, and Survival by Velma Wallis

-Informational-

Robert Falcon Scott and Roald Amundsen (Photo Collages)

The Last Expedition, Ch. V (Explorers Journal)

Celebrating 100 years: Roald Amundsen's South Pole Expedition 1911 (Video)

Mann Gulch Tribute (Video)

Mann Gulch documents including photographs, maps, reports, articles, statements

Excerpt from *Young Men and Fire* by Norman MacLean

Writing: (Argumentative, Expository, Narrative)

Analysis of Amundsen traits and success (Argumentative)

“To Build a Fire” Mini Essay - why he didn’t survive (Argumentative)

Two Old Women Theme Essay (Expository)

Short answers to essential questions for each selection (Expository)

Speaking:

Socratic Circles

Group discussion

Viewing:

Aforementioned videos and photographs

Listening:

"Cold Missouri Water" performed by Cry, Cry, Cry (Song)

Note taking during Socratic Circle

Project:

Develop essay or other approved project that answers unit essential questions using evidence from three or more texts.

Note:

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

