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Unit Topic Lesson Skills

Unit 1: Plot and Setting

Literary Analysis: Plot and Setting

Skills Lesson: Plot and Setting

Literary Skill: Identify the characteristics, the components, and the cause and effect of plot in literary text. Identify and describe setting.

Plot: Plot Structure

Skills Lesson: Plot Structure

Literary Skill: Analyze and describe the elements of plot structure. Recognize and understand the significance of subplots in literary text.

Short Story: The Necklace

Literary Skill: Understand third-person point of view.

Reading Skill: Be able to summarize plot. Use graphic to aid in understanding plot.

Informational: Art Study: Corot

Info Skill: Connect literature to art. Be familiar with Corot's background and style.

Writing Skill: Write a journal entry to describe a connection of art to literature.

Plot: Flashback and Foreshadowing

Skills Lesson: Flashback and Foreshadowing

Literary Skill: Analyze the author's development of time and sequence using the literary devices of flashback and foreshadowing.

Short Story: The Most Dangerous Game

Literary Skill: Analyze foreshadowing, third person point of view - limited omniscient, and conflict.

Reading Skill: Summarize plot and identify setting.

Short Story: The Princess and the Tin Box

Literary Skill: Identify irony, especially situational irony, dramatic irony and verbal irony.

Reading Skill: Be able to make predictions.

Vocab Skill: Use prefixes to understand word meanings.

Setting: Time and Sequence

Skills Lesson: Time and Sequence

Literary Skill: Understand the author's use of time, sequence, and chronological order in text.

Short Story: The Red-headed League

Literary Skill: Understand the author's use of setting and time used in the text.

Reading Skill: Understand chronological order. Use graphic organizer in analyzing text.

Vocab Skill: Use words in context.

Setting: Mood and Tone

Skills Lesson: Mood and Tone

Literary Skill: Analyze the author's use of mood and tone in literary text.

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		Short Story: The Cask of Amontillado	Literary Skill: Understand the first-person narrator. Reading Skill: Draw conclusions and identify sensory details.
		Informational: Author Study	Info Skill: Tie author background to literary text.

Communication

		Introduction: What is Communication?	Reading Skill: Read web articles and synthesize information on technology. Speaking Skill: Learn and identify steps for effective communication. Listening Skill: Learn steps of effective listening. Writing Skill: Write a multi-paragraph journal entry using multiple sources. Use prediction in your journal entry.
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Grammar

		Parts of Speech: Proper Nouns	Grammar Skill: Use correct proper and common nouns. Use graphic organizer to show what proper nouns replace.
		Subject-Verb Agreement	Grammar Skill: Use correct subject-verb Agreement.

Writing

		The Writing Process	Writing Skill: Learn the steps of the writing process; Prewriting, Drafting, Revising, Editing, and Publishing.
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Unit 2: Character

Literary Analysis: Character

		Skills Lesson: Characterization	Literary Skill: Analyze characterization through description, traits, dialogue, internal vs. external conflict, and motivation.
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Description and Traits

		Skills Lesson: Character Description	Literary Skill: Identify and describe different types of characters and character traits/ Identify types of characterization such as direct and indirect, type of characters (round, flat, archetype).
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		Short Story: The Gift of the Magi	Literary Skill: Analyze the surprise ending and situational irony. Reading Skill: Make predictions and inferences from the text. Vocab Skill: Demonstrate word knowledge.
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Dialogue

		Skills Lesson: Dialogue	Literary Skill: Analyze the author's use of dialogue in character development. Grammar Skill: Understand etymology.
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Short Story: A Christmas Memory			
Literary Skill: Understand characterization and first-person narrator.			
Reading Skill: Reading for sensory details.			

Internal vs. External Conflict

Skills Lesson: Character Conflict			
Literary Skill: Analyze author's use of internal and external conflict in character development.			

Short Story: Initiation			
Literary Skill: Analyze internal and external conflicts. Identify plot structure, characterization and theme.			
Reading Skill: Make predictions in the text.			

Informational: Sylvia Plath			
Info Skill: Evaluate how the background of the author influenced the text.			

Motivation

Skills Lesson: Character Motivation			
Literary Skill: Identify characteristics of character motivation in literary text. Relate motivation to Maslow's hierarchy of needs.			

Short Story: The Scarlet Ibis			
Literary Skill: Identify point of view.			
Reading Skill: Understand identifying with a character.			

Communication

Autobiographical-Narrative			
Reading Skill: Read examples of autobiographical essays. Pay attention to differences in style.			
Writing Skill: Write an opening paragraph for an autobiographical narrative.			

Grammar

Pronouns			
Grammar Skill: Identify and use different types of pronouns. Use to graphic organizer to view different types of personal pronouns. Identify demonstrative pronouns and indefinite pronouns (using graphic organizer).			

Verb Phrases			
Grammar Skill: Identify and use infinitive verb phrases.			

Writing

The Six Traits of Writing			
Writing Skill: Learn the Six Trait writing steps; Ideas and Content, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, Conventions, and Presentation. Analyze each traits' corresponding rubric.			

UNIT 3: Theme and Style

Literary Analysis: Theme

Skills Lesson: Theme and Style			
Literary Skill: Identify the characteristics of theme and style in literary text.			

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Skills Lesson: Theme and Conflict			
Literary Skill: Review the types of conflict and analyze how theme and conflict work together.			
Short Story: To Build a Fire			
Literary Skill: Understand conflict and types; man vs. man, man vs. mind, and man vs. nature.			
Reading Skill: Becoming involved in the text.			
Short Story: A Celebration of Grandfathers			
Literary Skill: Analyze theme in an essay.			
Reading Skill: Identify author's attitude in literary text.			
Theme and Character			
Skills Lesson: Theme and Character			
Literary Skill: Analyze the use of character to develop theme.			
Short Story: The Golden Kite, the Silver Wind			
Literary Skill: Analyze allegory.			
Reading Skill: Identify cause and effect.			
Universal Theme			
Skills Lesson: Universal Theme			
Literary Skill: Understand the components of universal theme.			
Short Story: The Sniper			
Literary Skill: Understand suspense and situational irony.			
Reading Skill: Be able to note details.			
Style: Aesthetic Qualities - Figurative Language and Mood			
Skills Lesson: Aesthetic Qualities			
Literary Skill: Analyze elements of style, including figurative language and mood.			
Short Story: A Sound of Thunder			
Literary Skill: Analyze elements of style, including figurative language and mood.			
Reading Skill: Understand cause-and-effect relationships.			
Vocab Skill: Demonstrate word knowledge.			
Informational: The Butterfly Effect			
Info Skill: Read a movie review. Understand the concept of butterfly effect and how it relates to the text.			
Writing Skill: Write a journal entry that ties and movie review to literature.			
Communication			
Oral Interpretation			
Reading Skill: Read a poem, as well as weblinks that describe tools and tips for oral interpretation.			
Speaking Skill: Prepare an oral interpretation of a poem, use the tips from the lecture and websites.			
Writing Skill: Write notes for an oral interpretation and answer a journal question.			

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			The Sentence and Its Parts
			Grammar Skill: Identify the different parts of a sentence.
			Punctuation
			Grammar Skill: Use correct punctuation, ellipses, hyphens, parentheses, dashes.

Writing

			Personal Narrative
			Writing Skill: Write a personal narrative essay. Describe the characters, setting, and conflict using meaningful sensory descriptions and details that enable the reader to visualize the experiences in your narrative.

Unit 4: Narrator/Voice

Literary Analysis: Narrator and Voice

			Skills Lesson: Narrator and Voice
			Literary Skill: Define narrator, identify different types of narrator and relationship to point of view and tone.

Narrator: Points of View

			Skills Lesson: Point of View
			Literary Skill: Analyze different types of narrator point of view, including; first-person, third-person, omniscient, and second-person.

Short Story: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty

Literary Skill: Identify character traits and analyze point of view.
 Reading Skill: Understand reading back and reading ahead.

Informational: Daydreaming

Info Skill: Science Link - Read an article on a health topic. Explore daydreaming.
 Writing Skill: Write a journal entry that ties a science article to literature.

Narrator: Omniscient

			Skills Lesson: Omniscient Narrator
			Literary Skill: Identify characteristics of omniscient narrator and the etymology of omniscience. Analyze the difference between objective an intrusive omniscience and stream of consciousness.

Autobiography: from Black Boy

Literary Skill: Analyze dialogue.
 Reading Skill: Make inferences about characterization and the author's perspective.

Narrator: First-person/Third-person

			Skills Lesson: First and Third Person Narrator
			Literary Skill: Identify characteristics of first-person and third-person narrator in literary text.

Short Story: Rules of the Game

Literary Skill: Understand generational conflict and motivation.
 Reading Skill: Identify contrasting characters.

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	Voice: Tone		

Skills Lesson: Tone			
			Literary Skill: Analyze voice and tone and their purpose.
Short Story: The Machine That Won The War			
			Literary Skill: Identify the characteristics of science fiction.
			Reading Skill: Analyze cause and effect and identify relevant details.

Communication

Persuasive Speech			
			Reading Skill: Read a famous historical speech.
			Listening Skill: Listen to a famous historical speech by John F. Kennedy.
			Writing Skill: Write a journal entry discussing persuasive speeches.

Grammar

Participial Phrases			
			Grammar Skill: Identify and use correct participial phrases.
Adverb Clauses			
			Grammar Skill: Identify and use correct adverb clauses.

Writing

Persuasive Essay			
			Writing Skill: Write a persuasive essay. Support your thesis with meaningful reasons and sufficient details. Address the readers' concerns, opposing viewpoints, or counterarguments.

Unit 5: Poetry

Literary Analysis: Poetry

Skills Lesson: Poetry			
			Literary Skill: Introduce forms and literary devices used to interpret poetry.

Imagery: Sensory Imagery

Skills Lesson: Sensory Imagery			
			Literary Skill: Analyze the use of sensory imagery in poetry and its function.
Poem: Jabberwocky			
			Literary Skill: Analyze the use of sensory imagery used in the poem such as assonance, alliteration, and onomatopoeia.
			Reading Skill: Read poetry.

Different Forms of Poetry

Skills Lesson: Different Forms of Poetry			
			Literary Skill: Analyze the different functions and forms in lyric and narrative poetry.
Poetry: Same Song (Mora) & The Legend (Hongo)			
			Literary Skill: Analyze imagery and allusion in poetry.
			Reading Skill: Identify and apply allusions.

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		Poem: Range-Finding	Literary Skill: Understand characteristics of a sonnet such as iambic pentameter.		
		Literary Devices: Metaphors			
		Skills Lesson: Metaphors	Literary Skill: Identify the different types of metaphors used in poetry such as implied and mixed metaphors.		
		Poem: The Courage That My Mother Had	Literary Skill: Analyze metaphor and its role.		
		Literary Devices: Assonance, Onomatopoeia, and Alliteration			
		Skills Lesson: Literary Devices	Literary Skill: Analyze literary devices assonance, consonance onomatopoeia, and alliteration in poetry.		
		Poetry: Root Cellar (Roethke) & Sea Fever (Masefield)	Literary Skill: Understand the elements of lyric poetry and the setting. Reading Skill: Use sound and setting to interpret mood.		
		Poem: The Bells	Literary Skill: Analyze assonance, alliteration, and onomatopoeia.		
		Informational: The Bell Curve: Help or Hindrance?	Info Skill: Science/math link; blog-style opinions. Understand what a bell curve is and its uses. Writing Skill: Write a journal entry.		
		Literary Devices: Free-Verse			
		Skills Lesson: Free-Verse	Literary Skill: Identify literary devices used in free-verse poetry.		
		Poem: I Hear America Singing	Literary Skill: Understand elements of tone in poetry.		
		Communication			
		Poetry Presentations	Literary Skill: Understand the definition, history and forms. Evaluate interpretation strategies and guidelines for reading poetry. Reading Skill: Read the poem by Langston Hughes. Listening Skill: Listen to the poem by Langston Hughes. Writing Skill: Write a journal entry on the poem presentation.		
		Grammar			
		Prepositional Phrases	Grammar Skill: Identify and use correct prepositional, adjective, and adverb phrases.		
		Inverted Sentences	Grammar Skill: Understand the characteristics of an inverted sentence and reason for use.		

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Analyzing a Poem
Writing Skill: Write a poetry analysis essay. Support your thesis with meaningful examples and references from the text, carefully citing any direct quotes.

Unit 6: Autobiographies, Essays and Personal Accounts
Expository Analysis

Skills Lesson: Expository: Nonfiction
Literary Skill: Identify and understand characteristics of different types on nonfiction; autobiographies, memoirs, articles, essays, personal accounts.

Autobiography

Skills Lesson: Autobiography
Literary Skill: Analyze form and function of autobiographies.
Reading Skill: Identify strategies for reading autobiographies.

Autobiography: from Rosa Parks--My Story
Literary Skill: Identify the author's purpose.
Reading Skill: Analyze cause-and-effect in an autobiography.

War: Wounded and Trapped and Beware of the dog
Literary Skill: Analyze the use of stereotypes and realism in the writing. Become familiar with historical background of WWII to understand the context of readings.
Reading Skill: Make inferences about what is happening in the story. Understand events, notice clues and details in the story, Beware of the Dog.

Informational: A Day in Their Shoes
Info Skill: Read a magazine article and tie current events to history.
Writing Skill: Write a journal entry that discusses an argument.

Essay

Skills Lesson: Essays
Literary Skill: Analyze form and function of essays.
Reading Skill: Distinguish between facts and author's opinions in essays.

Articles and Essays
Literary Skill: Read a variety of works that discuss the theme of culturally diverse Americans. Read a newspaper article. Read a narrative poem. Distinguish between fact and opinion.
Reading Skill: Analyze theme and literary devices of images, metaphors, similes, and symbols.

Personal Account

Skills Lesson: Personal Accounts
Literary Skill: Identify author's purpose and perspective in personal accounts.

Article: from Lost Moon: The Perilous Voyage of Apollo 13
Literary Skill: Understand connection between ancient literature and real-life space adventure.

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	Communication		

Analyzing Formal Presentations			
			Info Skill: Develop strategies for analyzing speeches according to rubrics.
			Listening Skill: Read the speech by Bill Gates.
			Writing Skill: Pay close attention to the techniques the Bill Gates uses in this presentation.

Grammar

Fragmented Sentences			
			Grammar Skill: Recognize and correct fragmented sentences.

Types of Clauses			
			Grammar Skill: Recognize and use different clauses (independent, adjective, adverb and subordinate) correctly.

Writing

Analyze Nonfiction-Biographies			
			Writing Skill: Write a biographical analysis essay. Support your thesis with meaningful examples and references from the text, carefully citing any direct quotes.

Unit 7: World Literature
Theme: Origin Myths

Skills Lesson: World Literature			
			Literary Skill: Learn how to read, analyze and evaluate traditional and classical works of literary merit from civilizations and countries around the world.

Japan and Mayan

Japan: Kojiki			
			Literary Skill: Analyze several of an author's works that deal with a single issue.
			Info Skill: Explore Japan's history and culture.

Mayan: Popol Vuh			
			Literary Skill: Analyze the characteristics of myths.
			Reading Skill: Summarize the story.

Informational: To Greet the Sunrise on Mt. Fuji

Babylonia and Greece

Babylonia: Enuma Elish			
			Literary Skill: Analyze the purpose of myths. Plot and premise in myths.
			Reading Skill: Summarize.
			Info Skill: Learn about the ancient Babylonian culture and history.

Greece: Theogony			
			Literary Skill: Analyze the epic poem.
			Reading Skill: Summarize.
			Info Skill: Explore ancient Greece and its culture and history.

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Ethics: What Does That Mean?			
Reading Skill: Understand the importance of legal and ethical practices, including laws regarding libel, slander, copyright, and plagiarism in the use of mass media and digital sources, know the associated consequences, and comply with the law.			

Grammar

Parallel Structure			
Grammar Skill: Identify and use correct parallel structure in sentences.			

Connotations vs. Denotations			
Grammar Skill: Use connotation and denotation in word analysis.			

Writing

Literary Analysis Essay			
Writing Skill: Write a literary analysis essay. Support your thesis with meaningful examples and references from the text, carefully citing any direct quotes.			

Unit 8: Epics/Myths : Homer - The Odyssey
Literary Analysis: Epics and Myths

Skills Lesson: Epics and Myths			
Literary Skill: Identify conventions of epics (epic argument, muse, media res, hero, journey) and myths.			

The Odyssey: Introduction

Odyssey by Homer: Background			
Literary Skill: Understand how literature relates to the themes and issues of its historical period.			

Informational: Literature: Reflection of Society			
Info Skill: Understand how historical periods impact literature.			

from The Odyssey Part One: The Wanderings

Epic Poem: Calypso, I am Laertes Son and The Lotus Eaters			
Literary Skill: Analyze external conflict.			
Reading Skill: Understand elements of speculating text.			

Epic Poem: The Cyclops			
Literary Skill: Understand Homeric simile.			
Reading Skill: Draw conclusions.			

from The Odyssey Part One: The Wanderings - Part Two

Epic Poem: The Enchantress Circe and The Land of the Dead			
Literary Skill: Analyze figures of speech.			
Reading Skill: Interpret the text.			

Epic Poem: The Sirens and The Cattle of the Sun God			
Literary Skill: Understand elements of character.			
Reading Skill: Analyze context clues.			

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from The Odyssey Part Two: Coming Home

Epic Poem: The Meeting of Father and Son The Beggar and The Faithful Dog
Literary Skill: Understand character traits. Reading Skill: Find details within text.

from The Odyssey Part Two: Coming Home - Part Two

Epic Poem: The Test of the Great Bow, Death at the Palace, Odysseus and Penelope
Literary Skill: Analyze plot and Homeric similes. Reading Skill: Analyze text and make predictions.

The Art Connection

Informational: Classical Art: Its Greek to Me
Info Skill: Music link; art link; visual literacy; history. Understand the contributions made by the ancient Greeks to art. Writing Skill: Write a journal entry that ties the art of Ancient Greece to current life.

Communication

Conduct Research to Formulate Debate
Reading Skill: Read web articles on debates. Info Skill: Understand the parts of debate and argumentation theory components. Listening Skill: Listen and watch a news media clip. Writing Skill: Write a debate.

Research

Research Workshop
Writing Skill: Use research questions and methods to present evidence from various sources. Use various sources to develop a thesis statement. Integrate quotes and citations into text. Analyze and understand implications and consequences of plagiarism.

Grammar

Verbs
Grammar Skill: Identify verb categories- action verbs, helping verbs, and linking verbs. Practice using correctly.

Correcting Run-On Sentences
Grammar Skill: Understand elements and how to correct run-on sentences.

Writing

Research Paper
Writing Skill: Write an informative research essay. Support your controlling idea with meaningful examples, reasons, and information based upon your research or readings.

Unit 9: DRAMA: Shakespeare- The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet

Literary Analysis: Shakespeare and Drama

Skills Lesson: Drama
Literary Skill: Understand components of Shakespeare's life and Elizabethan drama. Reading Skill: Identify strategies for reading Shakespeare.

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 Prologue: Romeo and Juliet

Lecture: William Shakespeare

Info Skill: Author Study: identify how Shakespeare's life influenced his literary works.

Romeo and Juliet: Act I

Drama: Opening Moves (Scenes 1-3)

Literary Skill: Understand dialogue.

Reading Skill: Analyze and understand Shakespeare's poetry.

Drama: Boys Will be Boys (Scenes 4-5)

Literary Skill: Understand the element of rising action.

Reading Skill: Interpret the text.

Romeo and Juliet: Act II

Drama: Balcony Scene (Scenes 1-3)

Literary Skill: Analyze irony in a play.

Reading Skill: Interpret the text.

Drama: Author's Prerogative (Scenes 4-6)

Literary Skill: Understand elements of foreshadowing and the concept of author's prerogative.

Reading Skill: Understand the characteristics of speculation.

Informational: Forbidden Love

Info Skill: Identify forbidden love and the five causes of it. Read a movie synopsis and testimonial.

Writing Skill: Write a journal entry that expresses your personal opinion.

Romeo and Juliet: Act III

Drama: The Duel (Scenes 1-5)

Literary Skill: Understand dramatic irony.

Reading Skill: Make judgments.

Romeo and Juliet: Act IV

Drama: Muddled Life (Scenes 1-3)

Literary Skill: Characteristics of drama.

Reading Skill: Evaluate Shakespeare's poetry.

Romeo and Juliet: Act V

Drama: Tragic Tragedy (Scenes 1-5)

Literary Skill: Understand the characteristics of tragedy.

Reading Skill: Draw conclusions.

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Visual Media Analysis			
			Reading Skill: Read web articles on analyzing visual media and writing movie reviews. Info Skill: Understand how to effectively analyze visual media. Listening Skill: Listen, watch, and analyze two media presentations. Writing Skill: Write a movie review.

Grammar

Collective Nouns			
			Grammar Skill: Identify and use collective nouns correctly.

Complements			
			Grammar Skill: Identify and use complements correctly. Identify direct and indirect objects.

Writing

Compare and Contrast Essay			
			Writing Skill: Write a compare-and-contrast essay. Support your thesis with meaningful examples and references from the text, carefully citing any direct quotes.

Unit 10: Informational Text

Reading Comprehension - Informational Materials

Structural Features of Informational Text			
			Reading Skill: Analyze the structure and format of informational text documents, including graphics, headers, and web pages.

Consumer Documents

Smart Consumerism			
			Info Skill: Read and analyze a social commentary article and mission statements in Consumer Documents. Writing Skill: Write a journal entry that stated your opinion regarding current consumerism advertising.

Warranties			
			Info Skill: Read and understand legal product documentation. Writing Skill: Write a journal entry that identifies warranties and their use.

Public Documents

Public Transportation: All Aboard!			
			Info Skill: Identify the benefits of public transportation. Read and understand a public subway map and schedule. Writing Skill: Write a journal entry that discusses the benefits of public transportation.

The American City			
			Info Skill: Evaluate municipal government. Identify components of a city's main web page. Writing Skill: Write a journal entry that discusses municipalities and their effect on citizens.

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	Workplace Documents		

The Business Letter			
Info Skill: Learn how to write an effective business letter. Read and analyze different types of business letters.			
Writing Skill: Write a journal entry that compares letter writing to email.			

Reliable Sources			
Info Skill: Learn to research reliable resources on the Internet.			
Writing Skill: Write a journal entry that identifies how an author's opinion affects a resource.			

Technical Documents

How -To Instructions			
Info Skill: Read and understand the characteristics of How-To instructions.			
Writing Skill: Write a journal entry that consists of How-To instructions.			

Keeping The Minutes			
Info Skill: Evaluate the form for keeping minutes. Read and analyze minutes written at a public meeting.			
Writing Skill: Write a journal entry that discusses the meeting minutes and the minute writer.			

Communication

News Writing			
Reading Skill: Identify the characteristics of news writing and the 5ws of journalism. Read web articles on tips for writing a news article and a career in journalism.			
Writing Skill: Write a fictional news story.			

Grammar

Active and Passive Voice			
Grammar Skill: Understand the difference between active and passive voice and correctly.			

Writing Effective Sentences			
Grammar Skill: Understand the characteristics of effective sentence writing by varying sentence length and structure.			

Writing

Write a Business Letter			
Writing Skill: Write a business letter. Include details and examples to support your main idea. Restate information from the passage in your own words.			