## CURRICULUM MAP

### Language Arts

#### Grade 6

**Big Idea: “The Making of Me”**

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| - A person’s character is revealed through his or her thoughts, words, actions, and reactions. | - How is character revealed?  
- How is your individual character revealed?  
- How do you present/conduct yourself when speaking?  
- How can you connect with your audience?  
- How can you respond and reflect while independently reading?  
- How does one develop strategies for reading comprehension? | - SUGGESTED  
- Apply all Signposts with a focus on two: Contrast and Contradiction & Aha Moment  
- Apply a variety of comprehension skills both formative and informative  
- Recognize Signposts while independently reading  
- Apply close reading strategies (Signposts) while conferring with peers and teacher  
- Identify and interpret how narrative elements interact  
- Evaluate interpretation of characters and identify the narrator.  
- Develop written | - RL.6.1. Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.  
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- RL.6.8. Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems, historical novels and | |
| - A writer uses a distinct voice to develop plot and reveal characters. | | | | |
| - A speaker uses distinct voice to introduce themselves, discuss interests, and create comfort when speaking. | | | | |
| - Recognize that texts follow patterns and contain common elements as a way to support and deepen a reader’s comprehension skills. | | | | |
| - Understand importance of appropriate response to text. | | | | |

**Formative Assessments**

- Comprehension tests  
- Quizzes  
- Quarterly  
- Evidence-Based Selected Response (EBSR)  
- Technology Enhanced Constructed Response (TECR)  
- Speaking & Listening  
- Speaking Assessments (PVLEGS rubric)

**Summative Writing Assessments**

Prose-Constructed Responses  
- LAT: Identify and analyze components of a story  
- NT: Compose or produce descriptive writing based off of anchor text (QUARTERLY)

It has been suggested that using a text from *Collections* (ex. “The Ravine”) or the end of *Charlotte Doyle* Part One is effective for NT practice.
Refugee - Alan Gratz

- Provide an understanding of children from refugee backgrounds
- Develop character and integrity and to apply academic knowledge to the challenges of our times in order to create a better world

Refugee - Alan Gratz

- What are the responsibilities of the individual and of society in regard to human rights?
- Whose responsibility is it to fight for those who are being persecuted by someone or something more powerful?
- What are the consequences of being unconcerned with injustice and persecution taking place around the world?

*See Refugee curriculum map for additional essential questions and big ideas

| Refugee- Alan Gratz | Refugee- Alan Gratz | responses that include all of the required elements
- Develop real or imagined experiences using effective techniques, details, and sequencing in narrative writing
- Describe and understand setting, character development, plot, theme, and conflict
- Build vocabulary through use of context clues
- Read and comprehend a variety of complex texts
- Identify the main parts of a complete sentence (nouns, verbs, subject, predicate)
- Identify incomplete sentences (fragments/run-on)
- Understand the uses of modifiers (adjectives/adverb)

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY
- Fiction
- Characters

fantasy stories) in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics.

- RLT. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

- RI.6.1. Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

- RI.6.2. Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

- RI.6.3. Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).

- RI.6.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.

- RI.6.5. Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas.

- RI.6.6. Determine an author’s point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text.

- RI.6.7. Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.

- RI.6.8. Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.

W.6.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information

- RST: Identify and analyze components of informational texts.

Assessments/Sample Activities
- Class Discussion
- Literary Response
- Research Response
- Writing Response


- Speaking & Listening-suggested: students will present an introductory speech introducing themselves. Teacher can focus on specific aspects of PVLEGS as taught accordingly

- Grammar Wall-As a class, create a mechanic/grammar bulletin board starting in Q1. Once skills are taught in a mini lesson and listed on the bulletin board you are expected to edit your work based on these elements. L.6.1, L.6.2, L.6.3
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**Suggested Works:**

**Fiction**
- **Collection 1 (C) Theme-“Facing Fear”**
  - “Eleven” p. 137 (PO)
  - “Greyling” p. 7 (PO)
  - “Names/Nombres” p.115 (PO)
  - *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan **Novel**
  - *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbit **Novel**
  - *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli **Novel**

**Close Reader-**
- *From “The Jumping Tree”*
- “Face Your Fears and Scare the Phobia Out of Your Brain”

**Non-Fiction**
- “Stage Fright” p.92 (PO)
- “Zlata’s Diary” p. 351 (PO)
- “It Worked for Me” p. 253(C)
- “School Before Soccer” p. 10 (R )
- “Fitting In” p. 12 ( R )

**Poetry**
- “A Voice” p. 242 (C)
- “Words like Freedom” p. 244 ( C )
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**Book Key**

**Exemplar Text**

C: Collections
PO: Prentice Hall – Old
PN: Prentice Hall – New
Read 180: R

**Media Sources:**

NPR: “You Had Me At Hello: The Science Behind First Impressions” (audio clip)

“Snap Judgments” – showing pictures of various people (ex. Businessman, Police Officer, Teacher, etc.)

**SUGGESTED Quarter One activities for Refugee:**

- Before reading students can participate in stations where they will gain a better understanding of the setting and characters in the novel. Some suggestions for stations would be a gallery walk with images from the Holocaust/Kristallnacht, media stations where they can view Brainpop/a documentary to enhance their understanding of the history of any of the three settings, Tabletop Twitter where they read an article
about the current day Syrian refugees and react, media station where they learn about Fidel Castro and learn about communism.

- Before reading students can participate in a debate where they will state whether they agree or disagree with various claims.
  - Ex: “It’s society’s responsibility to care for others, especially when they are struggling” and/or “It is more courageous to flee from conflict than to stay and face it.”

- Students can Identify aspects of each character’s story. Explain how it affects the characters, creates mood, and drives conflict.
- Students can Identify the themes of the novel (maturing, hopes/dreams, freedom, and home/family) and discuss what the author wants the reader to learn about this idea by the end of the novel.
- Students can create a plot diagram chart after completing the novel and
identify the main conflict of the novel.
- Students can identify examples of figurative language in the novel and analyze the effects.
- Analyze the meaning of some of the symbols in the novel (ex. Nazi flag, blue boat, iPhone)
- Students can learn about foreshadowing by gathering evidence from Chapter 35 that hinted at events towards the end of the chapter or may hint at future events. Then predict what those events may be.
- Students can learn about dynamic characters by comparing how the characters may have changed since the beginning of the novel to the end.

**Vocabulary Unit - Refugee Vocabulary Unit**

**LAT**- How do the conflicts and events of each character’s story change them? How do Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud change? What is similar about their changes?

**LAT**- Students can read Chapter 13 of *A Long Walk to Water* and a chapter from *Refugee* and find text
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<th>evidence that supports both characters' bravery.</th>
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<td><strong>NT</strong>- Have students stop the novel in the middle of any of the three stories and finish the ending while taking on the style and tone of the author.</td>
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PARCC Acronyms: A Key

Multiple Choice Items:

EBSR: Evidence-Based Selected Response. A multiple choice question that is usually two parts long, with both parts of the question tying into each other in some way. In some of these questions, there may be more than one correct response, and students would be asked to identify all correct answers.

TECR: Technology Enhanced Constructed Response. A two or three part comprehension question in which the students are asked to find text evidence to support their responses. The students will be asked to “drag and drop” information that supports their responses.

Written Items:

PCR: Prose-Constructed Response. Basically, all of the writing forms on the PARCC are known as PCR’s. This term simply refers to an essay, or a written response.

LAT: Literary Analysis Task. Students are asked to read complex texts and compose an analytic essay. This type of essay is similar in style to an open-ended question, although the amount of writing required may be of a greater length.

NT: Narrative Task. Students are asked to write a story, detail a scientific process, write a historical account, or describe an account of events, scenes, or objects. Students may also be asked to finish a story or poem in the same voice or tone as the author has used. This task is similar in style to a Speculative Essay.

RST: Research Simulation Task. Students are asked to analyze a topic presented through several texts and/or media elements, including an anchor text that introduces the topic. Students will answer series of questions and write two analytic essays. For example, the students may be asked to summarize one piece, or the anchor text, or they may be asked to draw conclusions based on the texts and analyze the author’s purpose or main idea. This type of task is similar to our Grade 6 SGO.

- **Argumentative:** This type of writing is similar to persuasive writing. In sixth grade, students are only asked to present and support their own position on the topic. In seventh and eighth grades, the students will be required to refute the opposing side’s argument. This is not thought of as its own type of writing prompt; rather, students may be asked to write argumentatively about a topic in any of the writing tasks listed above.
Quarter 1 Sample Lesson
“Greyling” & Narrative Task

DAY ONE- “Greyling”
SWBAT: Review elements of fictional writing; read and discuss fictional elements of “Greyling”.
STANDARDS: RL. 6.1, RL. 6.2, RL. 6.3, RL. 6.6, SL. 6.1
PROCEDURES:
1. Anticipatory Set- Students will respond to the illustration on page 7 of textbook. Students will use their five senses to write a descriptive paragraph.
2. Allow students approximately 7 minutes to write and then have them share responses.
3. Review fictional elements prior to reading. (plot, characters, setting, theme)
4. Read “Greyling” orally (pages 8-12) and ensure all students are actively reading.
5. Continue to discuss fictional elements while reading.
6. Complete comprehension questions 1, 2ab, 4a (pg. 18).

DAY TWO- Narrative Writing Task
SWBAT: Understand author’s voice, determine author’s style, and write continuation using a character’s distinctive voice.
STANDARDS: W.6.3, W. 6.4, W. 6.5, RL. 6.5, RL. 6.6
PROCEDURES:
1. Anticipatory Set- Students will examine tone by writing to two different audiences on the topic: “Sleepover”.
2. Divide the room in half and assign students on either side of the room a person to convince (parent/friend) that there should be a sleepover.
3. Students will be given 7 minutes to write and discuss how tone varies based upon audience.
4. Students are going to write a narrative task in which they must take on the voice of a character from “Greyling”. They must be reminded to write in first person point of view. Teacher will model townsperson’s point of view.
5. Writing begins from the hurricane scene (page 10). Students will be asked to choose a perspective from which to write. (Greyling, Fisherman’s Wife, or Fisherman) Students will need to write to the ending of the story.
6. If not completed in class they will complete for homework.
Big Idea: “Overcoming Obstacles”

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<td>- One will never know how strong he or she can be until one’s strength has been tested.</td>
<td>- How does adversity help a person grow?</td>
<td>- Apply the Signposts close reading strategy with a focus on Tough Questions and Words of the Wiser</td>
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<td>- Obstacles change our perspective for better or for worse.</td>
<td>- How can the voice and motives of a character help in understanding the novel as a whole?</td>
<td>- Develop responses to multiple texts which analyze similarities and/or differences in the texts: Literary Analysis Task (LAT)</td>
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<td>- Writing is produced for a variety of purposes, audiences, and forms with a specific concentration on literary analysis task (LAT).</td>
<td>- How can a reader relate to a character by creating empathy?</td>
<td>- Discuss development of theme and characters</td>
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<td>- Read and analyze two passages drawing a connection amongst the two.</td>
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Summative Writing Assessments
- Constructed Responses
  - RST: Compare/contrast
  - LAT: Identify and analyze components of a story (QUARTERLY ASSESSMENT)
  - NT: Compose or produce descriptive writing based off of anchor text

Assessments/ Sample Activities
- Class Discussion – “Jabberwocky” How do you make sense of nonsense poems? How do you figure out what
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3 Journeys, 3 Stories, 3 Questions

- What are the responsibilities of the individual, of society, and of superpowers in regard to human rights?
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**POETRY VOCABULARY**
- Tone
- Rhythm
- Stanza
- Verse
- Rhyme
- Imagery
- Personification
- Hyperbole
- Symbol
- Irony

(note: poetry will now be a part of the marking period 2 quarterly assessment)
by and a biography on the same person).

RI.6.10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

W.6.3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

W.6.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.

L.6.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

L.6.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

L.6.3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

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role of characters from The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle. Students can select pivotal parts of the novel (ex. Charlotte on trial, Captain Jaggery speaking to the crew, Zachariah, and ext). Students could put Captain Jaggery on trial and create a mock courtroom scene assigning each student a role.

● Implement speaking skills (PVLEGS).
● Mini Speeches with focus on PVLEGS

Suggested Works:

MANDATORY TEXT option 1: The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

Fiction:

● Collection 4: Making Your Voice Heard
● Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
● “All American Slurp” p. 256 (PO)
● “Mowgli’s Brothers” p. 816 (PO)
● “The Wisdom of the Willow Tree” p. 48 (RCC)
W.6.1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

W.6.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

W.6.5. With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

W.6.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of three pages in a single sitting.

W.6.7. Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.

W.6.10. 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.

SL.6.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.

SL.6.2. Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.

Non-Fiction:
- “Water” p. 379 (PO)
- “Race to the End of the Earth” p. 404 (PN)
- “Mammoth Shakes and Monster Waves” p. 139 (C)
- “Struck by Lightning” p. 34 (R)
- “A Mountain Fire” p. 36 (R)
- “Hurricanes: The Monster Storms” p. 40 (R)

Poetry:
- “Jabberwoky” by Lewis Carroll Exemplar Text
- “After the Hurricane” p. 158 (C)
- “The World is Not a Pleasant Place To Be” p. 339 (PN)
- “A Thunderstorm” p. 132 (RCC)

Book Key
Exemplar Text
C: Collections
PO: Prentice Hall – Old
PN: Prentice Hall – New
RCC- Ready Common Core
Read 180- R

Media Sources:
Greatest Motivational Video Ever (Youtube) “Life=Risk”
www.prezi.com: Gender Roles in the 1800’s (The True Confession of Charlotte Doyle)

nps.gov: What is it like at Sea? (The True Confession of Charlotte Doyle)

npr.org: Superstorm Sandy

youtube.com: Helen Keller Speaks Out

History.com: Hurricane Katrina

MANDATORY TEXT Option 2: Refugee by Alan Gratz

Suggested Lessons for MP2--

https://www.thebooksomm.com/home/refugee (interactive lessons and activities)

- Paired passages
- Multimedia Presentations
- Ted Talk Presentations
- YouTube Video Clips
- Books to Recommend to Students After Reading Refugee

https://www.nypl.org/blog/2017/03/03/16-books-about-refugees-kids-adults
16 books to pair with *Refugee*
- Create potential LAT practice for students using excerpts

[www.newselea.com](http://www.newselea.com)
- Articles
- Paired passages
- Text Sets

Suggested Use-
- LAT Writing
- RST Writing

[www.commonlit.org](http://www.commonlit.org)
- Articles
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Suggested Paired Text-
*A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park  *(suggested chapter 13)*

**LAT**- How do the conflicts and events of each character’s story change them? How do Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud change? What is similar about their changes?
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<td>• Analyze the effect of a given time period on an individual and society</td>
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<td>Refugee by Alan Gratz</td>
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**Refugee by Alan Gratz**

- Understand the importance of studying the past, understanding how it

- Why is it important to learn about the refugee crisis?

- Why do we examine the past?
- How is a person’s identity influenced by his or her past?
- How does one develop strategies for reading comprehension?

### Assessments/Sample Activities

#### Formative Assessments
- Comprehension tests
- Quizzes
- Quarterly

#### Summative Writing Assessments
- RST: Compare/contrast
  - (Quarterly Assessment—will be a portfolio of cumulative LAT writing samples)
- LAT: Identify and analyze components of a story
- NT: Compose or produce descriptive writing

#### Informal Written Speech
- Preparation in speaking in front of class using PVLEGS rubric for assessment
connects to the future, and often repeats itself.

informational text alongside fiction in order to compare and contrast time, place, characteristics, and historical accounts of the same period

- Integrate speaking skills to continue creating confidence when speaking or presenting to class.

**ACADEMIC VOCABULARY**

- Drawing Conclusions
- Inferences
- Analyze
- Historical Fiction
- Insight
- Context Clues
- Cause and Effect
- Connotations
- Denotations
- Global Terms About Past and Present
- PCR (Prose Constructed Response)
- PVLEGS - *Well Spoken* by Erik Palmer
- *Notice & Note* Heinemann

- fantasy stories in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics.
  - **RL.6.10.** By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
  - **RI.6.1.** Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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  - **RI.6.6.** Determine an author’s point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text.
  - **RI.6.7.** Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
  - **RI.6.8.** Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.
  - **RI.6.9.** Compare and contrast one author’s presentation of events with that of another (e.g., a memoir written

- **Class Discussion**
- **Research Response- Amelia Lost & “Wilbur Wright and Orville Wright”:** Create an informative essay or presentation in which you respond to the question: How do literature and informational text reveal why people dream of flying? Continue building on the research skills you have learned this year. Cite at least two specific details from two different sources from your research. **RI.6.7, RI.6.10, SL.6.5, L.6.1, L.6.2, L.6.3, L.6.6, W.6.2, W.6.6, W.6.8, W.6.10, RL.6.10**
- **Writing Response- Write a written response to this question based on the text read in class: “What makes characters in historical fiction believable?”** Cite specific details from texts read. **RL.6.9, W.6.9, L.6.1, L.6.2**
- **Speaking & Listening- students continue to master speaking skills by preparing mini-speeches and coming to the front of the room. (ex. A memorable person in**
by and a biography on the same person).

RI.6.10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

SL.6.5. Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, images, music, sound) and visual displays in presentations to clarify information.

SL.6.6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

L.6.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

L.6.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

L.6.3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

L.6.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

L.6.5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

L.6.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

W.6.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

history, someone who has made a difference, persuasive topic, either/or speeches) Have the students weekly/bi-weekly engaged in speaking.

- Focus on specific aspects of PVLEGS as taught
- Grammar

Suggested Works:

**Fiction:**
- “There Will Come Soft Rains” p. 43 (C)
- *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne Novel
- *Charlie Pippin* by Candy Dawson Boyd Novel
- “Calling Home” by Tim O’Brien Short Story [PDF link](#) (companion piece for district Big Read *The Things They Carried*)

**Non-Fiction:**
- “A Backwoods Boy” p. 410 (PO)
- “Jackie Robinson: Justice at Last” p. 256 (PN)
- *Amelia Lost* by Candace Fleming Biography
- *Temple Grandin* by Sy Montgomery Biography
W.6.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.

W.6.8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.

W.6.9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

W.6.10. 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.

SL.6.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.

SL.6.2. Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.

- “Louisa, Please Come Home” p. 60 (R)
- “A New Immigration Boom” p. 16 (R)

*See Refugee curriculum for other options

Poetry:
- “Oranges” p. 511 (PO) Exemplar Text
- “Paul Revere” p. 285 (C)
- “Twelfth Song of Thunder” p. 305 (PN) Exemplar Text
- “Wilbur Wright and Orville Wright” p. 524 (PO)

Book Key
Exemplar Text
C: Collections
PO: Prentice Hall – Old
PN: Prentice Hall – New
Read 180- R

Media Sources:
www.biography.com: Jackie Robinson

youtube.com: There Will Come Soft Rains (audio)

youtube.com: Butter Battle Book (Dr. Seuss Cold War Allegory)

www.hudsonvalley.org/slavery: Chains

Refugee by Alan Gratz audiobook
|   |   |   | Achieve3000 articles
|   |   |   | Research Alan Gratz and his rationale for writing the novel.
|   |   |   | BBC Website: Travel as a refugee; will you make it? (see *Refugee* curriculum)
|   |   |   | RST prompt: Compare and contrast the journey of a Syrian refugee in current day to the journey of a Jewish refugee during the Holocaust.
|   |   |   | RST Prompt: Research the creation of the recent “Refugee Olympic team” and connect to text
Big Idea: “Catching Confidence”

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<td>▪ How can an individual’s confidence lead to success or failure?</td>
<td>▪ Students should have strong understanding of all Signposts and be able to apply them to their reading</td>
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| **world issues and conflicts.** | **world events, cultural differences, and societal norms?**
- How are public speaking skills beneficial to future life experiences, especially those beyond the classroom. | **(subject, object, possessive, intensive).**
- Identify pronoun and antecedent relationships.
- Understand the uses of parentheses, dashes, and commas in direct address in sentences.
- Engage in a range of collaborative discussions with peers.
- Present information to peers for discussion and evaluation.
- Identify useful and reliable resources during the research process.
- Orally present claims and findings clearly and concisely (as they pertain to quarterly assessment).
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- Build empathy within the classroom. **ACADEMIC VOCABULARY:**
  - First Person
- fantasy stories) in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics.**
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  - Compare and contrast one author’s presentation of events with that of another (e.g., a memoir written during this unit, write them on sticky notes and add them to the word map.**
  - SL.6.1**
- **Research Response**
- **Quarterly Assessment-Speaking and listening exam (oral presentation).**
  Objective: Students will select a topic that has been taught this year as a basis for additional research and presentation to classmates. | **Assessments/Sample Activities:**
- **Class Discussion-** What is meant by the word “confidence”? Look up the word in a dictionary (print or online) and write your ideas down on a sticky note. Create a class word map of the word “confidence.” As you find examples of confidence in texts read during this unit, write them on sticky notes and add them to the word map.**
  - SL.6.1
- **Literary Response-** Create a Venn diagram in your journal of a confident character compared with a cowardly character. The differences between confident and cowardly characters may seem obvious, but are there ways in which these characters are similar? Turn and talk.**
  - RL.6.1, RL.6.3, RL.6.6
- **Research Response**
- Third Person
- Biography
- Nonfiction
- Opinion
- Autobiography
- PVLEGS *
- Notice & Note *
- Empathy
- Adversity
* see below

**NOTICE & NOTE: Signposts**
- Aha Moment
- Memory Moment
- Again and Again
- Contrasts and Contradictions
- Words of the Wiser
- Tough Questions

**PVLEGS VOCABULARY:**
- Poise
- Voice
- Life
- Eye Contact
- Gestures
- Speed

by and a biography on the same person).

**RI.6.10.** By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed.

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**Writing Response**

**Speaking & Listening - suggested** - students will present mini speeches throughout the marking period in order to prepare for marking period speech
- Research projects
- Novel extensions

**Continue building on the research skills you have learned this year.** Cite at least two specific details from two different sources from your research.

**Grammar**

**PVLEGS**

**Suggested Works:**

**Fiction:**
- Collection 5 theme-Decisions That Matter
  - “The All-American Slurp” p. 256 (PO)
  - “Black Cowboy, Wild Horses” p. 765 (PO)
  - “Arachne” p. 801 (PO)
  - The Tortoise and the Hare
  - The Emperor’s New Clothes
  - “The Prince and the Pauper” p. 554 (PN)

**Fiction: Novels**
- *Hoot* by: Carl Hiassen
- *Flush* by: Carl Hiassen
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SL. 6.4. Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate eye, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

SL. 6.5. Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify information.

SL. 6.6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

- **Refugee** by Alan Gratz

**Non-Fiction:**
- “Face Your Fears and Scare the Phobias Out of Your Brain” p. 13 (C)
- “In the Spotlight” by Glenn Murphy p. 51 (C)
- “Angela Duckworth and the Research on "Grit" p. 398 (PN)
- From *The Pigman and Me* p. 218 (PN)
- “Filling Out A Job Form” p. 105 (R)

**Non-Fiction: Novels**
- *Soul Surfer* by Bethany Hamilton (Autobiography)
- *Outcasts United* by Warren St. John (Summer Read)

**Poetry:**
- “Dream Within A Dream” p. 529 (PO)
- “Adventures of Isabel” p. 522 (PO)
- “I'm Nobody Who Are You”, p. 70 (R)
- “Whole New Look” p. 71 (R)

**Book Key:**
- Exemplar Text
- C: Collections
- PO: Prentice Hall – Old
- PN: Prentice Hall – New
- Read 180- R
MEDIA SOURCES:
- Allthetests.com “How Self-Confident Are You?”
- Scholastic.com “Self Esteem in Middle School: What is Self-Esteem?”
- Goodcharacter.com “Enhancing Self-Esteem”
- Poetry4kids.com
- Achieve3000.com (NF)

REFUGEE EXTENSION:
- Goal 1: To help students become culturally inclusive
- Goal 2: Provide an understanding of children from refugee backgrounds.

SUGGESTED Research Ideas:
- Select a current day country that refugees flee from and identify their motives.
  - Ex: Top 3 as 2016: Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia
- Analyze select countries’ language, government, religion, food, customs, norms, education, geography, etc.
- Review historical events: Hitler’s Germany, Castro’s Cuba, and Assad’s Syria.
- Select a story- Josef’s, Isabel’s, or Muhammad:
|   |   |   |   | ○ Discuss their motives behind fleeing.  
|   |   |   |   | ○ Identify potential risks involved.  
|   |   |   |   | ○ How would you have reacted in a similar situation?  
|   |   |   |   | *See separate Refugee Curriculum Map for additional resources |