

Literacy Unit Overview
Grade 4



Unit	Priority Skills Knowledge	Assessment
Literary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Central Theme ● Key Details ● Literary elements - Characters, settings, events ● Literary Genre/Structure -Differences & Structural elements ● Point of View and Voice - Compare and contrast, First and third person narration ● Compare & Contrast - Stories, Theme, settings, plots 	Reading Assessment & Classroom Observations
Informational: Non-Literary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Main Idea ● Key details ● Summarize text ● Technical Genre/Structure ● Structure of a text or part of text ● Information presented visually ● Compare & contrast - Two texts on same topic ● Write or speak knowledgeably about subject 	Reading Assessment & Classroom Observations
Informational: Literary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Main Idea ● Key details ● Summarize text ● Informational Genre/Structure ● Structure of a text or part of text ● Author's point of view ● Compare and contrast first and second hand account ● Author's Purpose ● Reasons and evidence 	Reading Assessment & Classroom Observations

Writing

Unit	Priority Skills Knowledge	Assessment
Narrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Center focus• Narrator• Sequence of events• Dialogue and descriptions of actions, thoughts, feelings• Variety of transitional words and phrases• Concrete words and phrase, sensory details• Conclusion that follows from events	Narrative portfolio piece
Informative/ Explanatory	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic• Paragraphs-sections• Formatting (e.g., headings),• Illustrations, multi-media as useful• Facts, definitions, details, quotes, ex• Linking ideas using words, phrases• Precise language & domain specific vocabulary• Concluding statement/section	Informative/Explanatory portfolio piece
Opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic• Opinion• Organizational structure• Reasons that support opinion• Opinion & word choice• Concluding statement/section	Opinion portfolio piece

Speaking & Listening

Unit	Priority Skills Knowledge	Assessment
Vermont: Past & Present	Collaborative conversations with diverse partners <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation for discussions• Rules for discussion• Pose and respond to questions• Link comments to remarks of others• Review key ideas	Classroom observations
Rockin' Regions	Report on a topic or recount text <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relevant, descriptive details• Speaking clearly• Understandable pace	Classroom observations
Vermont: Land & Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add audio recordings & visual displays• Recount experiences	Classroom observations