

Literacy Unit Overview
Grade 3



Unit	Priority Skills Knowledge	Assessment
Literary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Central Message/Moral - key details ● Character - actions & sequence of events ● Literary Genre/Structure ● Point of View/Voice ● Compare & Contrast - Theme, settings, plots 	Reading Assessment & Classroom Observations
Informational: Non-Literary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Main Idea - Key & supporting details ● Time, sequence & cause/effect ● Informational Genre/Structure ● Compare & Contrast - Two texts on same topic-important points, key details 	Reading Assessment & Classroom Observations
Informational: Literary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Main Idea - Key & supporting details ● Informational Genre/Structure - Text features ● Point of View - Their point of view from author's ● Compare & Contrast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two texts on same topic ○ Most important points, key details 	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 • Temporal words • Closure 	Narrative portfolio piece
Informative/ Explanatory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic and group related information together • Facts and definitions to develop points • Linking words, phrases Concluding statement or section 	Informative/Explanatory portfolio piece
Opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce book/topic • Opinion • Organizational structure • Reasons that support opinion • Linking words • Concluding statement or section 	Opinion portfolio piece

Speaking & Listening

Unit	Priority Skills Knowledge	Assessment
Where in the World is Colchester, VT?	Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for discussion • Rules for discussion • Ask for clarification • Stay on topic • Link comments to remarks of others 	Classroom observations

Native Americans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report on a topic or recount text• Important facts & relevant details• Speaking clearly• Pace	Classroom observations
Citizens in Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create audio recordings	Classroom observations