

Week at a Glance

4th Grade Unit 4 Week 1

WEEKLY QUESTION:

How can revealing a secret make it lose its power?

GENRE: Traditional Literature

- Has been passed down for generations. Folktales, fables, legends, myths, and tall tales are examples of traditional literature.

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY: Related words

- words that are connected. Can have similar word parts and can also have connected meanings such as barrier and obstacle.

COMPREHENSION

Analyze Characters—You can learn about a character through his or her thoughts, feelings, actions and interactions with other characters.

Synthesize Information —Put together, information from multiple sources to deepen your understanding of traditional tales

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. deceived— caused a person to believe something that is not true
2. bargain— an agreement between people about what each will give or receive
3. reputation— the opinion that many people have of someone
4. astonishment— a feeling of great surprise
5. composure — the calm control of oneself

Spelling

automobile
automatic
autopilot
automation
autocracy
autonomous
autoimmune
transparent
transit
transfer
transaction
transect
transform
amphibian
amphitheater
amphibious
antidote
antiseptic
antimatter
antibiotic

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4th Grade Unit 4 Week 2

WEEKLY QUESTION: How can being different be an advantage?

Genre: Tall Tales

- A type of traditional tale that is strongly associated with the American frontier. These stories include: humor, impossible events, a character or characters with superhuman abilities.

Academic Vocabulary

- Synonym is a word that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word.
- An antonym is a word that means the opposite of another word.

Comprehension

Infer Theme – A theme is a main idea or central message. It is an idea that holds a story together. Often you can infer a theme by thinking about a character's goals, the actions a character takes to reach them, and how successful the character is.

Make Connections – Readers regularly make connections between ideas in the text they are reading and ideas in other texts.

Vocabulary Words

1. accentuated – highlighted; called attention to
2. obliged – grateful; thankful
3. misled – caused to believe something untrue
4. commendable – worthy of praise
5. riled – irritated; aggravated

Spelling

valuable
lovable
favorable
understandable
excitable
sizable
comfortable
measurable
tolerable
excusable
horrible
sensible
divisible
gullible
responsible
collapsible
eligible
audible
reversible
plausible

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4th Grade Unit 4 Week 3

WEEKLY QUESTION: Why should we do good deeds without expecting anything in return?

Genre: Drama

- A drama, or play, is a story that is written for actors to perform on a stage. It includes: a cast, dialogue, character tags, stage directions, conflict, resolution and theme.

Academic Vocabulary: Context Clues

- Words or phrases in a sentence or surrounding sentences that help you determine the meaning of unfamiliar words

Comprehension

Explain Elements of a Drama – The script of a drama tells how the stage should look, how characters should move, what characters should say, and the emotions characters should express.

Summarize – Use your own words to describe the characters and the setting and tell the main events in order.

Vocabulary Words

1. sensitive – capable of responding to stimulation; easily affected
2. exchange – give one thing in return for another
3. deed – something that is done; an action taken
4. insisted – demanded or required something forcefully
5. satisfied – pleased or happy with something

Spelling

trial
triumph
violet
pioneer
dialogue
diagram
reality
immediate
duality
pliable
reliable
diagonal
fluid
client
poetry
create
gradual
quiet
variety
denial

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4th Grade Unit 4 Week 4

WEEKLY QUESTION: How can what we learn from stories guide our actions?

Genre: Historical Fiction

- Takes place in the past. The author combines facts with imagined details, events, and characters.

Academic Vocabulary: Figurative Language

* Any language that gives words a meaning beyond their usual, literal definition. Similes are comparisons of two unlike things using like or as and metaphors are comparisons that do not use like or as.

Comprehension

Infer Theme – When you infer a theme, you put together text evidence, such as symbols, and what you already know to understand the text's big idea.

Make Connections – As you read remember to think about how events and ideas in the text relate to your own life or to society.

Vocabulary Words

1. drought – a long time of low or no rain
2. intricate – complicated; very details
3. wavering – changing; moving back and forth
4. unbidden – not asked for
5. snoozing – dozing; sleeping lightly

Spelling

mature

resistible

practical

complete

capable

precise

patient

regular

relevant

justice

immature

irresistible

impractical

incomplete

incapable

imprecise

impatient

irregular

irrelevant

injustice

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4th Grade Unit 4 Week 5

WEEKLY QUESTION: How can being disobedient cause problems?

Genre: Myths

Myths are a form of traditional literature that often answer the question "Why?" Some myths explain aspects of nature, such as the changing seasons.

Academic Vocabulary: Parts of Speech

Word categories that include: nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs

Comprehension

Analyze Myths – Analyzing means studying the parts of something to understand how it works. When you analyze myths, you study their patterns of events and infer their themes.

Evaluate Details – Readers can determine key ideas in a text by noticing details. They evaluate the details to decide which are important to meaning and to figure out what the author is telling them about a character, setting or topic.

Vocabulary Words

1. shrewd – clever; showing good judgment
2. ornate – highly decorated; complex and fancy
3. temperaments – personalities; usual attitudes or behaviors
4. parapet – a low wall at the edge of a structure, such as a bridge
5. Infernal – unpleasant; related to the underworld

Spelling

break
brake
thrown
throne
pear
pair
past
passed
stair
stare
peak
peek
council
counsel
idle
idol
steal
steel
soul
sole