

3rd Grade - Curriculum Overview

Students explore the topic of conflict—conflict at home and school, conflict in the community and world—and understand themes of the Civil Rights Movement.

<p>Unit 3.1</p>		<p>Read-Aloud Anchor Text Fantasy, <i>Poppy</i></p> <p>Key Question: <i>What are the qualities of a hero?</i></p>	<p>Informational Non-Fiction: Article about porcupines, map of Dimwood Forest.</p>	<p>Expository Writing Retell Summaries Turning Point Summaries Synthesis Summaries Opinion/Persuasive Persuasive Letter</p>	<p>Special Features Character Feelings Irony Supporting One's Opinion</p>
<p>Unit 3.2</p>		<p>Read-Aloud Anchor Text Realistic Fiction, <i>The War With Grandpa</i></p> <p>Key Questions: <i>How should conflicts be solved?</i></p>	<p>Informational Non-Fiction: Directions for the game called RISK, and a timeline of wars throughout Grandpa's life.</p> <p>Realistic Fiction Book Club Texts: <i>Marvin Redpost: Why Pick On Me?</i> <i>Jake Drake, Bully Buster</i> <i>Ramona and Beezus</i></p>	<p>Expository Writing Retell Summaries Turning Point Summaries Synthesis Summaries Compare & Contrast</p> <p>Literary Story</p>	<p>Special Features Compare & Contrast Character Beliefs</p>
<p>Unit 3.3</p>		<p>Read-Aloud Anchor Text Non-Fiction Biography, <i>Martin Luther King, Jr.</i></p> <p>Key Questions: <i>Why is Martin Luther King Jr. an important person to know about?</i></p>	<p>Informational Non-Fiction: Articles, maps, videos and timelines about the Martin Luther King Jr., Gandhi, and the Civil Rights Movement.</p> <p>Non-Fiction Biography/ Autobiography Book Club Text: <i>I Am Rosa Parks</i> <i>Rosa Parks</i> <i>Rosa Parks (A True Book)</i></p>	<p>Expository Writing Retell Summaries Turning Point Summaries Synthesis Summaries Opinion/Persuasive Opinions Opinion Essay</p>	<p>Special Features Primary Documents Text Features Family Tree Compare & Contrast Supporting One's Opinion Connecting Past to Present</p>
<p>Unit 3.4</p>		<p>Read-Aloud Anchor Text Historical Fiction, <i>Glory Be</i></p> <p>Key Questions: <i>How should conflicts within a community be solved?</i></p>	<p>Informational Non-Fiction: Articles, maps, videos, timelines, and primary documents about the Civil Rights Movement and the Freedom Riders.</p> <p>Historical Fiction Book Club Texts: <i>Julian's Glorious Summer</i> <i>Abby Takes a Stand</i> <i>Freedom Train</i></p>	<p>Expository Writing Retell Summaries Turning Point Summaries Synthesis Summaries Opinion/Persuasive Opinions Persuasive Essay</p>	<p>Special Features Primary Documents Character Beliefs Connecting Past to Present</p>
<p>Unit 3.5</p>		<p>Read-Aloud Anchor Text Legend, <i>Maniac Magee</i></p> <p>Key Questions: <i>What does it mean to be a Good Samaritan?</i></p>	<p>Nonfiction: The story of the Good Samaritan.</p> <p>Realistic Fiction Book Club Texts: <i>Fudge-A-Mania</i> <i>The Way to Stay in Destiny Swindle</i></p>	<p>Expository Writing Retell Summaries Turning Point Summaries Synthesis Summaries Compare & Contrast Opinion/Persuasive Persuasive Letter (Research)</p>	<p>Special Features Compare & Contrast Humor Exaggeration Connecting Past to Present Research</p>

Strategies taught explicitly across the 3rd grade curriculum:

Literary Strategies:

- Narrative text structure & features
- Character analysis
- Author's craft
- Theme/author's message

Non-Fiction Strategies:

- Non-fiction text structure & features
- Main Idea and details
- Author's purpose
- Research and evaluation of sources

Instructional Strategies:

- Discussion and collaboration
- Note taking and graphic organizers
- Drawing on prior knowledge
- Writing in response to reading
- Scaffolding complex text
- Differentiating instruction for diverse learners