6th Grade English Language Arts Curriculum-Learnzillian

Units of Study	Focus Standards	Major Assignments
August-October Text: Out of Dust by Karen Hesse, Leaving the Dust Bowl by Bob Bradshaw, Drought & Okies by Farming in the 1930s, Letters from the Dust Bowl by Caroline Henderson	RL 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 Rl 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 10 L 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 W 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10	Culminating Writing Task Students will write a literary analysis that includes a claim, supporting reasons, and several pieces of relevant text evidence.
October-December Text: If Stones Could Speak by Marc Aronson, Intrigue of the Past, Archaeology 101, Travel	RL 1, 2, 4, 6, 10 RI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 L 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 W 1, 4, 6, 8	Culminating Writing Task Write an essay that explains how the author introduces and elaborates his central idea and purpose.
January-March Text: Witch of Blackbird Pond	6.W.TTP.1.b6.SL.C C.16.W.TTP.1.c6.R L.KID.16.RL.KID.2 6.W.TTP.1.a6.W.TT P.1.d	Culminating Writing Task Who is Kit most loyal to in The Witch of Blackbird Pond? Write an argumentative essay to support your claim with clear reasons. Be sure to use proper grammar, conventions, spelling, and grade - appropriate words and phrases.

April-May

Texts: The Hatchet by Gary Paulsen,

What Would Peter Do? &

Survival by the Numbers by Peter Kummerfeldt,

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George RL 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 RI 1, 2, 6, 10 L 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 W 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Culminating Writing Task

Students will write a multi-paragraph report explaining how Brian was successful and/or could have improved his situation if he had followed the steps provided in the article case studies.