Time	<b>Units of Study</b> LearnZillion Guidebooks 7th Grade Curriculum	Focus Standards	Major Assignments/ Assessments
August-November Note: Specific dates and details will be provided at the start of each unit. Some adjustments may be made to accommodate unforeseen scheduling changes and the instructional needs of students as we move through the semester.	<ul> <li>Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland, Sally M. Walker</li> <li>Students read literary and informational texts about the stories of our past to understand how different texts offer unique historical perspectives and how authors sometimes alter details of history to serve a purpose.</li> <li>Other Texts: Blood on the River: James Town, 1607, Elisa Carbone</li> <li>"Ode to the Virginian Voyage," Michael Drayton</li> <li>"Pocahontas," William Makepeace Thackeray</li> <li>Daily Bell Work on basic grammar concepts</li> </ul>	RL 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10 RI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 W 1, 2 SL 1, 1a, 5 L 1, 2, 2b, 3, 4, 4b, 5,	Multiparagraph Essay identifying a central idea of the text. CASE Assessment 1 Students will show mastery of the standards learned through a formal assessment. Formative Assessments
November-January	Christmas Carol Students read literary and informational texts about the meaning and redemption found through selflessness and valuing people over material possessions. Students understand how writers use stories to teach us these lessons and how characters'	RL 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 RI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 W 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 SL 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 L 1, 2, 3, 4	Multiparagraph essay in response to the question: What does Dickens want us to understand about the "business" of being human? CASE Assessment 2 Formative Assessments

	choices affect the plot		
	and build the theme of		
	a story.		
	Other Texts:		
	"Do Experiences or		
	Material Goods Make		
	Us Happier?"		
	ScienceDaily		
	<i>"</i>		
	"Study: Experiences		
	Make Us Happier Than		
	Possessions," Elizabeth		
	Landau		
	(CNNHealth.com)		
	Tuesdays with Morrie,		
	Mitch Albom		
	"The Eighth Tuesday:		
	We Talk About Money"		
	"Charles Dickens: Six		
	Things He Gave the		
	Modern World," Alex		
	Hudson (BBC News)		
	Daily Bell Work on		
	basic grammar		
	concepts		
January- March	The Giver	<b>RL</b> - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9,	Multiparagraph essay
		10	in response to the
	Students read		question: How does
	dystopian literature	<b>RI</b> -1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9,	Jonas' unique point of
	and related	10	view reveal a theme of
	informational texts to		The Giver?
	understand how	<b>W</b> -1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,	
	individual perspectives	9, 10	CASE Assessment 3
	are shaped by	<b>.</b>	
	knowledge and	<b>SL</b> -1, 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4, 5,	Formative
	memory and to	6	Assessments
	determine whether		
	perfection is worth the	<b>L</b> - 1, 2, 2b, 3, 4, 5, 5a, 6	
	sacrifice.		
	Other texts:		
	Maze Runner, James		
	Dashner		

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	The Hunger Games, Suzanne Collins		
	Unwind, Neal Shusterman		
	Uglies, Scott		
	Westerfeld		
	Daily Bell Work on basic grammar		
	concepts		
March- May	Memoir	<b>RL</b> - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10	Multiparagraph essay in response to the
	Students read various	<b>RI</b> - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9,	question: Does the
	memoirs and texts	10	memoir you read
	about a writer's craft		support and/or
	to understand the importance of memoirs	<b>W</b> - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10	contradict Zinsser's advice for writing a
	and "coming of age"	<b>SL</b> - 1, 2, 4, 5	memoir in "How to
	literature. Students		Write a Memoir"?
	express their understanding by	<b>L</b> - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	TN Ready
	exploring their own		IN Ready
	voice and style as a		Formative
	writer, observing the		Assessments
	firsthand connection		
	between reading and		
	writing, as they write		
	their own memoir.		
	Other texts:		
	A Summer Life, Gary		
	Soto		
	Bad Boy: A Memoir,		
	Walter Dean Myers		
	The Circuit, Francisco		
	Jimenez		
	Guts, Gary Paulsen		
	Soul Surfer, Bethany		
	Hamilton and Rick		
	Bundschuh		

Boy: Tales of Childhood, Roald Dahl	
Daily Bell Work on basic grammar concepts	