

Components of a Literature Unit

Connected Texts

Each unit begins with Connected Texts. These texts:

- Explore themes related to the Whole Class Book or provide background knowledge.
- Ask scholars to write a short essay that assesses their close reading skills.
- Help you prepare your scholars for midterms, finals, and state tests.

See Connected Text seminars in action below:

- [Fiction Connected Text Seminar](#)
- [Poetry Connected Text Seminar](#)

Download a list of all Connected Texts and Mastery Texts used in the curriculum below:

- [Middle School Literature: Connected Texts and Mastery Texts](#)

Whole Class Book

Scholars then dive into a great work of literature or nonfiction:

- These books are read or listened to through audiobooks, and their meaning is discussed.
- Scholars read for big ideas and explain how these ideas are supported by textual evidence.
- Scholars are also on the hunt for key themes.
- Scholars demonstrate mastery via daily in-class written responses about the book.

Watch the videos below to see Whole Class Book seminars in action.

- 5th Grade:
 - [5th Grade Literature Vocabulary Do Now](#)
 - [5th Grade Literature Read and Discuss 1 - Read Aloud and Dialogue Reading](#)
 - [5th Grade Literature Read and Discuss 1 - Dialogue Reading and Turn and Talk](#)
- 7th Grade:
 - [7th Grade Literature Vocabulary Do Now](#)
 - [7th Grade Literature Class Launch](#)
 - [7th Grade Literature Read and Discuss 1 - Audiobook](#)
 - [7th Grade Literature Read and Discuss 1 - Turn and Talk and Discussion](#)
 - [7th Grade Literature Read and Discuss 1 - Audiobook, Turn and Talk, and Discussion](#)
 - [7th Grade Literature Exit Ticket](#)