

# GT Reading 6/Reading 6 Expectations 2008-2009

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## UNITS OF STUDY

Unit	Title	Enduring Understandings	End of Unit Assessment Dates
1	Foundations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Readers and writers grow by understanding the reading processes and strategies.</li> <li>• Readers and writers grow by making connections to themselves, others, and to the text.</li> </ul>	<b>October 27th</b>
2	Mythology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Readers and writers make sense of the human experience through story telling.</li> <li>• Myths attempt to explain the unexplainable.</li> </ul>	<b>January 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> (Original Myth)</b>
3	Triumphs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accomplishments of great stature inspire an entire community.</li> <li>• Narration and exposition record and celebrate extraordinary achievements.</li> </ul>	<b>March 25-27th</b>
	<b>MSA</b>		<b>March 16-27</b>
4	The Newspaper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspapers communicate ideas and information on a variety of subjects for a diverse audience.</li> <li>• Shared Inquiry requires readers to search for an author's meaning.</li> </ul>	<b>June 9<sup>th</sup>-June 15<sup>th</sup></b>

### Edline:

- Edline is a great tool to keep up with what we are doing in class. You can access the following important things on Edline:
  - Student gradesheets
  - Homework assignments
  - Project assignment sheets
  - Class and School Calendars
  - Classroom presentations and handouts (not all handouts are available online)
- Weekly parent and student emails will be sent out from the teacher through the Edline list serve. Please
  - update your email address on Edline to make sure that you receive these important informational emails.

### Class Tardiness (Sixth Grade Policy):

- If a student is late to class without an "excused" pass from a teacher or the office (this includes arriving late in the morning), they will receive a 5 minute lunch detention. The third time a student is tardy to class. The student receives a thirty-minute lunch detention, and parents are contacted. The student must also complete a reflection sheet during the detention which will need to be signed by their parents.

***You will not be able to go back to your locker after class has started!!!***

**Absences:**

- If a student is absent, it is his or her responsibility to approach the teacher for make-up work.
- Students should use their **P.A.W.S.** time to get their make-up work or make an appointment to see the teacher during lunch, or before and after school. The teacher will not discuss make-up work during regular class time.
- The teacher will have a packet of missing work from you when you return. It is your responsibility to see the teacher for the missing assignments.
- Students should also check Edline for any information as to what they may have missed while out.
- Students should have a "study buddy" to find out what work was missed, but should **also** meet with the teacher upon returning to school.
- If a student is absent, a different due date or deadline may be set for that particular student.
- Work that was due on the date of the absence will be due immediately upon your return.

**Being Prepared:**

Bring the following items to class every day:

- binder with a section for your Reading work
- a blue or black pen and pencil
- completed homework(usually your Reading Calendar due first day of the week)
- student planner
- chosen book for pleasure reading or assigned book

**Homework:**

- A list of homework assignments can be accessed through Edline.
- Homework must be copied in the student planner daily. Please check the student planner for the most up to date assignment as assignments may change due to class pace. Teachers will monitor this by stamping planners daily.
- Not all homework will be given a grade, but it will be discussed in class and is necessary in order to master curriculum objectives.
- 10% of the final grade is for homework completion.
- Graded homework for practice will be worth two points when turned in on time; one point for late or partially completed work, and a zero if it is not turned in by the deadline.

**Data Binder:**

- Each student will develop a data binder of their reading assessments this year. It will include all common tasks that we complete in class. This portfolio will be kept in the classroom at all times.
- All writing assignments will be completed in class so that all students are given equal access to support and resources to complete the assignments. The teacher will make herself available to students on certain days during P.A.W.S. and after school should you need more time, guidance, or access to resources when completing a writing assignment or project. It is your responsibility to make these arrangements with the teacher.
- The portfolio will consist of three "data point" assignments or assessments per quarter. The grades of these assignments will be put into a school database in order to analyze student progress.
- If you or your parents would like to look at your data binder, make an appointment with the teacher to come into class as some materials are considered "secured" items.

*\*Read to Succeed!*

*-Mrs. Claxton, Ms. Orelli, Mrs. Norton, and Mrs. Friedman!*