

Our Focus: Reading for Literary Experience & Reading to be Informed
 11/3 - 1/21

What questions do we ask ourselves?

- ◇ What are the characteristics of realistic and historical fiction?
- ◇ How does knowing the cultural and historical background of a text help me comprehend the text?
- ◇ How does the author reveal theme in the text?
- ◇ How does knowing that a character is a historical figure help me understand his/her character traits /motives for their actions?
- ◇ How does knowing the relationships among ideas in the story help me determine the author’s message?
- ◇ How does information text differ from fiction?
- ◇ How can informational text features help me locate information quickly?

Why are we learning this?

- To use reading strategies to increase and monitor understanding of text (realistic, historical, and non-fiction).
- To use knowledge of the times and cultures represented in fiction and how it can aid in understanding the story.
- To be able to understand how nonfiction/informational text is organized to help locate and understand what is read.
- To use text features to help located information.

How will we learn these things?

- ✓ By making connections with the text
- ✓ By identifying the parts of a story
- ✓ By determining a characters motivation
- ✓ By identifying characteristics of realistic and historical fiction and non-fiction text.
- ✓ By responding/reflecting to what was read

Vocabulary Words:

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| • nonfiction | informational |
| • historical | realistic |
| • character trait(s) | summary |
| • actions | dialogue |
| • setting | problem |
| • message | text features |
| • caption | headings |
| • label | title |
| • picture | italics |
| • culture | re-read |
| • preview | |

What resources will we use?

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| 📖 <u>Junebug</u> | 📖 <u>Time For Kids Magazine</u> | 📖 <u>Journey Home</u> |
| 📖 <u>Shiloh</u> | 📖 <u>Sirs Discover</u> | 📖 <u>Follow the Drinking..</u> |
| 📖 <u>Grandpa’s Face</u> | 📖 <u>A Lion to Guard Us</u> | 📖 <u>Aunt Harriet’s Und...</u> |
| 📖 <u>Me and Nessie</u> | 📖 <u>Baseball Saved Us</u> | 📖 <u>Morning Girl</u> |
| 📖 <u>There’s an Owl in the Shower</u> | 📖 <u>So Far From the Sea</u> | |

Good readers think about what they read?

Predict - Question - Clarify - Summarize