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Unit 1 - Gadgets and Glitches IXL: Writing Strategies: Organizing Writing, Grammar and Mechanics: Sentences, Fragments, and Run-Ons, Phrases and Clauses, Nouns

Big Ideas	Evaluate each step of the writing process, including grammar and mechanics, to create an overarching meaning of the text.									
Essential Questions	Are Bionic Superhumans on the Horizon? Does technology improve or control our lives? If a scientist could implant a device inside you that made you smarter, faster, or stronger, would you have the surgery? What if the procedure were risky or expensive?									
Key Learning Objectives & Skills	 Describe the piece of technol Compare Arguments Debate Writing: Write an informative 	explaining a piece of technology that has it ogy, how the technology has benefitted you essay about bionic technology. Indicate the analysis of the second	u, and how to use	the technology.						
	Smart Objectives (SWBAT):	Instructional Strategies and Activities	PA CC Standards	Keystone or PSSA Anchors	Keystone / PSSA Eligible Content	Vocabulary				
September	Are Bionic Superhumans on the Horizon Analyze characteristics of an informational text Identify and analyze main ideas and details Identify and analyze the organization of informational texts	Are Bionic Superhumans on the Horizon Analyze characteristics of an informational text Identify and analyze main ideas and details Identify and analyze the organization of Are Bionic Superhumans on the Horizon Are Bionic Superhumans on the Horizon Guided notes CC.1.2.11-12.A CC.1.2.6.A CC.1.2.6.A CC.1.2.7.A CC.1.2.8.A CC.1.2.8.A CC.1.2.8.B CC.1.2.8.B CC.1.2.8.B CC.1.2.8.B CC.1.2.8.B CC.1.2.8.C CC.1								

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Resources	Ed: My Fr	iend in Learning (HMH), Sch	oology, Google Applications,	IXL			
Formative Assessments	your unde		tests, essay scoring, visual re	r-share, station activities (jigsaw presentations (web or concept			
Summative Assessments	Selection	quizzes/tests, essay scoring,	analyze the text comprehens	sion questions, writing tasks			
Strategies for ELL Support	and IEP	curtailed multiple-choice qu	uestions and options, choice of to correspond with notes/act	ranslations offered, adapted tex of a partner/group, guided notes ivities, use sentence frames, wo	, co-teaching, cor	mmunication with ESL	& special

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Unit / Concept	Unit 2 - The Thrill of Horror IXL: Writing Strategies: Developing an	Unit 2 - The Thrill of Horror IXL: Writing Strategies: Developing and Supporting Arguments; Grammar & Mechanics: Pronouns and Antecedents, Pronoun Types, Verb Types								
Big Ideas	Evaluate each step of the writing proce	Evaluate each step of the writing process, including grammar and mechanics, to create an overarching meaning of the text.								
Essential Questions	What is the Horror Genre? Why do we sometimes like to feel frigh	itened?								
Key Learning Objectives & Skills	the mentor text Differentiate Paraphrasing & Identify literary Criticism Write personal responses Write literary analyses	Analysis e of the stories (Blood, The Outsider) that Summarizing ysis of literary criticism and paraphrase ar ents using suffixes mas ess a complaint. verb tenses using suffixes.		xt fits into the horro	r genre based on the	e criteria given in				
Dates (estimates only)	Smart Objectives	Instructional Strategies and Activities	PA CC Standards	Keystone or PSSA Anchors	Keystone / PSSA Eligible Content	Vocabulary				
	What Is The Horror Genre? Analyze characteristics of literary crit Analyze plot and plot structures Use context clues to identify the meanings of unfamiliar words or phrases	What Is The Horror Genre? Guided notes Critical Vocabulary Double-Entry Journal Check your understanding Analyze the text	CC.1.2.11-12.H CC.1.2.6.H CC.1.2.7.H CC.1.2.8.A CC.1.2.8.B CC.1.2.8.C CC.1.2.8.D CC.1.2.8.E CC.1.2.8.H CC.1.2.8.H CC.1.2.8.J	E06.A-V.4 E06.B-C.3 E06.B-V.4 E07.A-V.4 E07.B-C.3 E07.B-V.4 E08.A-V.4 E08.B-C.2 E08.B-C.3 E08.B-K.1 E08.B-V.4	E06.A-V.4.1.1b E06.B-C.3.1.1 E06.B-V.4.1.1b E07.A-V.4.1.1b E07.B-C.3.1.1 E07.B-V.4.1.1b E08.A-V.4.1.1b E08.A-V.4.1.2c E08.B-C.2.1.1 E08.B-C.2.1.1	Convention, predict, psychology, summary, technique, criticism, horror, analysis, Pronouns and Antecedents, Pronoun Types, Verb Types				

				CC.1.2.9-10.H CC.1.3.8.J CC.1.4.8.F CC.1.4.8.H CC.1.4.8.J CC.1.4.8.L CC.1.4.8.R CC.1.4.8.R CC.1.4.8.S CC.1.4.8.V CC.1.4.8.W CC.1.4.8.W CC.1.4.8.X CC.1.5.8.A CC.1.5.8.E CC.1.5.8.G	E08.D.1	E08.B-K.1.1.1 E08.B-K.1.1.2 E08.B-K.1.1.3 E08.B-V.4.1.1b E08.B-V.4.1.2c E08.D.1.2.1	
Resources	Ed: My Fr	iend in Learning (HMH), So	hoology, Google Applications, IXL		7 7		
Formative Assessments	your unde	rstanding, selection quizze	ole group discussion, think-pair-share, stat s/tests, essay scoring, visual representation endent reading and reflecting				
Summative Assessments	Selection quizzes/tests, essay scoring, analyze the text comprehension questions, writing tasks						
Strategies for ELL Support	r ELL and IEP 1:1 support, chunking, shortened essay and questions, translations offered, adapted texts provided, push-in/pull-out support, word banks, curtailed multiple-choice questions and options, choice of a partner/group, guided notes, co-teaching, communication with ESL & special education teachers, visuals to correspond with notes/activities, use sentence frames, word webs, flashcards, numbered heads, carousel, summarizations of chapters						

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Unit / Concept	Unit 3 - Places We Call Home, from <i>The Book of Unknown Americans</i> IXL: Writing Strategies: Persuasive Strategies; Grammar & Mechanics: Verb Tense & Mood, Adjectives and Adverbs, Prepositions									
Big Ideas	Evaluate each step of the writing process, including grammar and mechanics, to create an overarching meaning of the text.									
Essential Questions	What are the places that shape who yo	ou are?								
Key Learning Objectives & Skills	 Guided Notes + Language Conventions Check Your Understanding + Analysis Write a short story of your own choosing. Write narratives Speaking & Listening: Write and perform a literary text to demonstrate understanding. Research: Conduct and discuss research about the history of Panama. Writing: Write a literary response to a realistic fiction text. Vocabulary: Use a dictionary to identify part of speech and usage/meaning. Grammar: Use pronouns in prepositional phrases. 									
Dates (estimates only)	Smart Objectives	Instructional Strategies and Activities	PA CC Standards	Keystone or PSSA Anchors	Keystone / PSSA Eligible Content	Vocabulary				
	from The Book of Unknown Americans Analyze characteristics of a novel Identify and analyze narrative structure Analyze theme Research Panama's history	from The Book of Unknown Americans	CC.1.2.11-12.A CC.1.2.11-12.C CC.1.2.6.A CC.1.2.6.C CC.1.2.7.A CC.1.2.7.C CC.1.2.8.A CC.1.2.8.J CC.1.2.8.J CC.1.2.9-10.A CC.1.2.9-10.C CC.1.3.11-12.A CC.1.3.6.A CC.1.3.6.B CC.1.3.7.A CC.1.3.7.B CC.1.3.7.B	E06.A-K.1 E06.B-K.1 E07.A-K.1 E07.B-K.1 E08.A-K.1 E08.A-V.4 E08.B-K.1 E08.B-V.4 E08.E.1	E06.A-K.1.1.1 E06.A-K.1.1.2 E06.B-K.1.1.3 E07.A-K.1.1.1 E07.A-K.1.1.2 E07.B-K.1.1.2 E07.B-K.1.1.3 E08.A-K.1.1.1 E08.A-K.1.1.3 E08.A-K.1.1.3 E08.B-K.1.1.3 E08.B-K.1.1.2 E08.B-K.1.1.2	Verb Tense, Mood, Adjectives Adverbs, Prepositions				

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Resources	Ed: My Fr	riend in Learning (HMH), Schoology, Google Applications, IXL				
Formative Assessments	Teacher check for understanding, whole group discussion, think-pair-share, station activities (jigsaw, carousel), at-the-bells, exit tickets, writing tasks, check your understanding, selection quizzes/tests, essay scoring, visual representations (web or concept maps), analogy prompts, oral questioning, follow-up probes, misconception check, independent reading and reflecting					
Summative Assessments	Selection	quizzes/tests, essay scoring, analyze the text comprehension questions, writing tasks				
Strategies for ELL and IEP Support 1:1 support, chunking, shortened essay and questions, translations offered, adapted texts provided, push-in/pull-out support, word bar curtailed multiple-choice questions and options, choice of a partner/group, guided notes, co-teaching, communication with ESL & specied education teachers, visuals to correspond with notes/activities, use sentence frames, word webs, flashcards, numbered heads, carous summarizations of chapters						

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Unit / Concept	IXL: Writing Strategies: Persuasive Str	Unit 4 - The Fight for Freedom, from <i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave</i> IXL: Writing Strategies; Persuasive Strategies, Creative techniques; Grammar & Mechanics: Direct & Indirect Objects, Conjunctions, Misplaced Modifiers, Restrictive and nonrestrictive elements									
Big Ideas	Evaluate each step of the writing process, including grammar and mechanics, to create an overarching meaning of the text.										
Essential Questions	What will people risk to be free? How did you learn to read? In what wa	ys would your life be different if you could	n't read?								
Key Learning Objectives & Skills	 Speaking & Listening: Discus Research: Conduct research Writing: Write a literary analyst Vocabulary: Use Latin roots to Grammar: Identify pronoun-a Analyze autobiography and conduct research about Free Discuss Douglass's assertion disadvantages. 	Analysis lee Unit 6 writing task in HMH) s Douglass's assertion that learning to real about Frederick Douglass's life. sis. o help define words. Intecedent agreement. lite evidence to support ideas. structure. lerick Douglass's life.	d has disadvantage	PS.							
Dates (estimates only)	Smart Objectives	Instructional Strategies and Activities	PA CC Standards	Keystone or PSSA Anchors	Keystone / PSSA Eligible Content	Vocabulary					
	from Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave Analyze characteristics of autobiography Analyze autobiographies Analyze structure Conduct research about significant events in Frederick Douglass's life	from Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave Guided notes Critical Vocabulary Think-Pair-Share Check your understanding Analyze the text Research Frederick Douglass's life	CC.1.2.11-12.D CC.1.2.11-12.E CC.1.2.6.D CC.1.2.6.E CC.1.2.7.D CC.1.2.7.E CC.1.2.8.A CC.1.2.8.B CC.1.2.8.D CC.1.2.8.E	E06.B-C.2 E07.B-C.2 E08.A-V.4 E08.B-C.2 E08.B-K.1 E08.B-V.4 E08.E.1	E06.B-C.2.1.1 E06.B-C.2.1.2 E07.B-C.2.1.1 E07.B-C.2.1.2 E08.A-V.4.1.1a E08.A-V.4.1.1b E08.A-V.4.1.2c E08.B-C.2.1.1 E08.B-C.2.1.2 E08.B-C.2.1.3	Autobiography, nonfiction, pertinent, purpose, cause and effect, commence prudence denunciation apprehension unabated					

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Resources	Ed: My Fr	riend in Learning (HMH), Schoology, Google Applications, IXL					
Formative Assessments	your unde	Teacher check for understanding, whole group discussion, think-pair-share, station activities (jigsaw, carousel), at-the-bells, exit tickets, writing tasks, check your understanding, selection quizzes/tests, essay scoring, visual representations (web or concept maps), analogy prompts, oral questioning, follow-up probes, misconception check, independent reading and reflecting					
Summative Assessments	Selection	quizzes/tests, essay scoring, analyze the text comprehension questions, writing tasks					
Strategies for ELL Support	and IEP	1:1 support, chunking, shortened essay and questions, translations offered, adapted texts provided, push-in/pull-out support, word banks, curtailed multiple-choice questions and options, choice of a partner/group, guided notes, co-teaching, communication with ESL & special education teachers, visuals to correspond with notes/activities, use sentence frames, word webs, flashcards, numbered heads, carousel, summarizations of chapters					

Unit / Concept Unit 5 - Bearing Witness

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	IXL: Writing Strategies: Editing and Revising, Research Skills; Grammar and Mechanics: Capitalization, Formatting									
Big Ideas	from The Diary of a Young Girl									
Essential Questions	What can we learn from Anne Frank? What questions do you have about Anne's diary?									
Key Learning Objectives & Skills	 Guided Notes Language Conventions Check Your Understanding + Analysis Write a Research Report on some topic in the Holocaust (See Unit 4 Writing task in HMH) Reading: Analyze elements of a diary entry. Reading: Make and support inferences about a text. Speaking & Listening: Discuss the value and characteristics of primary sources. Research: Conduct research about Anne Frank's diary. Writing: Illustrate an event in Anne Frank's life. Vocabulary: Distinguish between connotative and denotative text. Grammar: Analyze how writers use parentheses. Language Discuss with a partner how first-person narrative differs from third-person narrative using Academic Vocabulary 									
	Smart Objectives									
March	from The Diary of a Young Girl Analyze elements of a diary entry Make and support inferences about a text Discuss the value and characteristics of primary sources Conduct research about Anne Frank's diary Distinguish between connotative and denotative text	from The Diary of a Young Girl	CC.1.2.8.A CC.1.2.8.B CC.1.2.8.C CC.1.2.8.J CC.1.2.8.L CC.1.3.6.B CC.1.3.7.B CC.1.3.8.B CC.1.3.8.J CC.1.3.8-10.B CC.1.4.8.S CC.1.4.8.V	E06.A-K.1 E08.A-V.4 E08.B-C.2 E08.B-K.1 E08.B-V.4	E06.A-K.1.1.1 E07.A-K.1.1.1 E08.A-V.4.1.1a E08.A-V.4.1.2b E08.A-V.4.1.2c E08.B-C.2.1.3 E08.B-K.1.1.1 E08.B-K.1.1.2 E08.B-K.1.1.3 E08.B-V.4.1.1a E08.B-V.4.1.2b E08.B-V.4.1.2c	Primary versus secondary sources, diary, inferences, implore, splendid, Conjecture, Capitalization, Formatting				

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Resources	Ed: My Fri	: My Friend in Learning (HMH), Schoology, Google Applications, IXL						
Formative Assessments	your unde	Teacher check for understanding, whole group discussion, think-pair-share, station activities (jigsaw, carousel), at-the-bells, exit tickets, writing tasks, check your understanding, selection quizzes/tests, essay scoring, visual representations (web or concept maps), analogy prompts, oral questioning, follow-up probes, misconception check, independent reading and reflecting						
Summative Assessments	Selection	Selection quizzes/tests, essay scoring, analyze the text comprehension questions, writing tasks						
Strategies for ELL Support	for ELL and IEP 1:1 support, chunking, shortened essay and questions, translations offered, adapted texts provided, push-in/pull-out support, word banks, curtailed multiple-choice questions and options, choice of a partner/group, guided notes, co-teaching, communication with ESL & special education teachers, visuals to correspond with notes/activities, use sentence frames, word webs, flashcards, numbered heads, carousel, summarizations of chapters							

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Unit / Concept	Unit 6 - Finding Your Path IXL: Writing Strategies: Active & Passive Voices; Grammar and Mechanics: Commas, Semicolons, Colons, and Commas, Dashes, hyphens, and ellipses									
Big Ideas	from It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens / Outsmart Your Smartphone									
Essential Questions	How do your teenage years prepare you for adulthood?									
Key Learning Objectives & Skills	 Guided Notes + Language Conventions Check Your Understanding + Analysis Research: Conduct research about the number of time teens and adults spend online and any resulting effects. Write an argument about whether or not technology and social media are obstacles to friendship Writing: Write an opinion piece about social media use at school. Vocabulary: Use context clues to define unfamiliar words. Grammar: Form compound sentences and avoid run-on sentences. Reading: Analyze and use evidence to explain the structure and rhetorical devices used to develop an argument. Reading: Compare the characteristics and strength of two arguments. Speaking & Listening: Collaboratively develop and present an argument and counterargument through role-playing. Research: Conduct research about smartphones and social media. 									
Dates (estimates only)	Smart Instructional Strategies PA CC Keystone or PSSA Eligible Content									
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Resources	Ed: My Friend in Learning (HMH), Schoology, Google Applications, IXL						
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