

The Inquiry

GRADE 7 ELA: UNIT II

HOW DO YOU ACHIEVE HAPPINESS?

ENGLISH
LANGUAGE
ARTS

In our second thematic unit, Grade 7 will engage in an inquiry on our essential question "How do you achieve happiness?". We will read seven texts that speak to the theme of happiness. Over the course of the inquiry, we will revisit the essential question "How do you achieve happiness?" throughout the unit.

Grade 7 will develop more independent reading skills, and focus on how to support claims with textual evidence. Students will read thematically-paired texts and complete a graphic organizer that will help them track their own understanding of this theme to prepare for a synthesis essay.

By the end of this unit, students will write a synthesis essay that uses evidence from multiple texts to answer the essential question: How can we achieve happiness?

Our task goal will be student-centred, student-led magazine production which will demonstrate improvements or mastery on the above mentioned ELA skills, as well as meaningful insight on our unit's essential question.



UNIT II KEY SKILLS

The skills that will be taught and reinforced are:

- Writing fluid explanations,
- citing evidence from multiple texts to support analysis,
- analyzing the development of ideas across multiple texts,
- comparing and contrasting ideas across different texts,
- leading evidence-based discussions
- working collaboratively on a creative project
- writing a synthesis essay.

