

Assignment Sheet

Week of September 4th

Name _____

Science

Language Arts

Social Studies

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Labor Day Holiday	Nature of Matter 2.3 Energy and Matter p. 73-77 Assessment p. 77	Nature of Matter Ch. 2 Review & Assessment P. 81-83 Don't forget the Standards Practice	Nature of Matter Ch. 2 Review & Assessment P. 81-83 Day 2 Test Review	Nature of Matter Ch. 2 Test
Read 30 Min Narrative Writing Labor Day Holiday	Read 30 Min Narrative Writing Creating Dynamic Characters Day 2 iReady Reading	Read 30 Min Critical Literacy Summarize to Hold onto the Story Thematic vs. Character Summary	Read 30 Min Critical Literacy Use Notebooks to Synthesize & Develop Thinking	Read 30 Min Critical Literacy Author's Intent Confusing or Irrelevant Scene
A Changing World Labor Day Holiday	A Changing World 1.5 The Enlightenment p.32-39 Continued	A Changing World Special Project Continued Can sports heal a divided America? Remember the Titans	A Changing World Remember the Titans A Divided America Depth & Complexity	A Changing World Theme of Power In Capitalism In Socialism Current Events: Capitalism vs. Socialism

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Creating Dynamic Characters

Narrative Unit ▪ Monterey Highlands ▪ Mr. Choi

Boring Characters

Luna live in Philadelphia.

Interesting Characters

15 year old Luna, having just moved from her childhood home in California to Philadelphia, is having a really having a hard time making friends at school. her strange name and the beat-up, psychedelic colored van her dad drives her to school in every morning have not made it easy on her. To make matters even worse, the girls are jealous of the attention she gets from guys because of her wild green eyes, dark tan, and cool California accent.

They are also jealous of her shoes. She has every shoe know to man. Colorful sandals, hip skate shoes, cute high heels, wedges, boots, tennis shoes, running shoes—she wears a new pair each day. Little do they know, she makes them all herself.

Creating Interesting Characters by descriptive details

1. Name
2. Age
3. Height:
4. Eye Color
5. Physical appearance:
6. Strange or unique physical appearance:
7. Hobbies/interests:
8. Where does he or she live? What is it like there?
9. Special skills/abilities:
10. Family (describe):
11. Description of his or her house:
12. Description of his or her bedroom:
13. Favorite bands/songs/ type of music
14. Favorite movies:
15. Favorite TV Shows:
16. Favorite books:
17. Favorite sports/sport teams:
18. Any interesting philosophies
19. Religion
20. Physical health
21. Pet peeves:

Engaging the Reader

Strategies to Capture the Readers Attention

- Catch the readers attention.
- Make the reader want to read more.
- Make the reader want to finish reading the piece.

1. Start with a Question.

Do you know the secrete of getting straight A's without even trying?

2. Start with a sound.

"Whoosh", went the basketball as it swished through the net.

3. Start with an interesting fact.

Did you know that the national debt of the US is almost 17 trillion dollars?

4. Start with an intense moment.

I was disoriented and my lungs filled with watter as the wave crashed upon me.

5. Start with a strong feeling (Exclamation).

"No, No, Nol", I shouted, as my car broke down again on my way to work.

6. Start with a quote.

"Education is the most powerful weapon by which you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandella

7. Start with a descriptive setting.

It was a dark and bitterly cold night. My lips were blue and I was beginning to lose the feeling in my toes as I trudged through the snow looking for help.

8. Start with an interesting conversation or dialogue.

9. Start with a _____.

Open the book you are reading and look at the first paragraph of the book. How did the author engage the reader? Fill in the blanks.

10. Start with a _____.