

Common Core Appendix

Common Core:

RL.7.2: Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.

- We will also provide an object summary of the text itself.
- We will determine the theme of the text and analyze how the theme develops in and among the chapters of the novel.

RL.7.6: Analyze how an author develops and contrasts the points of view of different characters or narrators in a text.

- We will discuss how Walter Dean Myers develops the characters of with discussion that revolve around how the characters change throughout the course of the novel. Also, we will alter the point of view from which a selection of the story is told. We will use this to show how an alternative point of view can show character development.

W.7.1: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.

- We will explore the idea of slave trade and how it influences life and culture. We will make claims regarding how the slave trade was justified, why other people might disagree, and organize those arguments and counterarguments into a clear and cohesive writing.

W.7.3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

- Students will write narratives about imagined experiences and events in relation to the novel itself. How would you react if you were in the character's place? What would you do? How would you feel?

SL.7.1: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

- Students will work in whole group settings (Socratic Seminar), groups (Reader's Theater, Cooperative Learning Groups, Journaling/"Facebooking") and one-on-one (RAFT, alternate endings, blogging).