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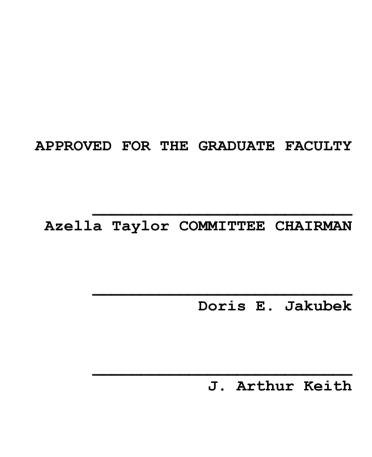
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### PROJECT PROPOSAL BY MARIANNE MCAFEE AND LOIS FISHER

- I. Develop techniques to apply to seventh grade Language Arts to meet individual needs and the large numbers of students.
  - A. Use of varied group sizes, large group, small group
  - B. Individualizing
  - C. Track system, low, average, high
  - D. Describe setting, seminar rooms, large area, mid-area, etc.
  - E. Programmed work
  - F. Scheduling
  - G. Time line for team development (how much time for each unit, each type of activity, what will we cover?)
- II. Selection and utilization of materials to facilitate various phases of a seventh grade Language Arts program.
  - A. Use of materials we have now, books, paperbooks, units, records, boxed materials, etc.
  - B. Selection of materials needed
  - C. Sharing of units teachers have developed
  - D. Use of videotape for television shows, student projects (You Are There)
  - E. Use of experts, authors, travelers, artists as speakers
- III. Frequent evaluation of students through standardized tests, teacher made tests and prepared tests (Read magazine, etc.)
  - A. Help students recognize strengths and weaknesses
  - B. Develop a feeling of responsibility for improving their own work

# A LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM FOR THE SEVENTH GRADE AT MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The goal of this project is to develop a meaningful program for Seventh Grade Language Arts. The factors to consider are the following:

(1) handling large numbers of students, (2) meeting varied interests and abilities, (3) using available materials profitably and efficiently,

(4) selecting specific skills and determining the amount of emphasis given the skills, (5) utilizing the physical setting.

Reduction of staff within our building has forced us to assume the responsibility for even more students. Each team is responsible for approximately one hundred forty students. The Language Arts teacher usually meets all of these students four times a week.

The reading level within this group ranges from Grade Three to Grade Twelve. Junior High Students are also characterized by a wide range of mental and physical maturity. Therefore, a wide variety of interests exists as well.

Many texts, workbooks and materials are available, but adequately using all these materials is important.

Another important factor is deciding what skills should be emphasized, when they should be introduced and how often they should be reinforced.

The physical setting of the instructional area lends itself to carrying out the project designed. The setting includes six large classrooms and two small seminar rooms. Two of the classrooms are

separated by a sliding wall to provide for large group.

The project is designed to appeal to each student's interests, provide him with flexibility, yet maintain sufficient structure so he will know what is expected of him.

### Setting

The six seventh grade teachers work in a Bloc setting divided into two teams. All six teachers work together to (1) plan course material, (2) plan overall objectives, (3) share materials and ideas, (4) discuss time schedules, and (5) consider how to handle student problems.

The six teachers are divided into two teams. Each team has a Language Arts teacher, a Math teacher and a Social Studies teacher. A bloc consists of 140 students, 70 in the morning and 70 in the afternoon.

The team members meet to discuss obvious matters such as individual students' problems and weekly plans. The great advantage of the team, however, lies in the opportunity to manipulate the bloc schedule and the individual teacher class size. At the same time, teachers in the same subject areas work closely together. For instance, the two Language Arts teachers share materials, plan units, arrange for speakers and films.

Each team member has his own classroom which accommodates approximately 30 students. Larger student groups may be handled by sliding back the partition between two rooms. The library and the auditorium facilities may also be used. Two seminar rooms are available for small group use. Such flexibility in space allows for flexibility in group size.

The large group is used for showing films, listening to guest speakers, and presenting materials on video-tape and receiving instructions. On the other hand, the average group, about thirty, is used for reading, language and writing activities. Small group, ranging in size from two to twenty, allow the students to help each other, pursue matters of mutual interest, prepare for panel discussions, and plan bulletin boards.

The time line for team development is on the chart of skills and units at the beginning of the project. Students will be able to select alternatives and options each six weeks.

### Individualizing

The program is individualized in two ways, by level of ability and by interest. Since the selections are on three levels, Easy (1), Average (2), and Difficult (3), the program is geared to allow students to make choices according to their reading ability.

The units and skills for the entire year are written on a separate chart, page 10. The year is divided into six week units some of which contain selections of more than one theme. These multi-theme units are called the Alternate Plan. For example, for the second six weeks on the chart, Superstition/Witchcraft, Mystery, and Science Fiction are offered as alternatives. An Alternate Plan offers students an opportunity to select a theme of their special interest within a unit.

In the other six weeks units, everyone reads selections based on a single theme. The plan is called the Option Plan because students have within the unit the option of selecting materials and activities. For example, "Movin' West" allows the students an opportunity to

concentrate on Indians or pioneers or cowboys.

### Interaction Mode

- 1. Individual Evaluation conferences with each student to discuss with the teacher their recorded work and scores.
- 2. Large group Used for viewing films or listening to guest speakers or panel discussions by the students on various subjects.
- 3. Regular class size Used for reading selections, skill activities, listening tapes and records and most teacher presentations.
  - 4. Library periods Used for checking out books and doing research.
  - 5. Independent Used for listening, writing and reading.

The team has been quite fortunate in having a variety of texts to use. Most of the texts have good supplemental materials. Discovery by Ginn and Wide, Wide World by Scott, Foresman are our basal readers. Thrust by Scott, Foresman is a supplemental text for reading and vocabulary skills, the SSCD method. Variations by Charles E. Merrill offers literature opportunities. Open Highways by Scott, Foresman is a high interest-low vocabulary text that has been designed for slow students but proves interesting for all levels. We have many personal copies of paperbacks as well as the Scholastic Animals series. A listening station and listening tapes by SRA and Charles E. Merrill will be utilized. A reference text that has proven very helpful is Language and How to Use It by Scott, Foresman. The writing skills are particularly helpful and inventive. Tressler's English 7 is our other text for Language Arts.

In looking for more material, we found Lyons and Carnahan's Young America Series #14 which is new, modern and appealing with a linguistic approach that lends itself nicely to our program. The

Principal has agreed to buy it and the Skillbook.

Most of the listening skills will be covered by a programmed listening activity by Science Research Associates. Some reading skills will be done in another SRA kit, but most activities have been prepared by the authors.

All of the units have been developed by the team either individually or together and then shared. For example, many of the units were collected and developed over a period of years by the authors.

In the unit plans, various ideas for student projects will be developed. For example, student presentations will be video-taped. Films and television shows will be utilized.

Whenever possible, authors will be invited to speak to the students such as adventurers, mountain climbers, travelers, newspapermen, magicians, experts on space, and members of special interest groups.

### Evaluation

Examining students' records, observing student activities, and testing informally and formally at the beginning of the year will help us determine the students' strengths and weaknesses. In this program it is vital that the student know these scores and realize where he is in the various skills. Throughout the year it will be his responsibility to keep his records and have conferences with the teacher frequently to see what he has done, how he has progressed, and goals and plans for future work. A chart for each six weeks will be kept by the student and used as the conference instrument for the six weeks grading period.

In addition, periodic quizzes, SRA Skill tests, Scope Reading
Tests, completion of work sheets and speed reading tests will help a
student and the teacher observe his progress.

### RATIONALE

This curriculum project was developed to appeal to the interests of seventh grade students and to make provisions for the various levels of learning ability.

Through past experiences in teaching junior high students, it was apparent to the authors that a structured but flexible program was needed. A systematic approach for the presentation of skills seemed important.

Grouping of students according to ability has been attempted.

This approach was found to be unsuccessful and limiting to the interactions of students. Therefore, the idea of individualizing was conceived to develop a curriculum that would offer students choices of interest at their ability level.

Reading is related to the entire Language Arts program and it is essential that it be taught in relation to writing, listening, and speaking. Thus, the reading skills were integrated with the writing, language, listening and speaking programs.

Jeanne Chall (Young America bibliography number 5) states that the junior high school is a period of learning wherein the student continues to improve all reading skills acquired at earlier levels. Along with the improvement of past skills, there is increased emphasis on the ability to read critically—to find implied meanings, to draw inference, to distinguish between fact and opinion, to judge the authority of an author and determine his purpose.

Word study at this level is necessary to increase basic vocabulary, master phonetic analysis, study structural analysis of words and find definitions from context clues. Studies show that most intelligence testing, personnel selection, and aptitude measurement are based almost universally on vocabulary tests. Thus, emphasis on this aspect of Language Arts is essential to a student's future life.

Some of the provisions necessary for a successful reading program, according to Margaret J. Early, include the following points:

- 1. Continuous instruction in reading skills for all students.
- 2. Integration of reading skills with other communication skills, writing, speaking, and listening.
- 3. Cooperative planning by all teachers so skills will not be overlooked or overstressed.
- 4. Adjusted reading materials for slow, average and superior students.
  - 5. Guidance in free reading.
- 6. Emphasis on the use of reading as a source of information as an aid to personal and social development, as a means of recreation.
- 7. Measurement of growth in skills by means of standardized and informal test.
  - 8. Evaluation of the overall Language Arts program.

Guidelines for the development of this program evolved from our own experiences and from research findings previously mentioned.

Ultimately, the increased learning of students is our goal in preparing this curriculum project.

T H E M E S K I L L S General Skills Teacher-directed discussion	'Movin' West' lst six weeks  Library orientation Study Skills neatness accuracy responsibility notebooks	Superstition Witchcraft Science Fiction Mysteries  2nd six weeks  Library card catalogue Inference Explain Science Fiction Superstition (gossip, illness, ignorance)	Mythology  3rd six weeks  Library references Recognizing time- order and cause- effect relation- ship (Thrust p. 300) Explain 'Myth' Setting	4th six weeks	Animals Authors Biographies 5th six weeks  Explanation of information to cover in a biography Characteristics of biography	Humor  3 weeks of 6th six weeks  Understanding Humor from experience Using a thesaurus	Newspapers  3 weeks of 6th six weeks  General pattern for newspapers Interpreting fact and opinion Political cartoons
Reading Skills	Main idea Sequence of events Detailsstress mood, order of importance, plot development	Main idea Details Purpose Inference Comparing and contrasting	Setting Character traits and emotions	Characters Understanding motives and attitudes Comparing and contrasting Setting Author style	Main idea Point of view Author's purpose Character traits Details	Inference Identifying humor characteristics Devices for achieving humor	Fact and opinion Sources of information relevant irrelevant Bias Points of view
Language Skills	Vocabulary Spelling Dictionary Library orientation	Vocabulary Spelling Dictionary Language changes	Identify references to mythology Vocabulary Spelling Dictionary (Young America T.M. p. 54)	Summarizing and notetaking (Kit) Noun phrases Verb phrases (Young America T.M. p. 166)	Noun phrases Verb phrases Synonyms Antonyms Homonyms	Multiple meaning for words Connotation Figurative language	Critical reading Non-verbal symbols Characteristics of newspaper
Writing Skills	Images visual sensory Reports Paragraph writing	Images visual sensory tactual gustatory Detailmood Paragraph writing Topic sentence	Character descrip- tion traits emotions	Character sketch (Young America Text p. 315) Personal experiences (essay) Figures of speech	guage and How To Use It T.M. p.358)	Personal humorous experience	Writing form for newspaper Summarizing Chronological order
Listening Skills	Main idea Sensory images Taking directions	Listening Kit #2 (sequence) Climaxstory structure	Listening Kit #4 (notetaking)	Listening Kit #5 (summarizing) Also <u>Discovery</u> T.M. p. 401 - How to Summarize	Listening Kit #6 (cause-effect)	Recognizing forms of humor through records Also use Kit #9	Listening Kit #10 Fact and opinion (last 3 weeks)

LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM SKILLS

UNITS 1-12

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### LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM MCAFEE AND FISHER

### Movin' West

Reading Skills	Language Skills	Writing Skills	Listening Skills	Discussion Skills
Main idea	Vocabulary	Visual and sensory images	Sensory image	Respect other's opinion
Sequence of	Spelling	• -	Listening for	-
events	V.	Vivid details	main idea	Discussion
	Dictionary			etiquette
Reading for	skills	Research	Learning to	_
detail		reports	take directions	
	Speech and		through teacher	
	Dialect	Paragraph	explanation of	
	p. 22	writing	activity	
	Discovery	p. 105		
	Workbook	Teacher's		
		Discovery		
	Library	which include		
	orientation	main idea		
		sequence		
	``	detail		

### SUPERSTITION AND WITCHCRAFT

Reading	<u>Writing</u>	Language	Listening	Discussion
Skills	Skills	Skills	Skills	Skills
Inference	Teacher-directed sensory images,	Vocabulary	Cassettes The Witches in	Language change
Purpose	tactal, gustatory, visual, etc. from	Spelling	MacBeth, Act I, Scene 2	Gossip Unexplained illness
Details	Language and How	Language Changes		
	to Use It p. 108	Thy-Thine	Call It Courage	Superstition
Compare and			record	
Contrast	Vivid Details			Ignorance
			Tape Soft-	
	Paragraph Writing		Hearted Ghost	

### SCIENCE FICTION

Reading Skills	Writing Skills	Language Skills	Listening Skills
Purpose	Visual Imagery	Vocabulary	T. Direction Purpose
Inference	Write Own	Spelling	Inference Figurative Language
Main Idea	Science Fiction Stories	"Coining New Words" (Skillbook p. 29	Coining New Words Biography
Compare and		Young America)	Character Traits
Contrast	Vivid Details Sensory Image	Card Catalogue	Tapes A Wrinkle in Time
	Paragraph Writing		Poetry
			Records
			Films
			Reports
			Speakers Alan Nourse

### MYSTERIES

Reading Skills	Writing Skills	Language Skills	<u>Listening</u> <u>Skills</u>	Discussion Skills
Purpose	Minute Mysteries	Vocabulary	(Teacher Direction)	(Teacher Direction)
Inference	Vivid	Spelling	Climax -	
Details	Details	Dictionary Skills	Story Structure	
Comparing	Visual		Witch Hunt	
and Contrasting	Imagery		Discovery	
	Sensory			
	Imagery			

### MYTHOLOGY

<u>General</u> <u>Skills</u>	Reading Skills	Language Skills	<u>Writing</u> Skills	<u>Listening</u> <u>Skills</u>
Library - use of reference books	Setting	Identify references to	Character description	Notetaking improvement
	Characters	Mythology	traits and	
Recognizing	Identifying		emotions	
time-order and	traits and	Vocabulary		
cause-effect relationships	emotions	development		
_		Spelling		
Understanding		improvement		
Myths				
		Dictionary		
		usage		

### SPORTS AND ADVENTURE

General	Reading	Language	Writing	Listening
Skills	Skills	Skills	<u>Skills</u>	Skills
Sequence and	Understanding	Summarizing and	Personal	Listening for
inference review	characteristics: motives and	notetaking	experiences (essay)	summarizing
Leatem	attitudes	Noun phrases	(essay)	
Discuss			Research	
predicting	Comparing and	Verb phrases	reports	
outcomes	contrasting			
	(review)	Vocabulary	Figures of	
Discuss figures		development	speech	
of speech	Sequence (review)			
		Spelling		
	Inference (review)	improvement		
	Author style	Dictionary		•
	-	usage		
	Details (review)			
	Setting			
	Decenting			•

### AUTHORS/BIOGRAPHY 3 WEEKS

### ANIMALS 3 WEEKS

General Skills	Reading Skills	Language Skills	Writing Skills	Listening Skills
Explanation of information to	Péint of view	Noun phrases expanding to	Outlining	Cause-Effect
cover for a biography	Character traits	use adjectives	Description	
Discussion of	Author's purpose	Verb phrases		7 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
biography inspiration	Main idea	Synonyms		
character- building	Detail	Antonyms		
		Homonyms		

### AUTHOR/BIOGRAPHY 3 WEEKS

General Skills	Reading Skills	Language Skills	Writing Skills	<u>Listening</u> <u>Skills</u>
Explanation of information to cover for a	Identifying characteristics of a biography	Synonyms Homonyms	Outlining Description	Cause-Effect #6
biography	Detail	Antonyms		
	Character traits	Noun phrase		
	Point of view	Verb phrase		
	Author's purpose			
	Main idea			

### HUMOR

<u>General</u> <u>Skills</u>	Reading Skills	<u>Language</u> <u>Skills</u>	Writing Skills	<u>Listening</u> <u>Skills</u>
Understanding humor from	Inference	Multiple meaning of	Parody	Listening for elements of
your own experience	Identifying characteristics	words	Personal experience	humor
Elements of	of humor	Connotation	Tall tale	Fact and opinion
humor:	Devices for	Figurative		Additional humor:
exaggeration slapstick understatement, etc.	achieving humor	language	Description	meaningful pause whimsy simple satire

Using thesaurus

### READING ACTIVITIES NEWSPAPERS

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- 1. Young America
- T. p. 97.
- 2. Young America
- p. 41, 44, 45.
- 3. Discovery p. 182.
- 4. Open Highways
- p. 46-47.

### Source of Information

- 1. Open Highways Skillbook p. 48-49.
- 2. Judging sources of information p. 124 Discovery Workbook.
- 3. Early Submarines
- p. 85-86 Discovery.

### Relevant Importance

1. T. p. 75 Wide, Wide World. 2. T. p. 101 Open Highways. 3. P. 76 Open Highways Skillbook. 4. T. p. 140 Open Highways. 5. Read a Consumer Report or Consumer Bulletin. Compare

with ads.

### Bias

1. Bias is being for or one or something that inhibits impartial judgment. Write a newspaper article for or against something to change someone's opinion.

### Point of View

1. Young America p. 125, Place of against some- the Gods. This story is written from the point of view of a primitive person. Re-write it in your point of view.

### MOVIN' WEST

The first unit of our program will be an orientation to the library, to the units themselves, the expectations of neatness, accuracy, responsibility for having materials ready, like pencils, paper, etc. Directions will be given about keeping a notebook, how the spelling sheets will be used, and various study skills.

Writing skills of main idea expressed in the first sentence or topic sentence followed by the supporting ideas will be introduced.

Three or four reading skills only, will be introduced in each unit. They will be reinforced in the Language and Writing activities as well as being stressed in each reading selection.

New dictionaries, American Heritage School edition, with accompanying skill books will be utilized in this unit and most subsequent units.

Listening activities on an individual basis will be available for each student at the listening post.

Various sensory images such as visual will be introduced as additional writing skills.

Movin' West is a general term chosen to cover the various stories about cowboys, Indians, and pioneers. There is a wide variety of stories available for options or choices.

### READING SELECTIONS

### Discovery

"Squeak of Leather" p. 104

"Will James, Lone Cowboy" p. 98

"Humorist With a Rope" p. 425

### Variations

"A New Type of Man" p. 194

"Stampede on Rim Rock" p. 198

"Music to Ride By" p. 204

"As Big As Life" p. 233

### Thrust

"Harvey Kendall, Father Who Grew Up" p. 362

### Wide, Wide World

"Oklahoma Land Run" p. 147

"Child Pioneer" p. 135

"Buffalo Dance" p. 104

### Open Highways

"The Man Who Became a Mustang" p. 142

"Twilight Rider" p. 133

### READING ACTIVITIES

### Sequence of Events Detail Main Idea "Child Pioneer" p. 136 1. Why was John Sager so 1. Place the following locations 1. What happened to the Sager determined to reach Oregon? children at Whitman Mission? in the order in which the Sagers traveled. (plot) a) Soda Springs 2. How many of the children b) Blue Mountains made the whole trip? c) Independence, Mo. (plot) 3. Describe how the Sager d) Fort Hall e) Fort Boise children solved problems such f) Green River Rendezvous as a) river crossings, b) g) Whitman Mission camp sites, c) food for themselves, d) food for the livestock, e) danger from wild animals, f) hostile Indians, g) loss of morale. (research) "Oklahoma Land Run" p. 147

- 1. Oklahoma Land Run is a real historic event. Do you think Yancey was real?
- Did Oklahoma Land Run occur before the Revolution?
   Did Oklahoma Land Run happen after World War II?
   What was the date of the Oklahoma Land Run?
- 1. Do you think any of the people in the Land Run had faults? If so, why? (create a modd)
  2. In pioneer days, certain work was assigned to women and other work to men.
  Divide your paper in two sections, label Men and Women, and list some of the work considered man's work and woman's work. (research)

### Main Idea

## "Buffalo Dance" p. 104

1. Chanuka and Neosho belonged to tribes that were long-lasting enemies. How did these boys happen to become friends?

### Sequence of Events

- 1. Place the following events in the order in which they happened.
- a) a moose wounded Neosho
- b) Chanuka traveled to the land
- of the Dakotahs
- c) the chief orders Chanuka to go away

### Detail

1. Discover details in the story that involved actual Indian life like a) reading signs, b) treating wounds, c) knowing animal ways, d) use of a boat, e) getting food, f) youth and elders.

### Open Highways

"The Twilight Rider" p. 133

1. Did the author have any particular reason for writing the story?

- 1. During what season and in what year did Ed begin working for Brandy?
- 2. How long did the job last?
- 3. How much time passed before Bradey and Matthews learned that Ed knew about the ghost dog?
- 4. In what year had Jacobs come
- to live in the cabin?
- 5. What month was it when Jake was caught in the storm?
- 6. What time of day did Jake die?
- 7. What time of day did Foxy ride?
- 8. After his master died, how much time passed before Foxy began his twilight rides?

1. Was Ed a superstitious person? What detail can you find to support your answer? (details to determine character traits)

### READING ACTIVITIES

### Open Highways

"The Man Who Became a Mustang" p. 142

### Main Idea

### Sequence of Events

- 1. Why is Bob Lemmon considered a legend? What is a legend?
- 1. List, in order, how Bob Lemmon captured the mustangs.

### Detail

Why were horses more valuable than cattle?
 Is this detail important

to the plot of the story?

### Thrust

"Harvey Kendall, Father Who Grew Up" p. 362

- 1. Explain the title of the story. 1. What makes the boy feel different by the time the story ends?
- 1. Give at least two reasons why Harvey enters the roping contest.
  (create a mood)
  2. The boy's feeling about his father changes several times during the story.
  How does he feel about his father: a) when the story opens; b) after the roping event; c) when Cal Bennett comes looking for Harvey; d) at the end of the story.
  (detail for plot)

### READING ACTIVITIES

### Discovery

"Will James, Lone Cowboy" p. 98

### Main Idea

1. How did Will James discover he could draw?

### Sequence of Events

1. Place in outline form the following scrambled main ideas and supporting details. (ditto - T.M. Discovery p. 110)

### Detail

1. List some of James early experiences as a cowboy. (dev. of plot)

"Humorist With a Rope" p. 425

1. How did Will Rogers become a humorist?

- 1. Why did he feel rope was so important to a cowboy? (plot)
- 2. List some of the uses of the word "rope" in a cowboy's language. (research)

(1)

(2)

(3)

exceed clannish fierce wound flank advent epic rabble personal dire compass supple tomahawk toboggan chipmunk skunk hickory factor hazed vendor arena theater frequent drought lariat virgin surrey gaunt fracas blackjack curdle mustang gulch maze

cumbersome prearrangement preclude suppressed supple absolute sentiment monotony atmosphere memorize derelicts penetratingly diluted analyst exaggerated disadvantage reluctant tenantless caribou woodchuck foundered indignity anatomy wrangler circulate odyssey chaos herdsman torment champion competition footlights catch-rope footwear

especially distinctively activities sufficient encouragement industrious picturesque noticeable essential reins twilight eventually fought vaqueros tapaderos chaparejos conchas ominous spectral precipice inarticulate discern emaciated rendezvous pestilence unsavory impromptu humanitarian prolific undulating rhesus presidio fusillade drought

(1)

foolhardy tally to taut ranch cowhand outfit hogtie topnotch toward enough design native devices utensile legend stallion special contains reckless endure squint business rough realize runaway

complete

(2)

cowhide stockyard knockabout side-swipe hard-and-fast pivoting

querulous

(3)

### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Chisholm Trail

Historic Cattle Drives

Western Heroes and Villains

Vanishing Wild Horse Herds

Gold Mines

Pony Express

Famous Cowboys

Mountain Men

Oklahoma Land Run

Wild Ponies of Chincoteague

National Cowboy Hall of Fame

Cowboys Wearing Apparel

- 1. Draw pictures of cowboys or horses showing costume and equipment. Do further research if necessary.
- 2. Make a time line of events which brought the cowboy to his present situation.
- 3. Draw pictures of cowboy's wearing apparel showing stages of change.
- 4. Collection of western artist's pictures.
- 5. Pretend you are one of the Sager children. You have just arrived at the Whitman Mission. Describe your first meal.
- 6. Write about the advantages and disadvantages of western life then and now.
- 7. Describe the setting of meals for cowboys and what was on their menu.
- \* 8. Describe a character from a selection you read after which you would like to pattern your life. Use paragraph form, main idea in the first sentence, and follow through with supporting detail in other sentences.
  - 9. Compare a television cowboy with a real-life cowboy.
- 10. From selections you have read, recall words that appeal to the senses, then write a description of a scene you know well. Use words that appeal to senses of sight, hearing, taste, smell, touch. Example, crowded school corridor.

- 11. As you read these selections, describe the visual images you produce in your imagination.
- 12. What does (or did) a horse mean to a cowboy? Write a paragraph with the main idea in the first sentence and supporting detail following.

Additional creative activities will be directed by the teacher with discussion of paragraph writing. Discussion of main idea expressed in the first sentence, supporting details in the order of importance stated in the rest of the paragraph and the use of first, second, then, third, etc., as connecting words in the paragraph.

## LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES MOVIN' WEST

- 1. Use of Phonetic Key Discovery Workbook p. 24
- 2. Guide Words
  Dictionary Skills p. 25
- 3. Syllabication and Accent Marks Dictionary Skills p. 30
- 4. Guide Words
  American Heritage School Dictionary p. 8-9
- 5. Accent Marks
  American Heritage School Dictionary p. 18-19
- 6. Evaluation of Dictionary Skills Test
- 7. Speech and Dialect Discovery Workbook p. 22
- 8. Oral reading and interpretation of passages for speech and dialect Discovery, "Squeak of Leather" p. 98

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- 1. Listening for the main idea Recording #3 Listening Skills Program Intermediate Level II c
- 2. Sensory Image Listening to tapes and music that set a mood and create a setting for a paragraph or story. Lois' file.
- 3. Learning to take directions through teacher explanation of activity.
- 4. Oregon Trail Listening for sensory images. What pictures does author make you see; what smells; what sounds?
- 5. Listening for the main idea P. 44 T. <u>Discovery</u>. Write main idea in one sentence. Teacher directed. Put some on the board and discuss.

### MOVIN' WEST LIBRARY BOOKS

James, Will, Smoky, the Cowhorse Lone Cowboy, My Life Story Horses I Have Known Henry, Margarite, Misty of Chicoteague Dear Readers and Riders 11 King of the Wind Five O'Clock Charley Parkham, Francis, Oregon Trail Ferber, Edna, Cimarron Grey, Zane, Riders of the Purple Sage Wyatt, Edgar, Cochise: Apache Warrior and Statesman Garst, Shannon, Jim Bridger, Greatest of the Mountain Men Cooper, James Fenimore, The Last of the Mohicans McMeekin, Isabel, Journey Cake Sickels, E.M., In Calico and Crinoline Daugherty, James, Of Courage Undaunted Warren, W.S., Ride West Into Danger Person, W.T., Trouble on the Trace

### Non-Fiction

Lomax, John A. and Alan, Cowboys Songs and Other Frontier Ballads Adams, Samuel Hopkins, The Pony Express Cutler, Samuel, Famous Pioneers Marriott, Alice, Sequoyah, Leader of the Cherokees Daugherty, James, Marcus and Narcissa Whitman Phelps, Netta S., The Valiant Seven Warner, Ann S., Narcissa Whitman, Pioneer Girl

### TEACHER'S INSTRUCTION SUPERSTITION, SCIENCE FICTION, MYSTERIES

This unit is an "Alternate Plan." Students may select one or more of the three themes. As an example, all reading selections in "Superstition" could be read if this is what they would like to do. Or they could select one or two selections from each of the other themes.

All students, regardless of what they read will do the language activities and listening activities. As usual, the writing activities will be selected by the students.

Teacher instructions to the entire group will include identifying science fiction and the many facets involving superstition and witchcraft practices in the past and present.

Mysteries will stress mood. Particular attention will be given to observing details for development of plot also.

Group Discussion will also include a continuation of observing images and paragraph writing with emphasis on topic sentence.

The library work will center around review of the card catalogue usage.

### SUPERSTITION AND WITCHCRAFT READING SELECTIONS

## Discovery

"Witch Hunt" p. 266

"Mafatu, Stout Heart" p. 88

# Wide, Wide World

"Elmer the Worm" p. 240

"Mr. Whitcomb's Genie" p. 217

"The Soft-Hearted Ghost" p. 231

"Ghost of the Lagoon" p. 330

## Open Highways

"The Lost Gold of the Superstitions" p. 148

"Nessie and Updating the News" p. 104

"A Night in the Old House" p. 367

## Reading Just For Fun

"The Phantoms" p. 158

# Young America Series #15

"The Sixth Sense"

"Poem Molly Means"

"Seven Day Terror"

## Variations

"The Night the Ghost Got In" p. 242

### READING ACTIVITIES SUPERSTITION AND WITCHCRAFT

### Thrust

\* All students do work in Thrust on inference and purpose p. 109, 137

## Discovery

"Witch Hunt"

## Main Idea

1. How did the villagers feel about the illness of the young people? the cause? the cure?
2. How did their fear help to explain their attitude toward the old Quaker woman?

## Detail

1. List the remedies used to treat the sick people.
2. What religion were the people in the story?

### Inference

How did religion enter the story?
 What is a Quaker?
 What religion were most of the people?

## Compare and Contrast

1. Compare the treatment of an illness in Witch Hunt with treatment now. How is the treatment alike? How is it different?

# "Mafatu, Stout Heart"

1. Mafatu is called a

fear?

- coward. Why?
  2. How does Mafatu prove
  he is not a coward?
  3. In what way do you
  think superstition
  played a part in his
- 1. What were some of the tasks Mafatu had to perform in order to survive on the island? 2. In what 3 ways did Mafatu use bamboo in the story?
- 1. What did you infer about Mafatu from his decision to face the Sea God?
  2. What did you infer about Mafatu from the manner in which he

worked on the knife?

1. How is your life like Mafatu's? How is it different?
2. Find superstition and religion in the dictionary. From their definitions, tell how the two words are alike. How are they different?
3. Can a person be superstitious and religions at the same time?

"Elmer, the Worm"

## Main Idea

1. There is a very famous theme in this story. Stu made a bargain with a worm. What were the parts of the bargain?

2. Why did Stu decide to withdraw from the bargain?

3. Who got the best deal?

## Detail

1. Elmer was a worm but talked like a person. Can you think of other animals in books or stories that acted like people?

### Inference

1. What was Elmer trying to do to Stu? 2. Was Elmer successful?

## Compare and Contrast

1. Compare Elmer to the Genie. How are they alike? How are they different?

## "Mr. Whitcomb's Genie"

- 1. Why is the Genie so special?
  2. What things does he get for the Whitcombs?
  3. Why does he leave the Whitcombs?
- 1. What purpose did the author have in mind when he wrote this story? 2. Do you think the story was humorous? Why?
- 1. Do the Whitcombs give up the lamp? Why?
  2. How do you know Genie is different

from other men?

1. List the following things under three titles: "Things to Eat", "Things to Wear", "Tools" raisins, relics rubble, harrow, sandals, scimitar, turban, pomegranates, shingles, cider, cruet, sawhorses, crowbar, canapes loincloth, tractor, caviar

"The Soft-Hearted Ghost"

## Main Idea

# 1. Egbert is the teenager of this ghost family. In what ways are his problems similar to those of most young people today? How are they different?

### Detail

List Egbert's
"failures".
 In what ways was he
different from other
ghosts?

### Inference

1. What characteristics would father expect in an "outstanding fine young ghost?"
2. How does this compare with what a real father wants for his son?

### Compare and Contrast

# "Ghost of the Lagoon"

- 1. What was the purpose of praying to Tupa, Ghost of the Lagoon?
- 1. Explain the relationship that each of the following has to the death of Tupa:
- a) the dog
- b) bananas
- c) the rock called Tupa
- d) Mako's spear
- e) strong cord attached
- to it
- f) thirty acres and a sailing canoe

- 1. What evidence is there in the story to show that Mako was wise in the ways of his kind of life?
- 2. What is meant by superstition? Is it only in primitive lands?
- 3. How do superstition and mystery add to the suspense of the story?

1. How does Make's life differ from yours?

## READING ACTIVITIES SUPERSTITION AND WITCHCRAFT

"A Night In the Old House"

Main Idea	<u>Detail</u>
	1. List words that se
	the mood of the story
.*	Example, most
	terrifying.

# Inference

1. How do elements of nature (rain, wind) help set the mood of the story?

## Compare and Contrast

1. Compare Nell's attitude toward Georgie when he came to live with her family with her attitude after the night in the old house.

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(2)

(3)

fever ghost villager sheet hammerhead shark strong dorsal impact foam palm stout sharp wary proud quick thin overcome kind harmless relay rubble harrow sandals turban relics sash sawhorse crowbar loincloth eyelids shade gallows exit

witchcraft exhausted cousin mysterious remedy elder stricken imperative deference formidable scruff bamboo basalt fronds coward warrior strength humble conquer courage tough loam legal surge raisins cider 6 tractor shingles butterflies beard black-market shrewd goblin specter

poultice compelled consternation consorting anguished serene infidel wraithlike tantalizingly superstition colonial albatross terror christened necessary lagoon recognize companionship leisurely gratitude hostile deceit courteous cautious prestige comprehensive scimitar pomegranates cruet genie persuade doubtful suspicion priorities

(1)

fortune delight crooner scare skeleton example (2)

citron shadow sprite (3)

citizen swarthy apparition phantom wraith

## LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES MYSTERIES - SCIENCE FICTION

- 1. American Heritage Dictionary Workbook Guide words activities.
- 2. Dictionary skills workbook. Phoenetic spelling. Write the words in true spelling.

- 1. Superstitions in the Modern World. List as many as you can. Example, if a black cat crosses your path, it will be bad luck.
- 2. Why are black cats considered bad luck? Write a paragraph telling why you believe it is true or why you don't.
- 3. Why are people superstitious? Try to think of some reasons.
- 4. List some superstitions that sports figures have.
- 5. Write a paragraph entitled "Why I Never Walk Under Ladders."
- 6. Write a paragraph about the Most Superstitious Person I Know.
- 7. Look up either Witches or Witchcraft in the Encyclopedia. Take notes on the information in outline form.
- 8. Draw a picture of the Dolphin on the river in the fog.
- 9. Draw a picture of a Puritan man and woman showing the type of costumes that they wore.
- 10. Think of another ending for the story "Mr. Whitcomb's Genie."

- 11. Write a paragraph describing the Genie. Use specific language like scimitar for sword.
- 12. Using the story structure diagram, write the five important parts of Mr. Whitcomb's Genie.
- 13. Write a paragraph describing the reasons Egbert the Ghost was a failure.
- 14. Choose one story in this group and make up another ending.
- 15. Make up another story using the Genie and his Lamp for the Main Character. What would happen if someone used the lamp less wisely?
- 16. Write a paragraph using Mafatu was a clever workman as the topic sentence. Use skills he had as a basis of supporting sentences. Example, first he was able to make good rope. Then he made strong nets, etc.
- 17. Write a paragraph on one of the following: how to catch a fish, how to cook a fish, or how to build a lean-to.
- 18. Make a map of Mafatu's island. Include the barrier reef, the lagoon, the ocean, the village, and physical features of the island like streams, mountains, etc.
- 19. Choose a superstition and try to find where it came from. Good reference is the book Superstition, Here's Why.

### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES SUPERSTITION

- 1. What is a genie? Where did they come from? Using library books and the encyclopedias, try to find as much information as you can on genies.
- 2. Make a map of the Polynesian Islands. Refer to Discovery Workbook.
- 3. What is rationing? How did it effect people during World War II? Interview your parents about rationing, use references and write a report about it.
- 4. Make a list of as many supernatural types as you can. Example, elf, gnome, etc.
- 5. Draw a picture of Frightened Town. You may use the book to get ideas. Try to show the mood of fear and distrust.
- 6. What is an outrigger? Draw a picture of one and label the various parts. List as many groups of people as you can that may use the outrigger.

### DISCUSSION TOPICS SUPERSTITION

- 1. What is superstition?
- 2. Why do people become superstitious?
- 3. Can you be superstitious and religious at the same time? Can you think of a group of people who were?
- 4. What is religion? Do people all over the world have the same religion? Does religion ever include superstition?
- 5. Can religion overcome superstition?
- 6. Choose some friends to present a panel discussion on Superstition. Another topic for a panel could be Fears.
- a) How can fears be faced and conquered?
- b) How can one gain confidence in overcoming fears?
- c) Can scientific knowledge help overcome some fears?

# POETRY SELECTIONS

# Young America

"The Demon of the Gibbet"

"Molly Means"

# Discovery

"The Highwayman"

### LISTENING ACTIVITIES MYSTERIES - SCIENCE FICTION

- 1. Listening Kit #2 (sequence)
- 2. Teacher reads a brief selection to group. Students then write down the order of the important happenings as they recall them occurring in sequence. Class discussion follows. This will be done once a week.

### LIBRARY BOOKS SUPERSTITION, SCIENCE FICTION, MYSTERIES

Speare, Elizabeth George, The Witch of Blackbird Pond The Witches Bridge Batchelor, Claudia DeLys, Superstitious? Here's Why Sperry, Armstrong, Call It Courage Lost Lagoon Hull-Down for Action Nordhoff and Hall, Mutiny on the Bounty Stevenson, Robert Louis, Treasure Island The Bottle Imp Jones, Louis, Spooks of the Valley Irving, Washington, The Bold Dragoon and Other Ghostly Tales Lawson, Marie, Strange Is the Sea Irving, Washington, Rip Van Winkle Legend of Sleepy Hollow Embry, Margaret, The Blue Nosed Witch Scarborough, Dorothy, Famous Modern Ghost Stories Coles, Manning, Happy Returns Rhine, Dr. Louisa, ESP Dorian, Edith, No Moon on Graveyard Head Doyle, Arthur Conan, The Hound of the Baskervilles Key, Alexander, Escape to Witch Mountain MacLeod, Charlotte, The Fat Lady's Ghost Lewis, Clive S., The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe The Magician's Nephew The Last Battle Lawson, Robert, The Fabulous Flight Grahame, Kenneth, The Wind in the Willows Carroll, Lewis, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Harris, Joel Chandler, The Complete Uncle Remus Stories Norton, Mary, The Borrowers Colum, Padraic, The Half-Pint Jinni and Other Stories

### LANGUAGE SKILLS

Vocabulary Synonym and Antonym Discovery Workbook

Spelling Form for choosing words and doing related work

Writing Skills

Teacher Directed Language and How to Use It p. 108

List sensory images together

visual

gustatory thermal

auditory tactual

organic

olfactory

kinesthetic

Breakfast with the Circus People

The Rattler Strikes

Trapped with the Spider Burned by Molten Silver

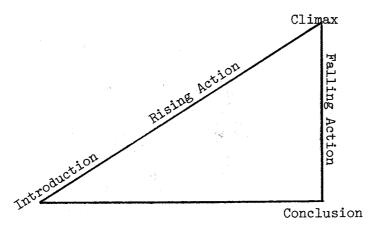
True Grit

Pit Scene

Reading Skills Teacher Directed

Story Structure

Introduction
Rising Action
Climax
Falling Action
Conclusion



### SCIENCE FICTION READING SELECTIONS

## Thrust

"All Summer in a Day" p. 14 Purpose p. 109, Inference p. 137

## Young America #14

"The Place of the Gods" p. 125

"Life in 1990" p. 138

"Mr. Imagination" p. 205

"Are Flying Saucers Real?" p. 212

"Round the Moon" p. 185

"Time in Thy Flight" p. 223

## Open Highways

"The Man Who Invented the Future" and "A Journey to the Center of the Earth" p. 247

### Thrust

- 1. (T. Manual Dittoed p. 12) "All Summer In A Day." Did Mr. Bradbury have a purpose other than just writing a "shocker"? What do you feel was his purpose?
- 2. "Purpose" and "Inference" Sections (Dittoed Material)

### Young America

- 1. "The Place of the Gods" (Dittoed)
- a) Setting and Fig. Language (Dittoed)
- b) Why could this selection fit in with science fiction?
- 2. "Life in 1990"
- a) What reason would Mr. Asimov have for predicting all the advanced he did in the section?
- b) Why would these areas appear to need changing by 1990?
- c) Dittoed work p. 145
- 3. "Mr. Imagination"
- a) Jules Verne did not travel or experience a great deal in his life. What does this point out in the story about him as a writer? (His writings dealt mostly with his imagination.) Products of his mind, not his travels.
- b) Outlining Main Ideas Biographers Description of Verne
- I. Verne's Early Life
- II. Influences on Verne's Life
- III. Verne's struggles
- IV. Verne's later life

- 4. "Round the Moon"
- a) Comparing and Contrasting (Dittoed)
- b) Did Jules Verne have any particular purpose for writing this selection?
- c) What facts would you need to know to write a story such as "Round the Moon"? List these facts.
- d) Do you have some ideas as to the kind of person Jules Verne was after reading this selection?
- 5. "Are Flying Saucers Real?"
- a) Comparing and Contrasting (Ditto)
- b) Details text p. 221
- c) Determining Authority text p. 221
- 6. "Time In Thy Flight"
- a) Do you think Mr. Bradbury wants his readers to see a completely different race of human beings? If not, what is he trying to say about the Time Children?
- b) How did you feel about the Time Children by the time you finished the story?
- c) How many years do you judge that the Time Machine had traveled into the past?
- d) What did you notice about the children?
- e) What does this tell you about the Time Children's Society?
- f) Text questions p. 227

### SCIENCE FICTION SKILLS

## Open Highways

- 1. "The Man Who Invented the Future"
- 2. "A Journey to the Center of the Earth"
- a) Duplication master-scientific information.
- b) What is the relationship between these two stories?
- c) Pages 247-249. Main ideas. What do you think is the purpose of this selection? DL pages 250-262. Write the details that you think are realistic. Write the details that you think are not possible.

(1)

banister fantastic polar Nautilus remarkably inspired reality aroused flourished inactive theory enthusiasm fuse Stromboli gravity extinct vivid

(2)

compound concussion consequence eruption octapus repercussion resilient savor suspend tatting tremor tumultuous vital projectile weightlessness gravitation inhabitants optimistic congested conceive microorganisms justifiable fraud skeptics rational unique accumulate reluctant

(3)

inquisitive cumbrous barbaric ritual prohibited banned indisputable envisioned impudent intellectual sneered delegated calculated stability imperceptible volition caprice disperse accentuated inevitable controversial unprecedented alleviate thermonuclear desalinizing coherent phenomena

- 1. Make a list of predictions that you think will take place in the next 100 years.
- 2. Sketch some inventions you think might occur for the future.
- 3. Write your reasons for being a "science fiction bug" in order to convince others to enjoy science fiction stories.
- 4. Design a book jacket, poster or diorama to advertize a science fiction book you have read.
- 5. Write your own science fiction stories (remember prediction is imaginative thinking on factual information). Keep in mind topic sentences and complete paragraphs. Watch details that you use—set the mood! Use descriptions that will help the reader see, hear, feel what's taking place.

### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES SCIENCE FICTION

- 1. Compile a list of science fiction authors, films, TV series, and comic books.
- 2. Write a brief biography of one of the famous science fiction authors. Keep in mind dates of important events, personality characteristics, family background, attitudes, work habits, education, problems, turning points and honors.
- 3. Write a brief account of some things that have actually occurred or have been invented because of science fiction stories.
- 4. Write three paragraphs about one of the planets so often used as a setting in science fiction stories. What planets do authors usually use in their settings?
- 5. Research on Stromboli.

### LIBRARY BOOKS SCIENCE FICTION

Elam, Richard, Teen-Age Science Fiction Stories Verne, Jules, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea Around the World in Eighty Days Five Weeks in a Balloon Keith, Donald, Time Machine to the Rescue Wilson, Hazel, Herbert's Space Ship L'Engle, Madeline, Wrinkle In Time Bradbury, Ray, The Martian Chronicles The Golden Apples Key, Alexander, Escape to Witch Mountain The Golden Enemy Heinlein, Robert, Rocket Ship Galileo Have Space Suit, Will Travel Walters, Hugh, The Mohole Menace Wells, H.G., War of the Worlds Clarke, Arthur C., Dolphin Island Silverberg, Robert, Planet of Death Three Survived 11 \*\* Masks of Time Greener, Leslie, Moon Ahead Correy, Lee, Rocket Man Winterfield, Henry, Star Girl Norton, Alice Mary, Time Traders Cameron, Eleanor, The Wonderful Flight of the Mushroom Planet Del Ray, Lester, Marooned on Mars Asimov, Isaac, Fantastic Voyage

## MYSTERIES READING SELECTIONS

## Thrust

"The Midnight Visitor" p. 46

"The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street" p. 274

## Wide, Wide World

"The Mystery of Monsieur Pliny" p. 28

"The Phantom of the Bridge" p. 182

## Open Highways

"Frightened Town" p. 213

"The Case of the Missing Fromage" p. 218

"Miss Hinch" p. 222

"A Night in the Old House" p. 367

### MYSTERY SKILLS

- 1. List happenings that lead to the climax. Use diagram anti-climax ending.
- 2. What clues were present to help solve the mystery?
- 3. List most suspenseful parts.
- 4. Compare character traits of heroes and villains in selections you read.

## Thrust

- 1. "The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street" Text questions pages 288-289.
- 2. "The Midnight Visitor"
- a) What visual images help you to construct this story in your mind?
- b) Do you think this incident could really happen?
- c) Text questions p. 51.

## Open Highways

- 1. "A Night In the Old House"
- a) After studying the picture, what purposes might you have for reading this selection?
- b) Summarize briefly the plot of the story.
- c) What key words are used in this story to set the mood?

- 2. "Frightened Town" (also Dup #43)
- a) Was the author's purpose in writing this selection to inform you or entertain you?
- b) How did people react to the old man?
- c) How did they change their usual pattern or behavior?
- d) Why did they act that way?
- 3. "The Case of the Missing Fromage"
- a) Is attention to details important in this kind of story?
- b) What details prepare you for the end of the story?
- 4. "Miss Hinch"
- a) How does the title, the headings, the illustrations and the first sentence in the story help you understand the author's purpose?
- b) How did the setting of this story help set the mood?

# Wide, Wide World

- 1. "Mystery of Monsieur Pliny"
  Use general skill tasks listed at beginning of skill list.
- 2. "Phantom of the Bridge"
- a) Text exercises p. 191 (all)

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(2)

(3)

strummed disguise steeple clergyman extraordinary stumped Broadway : imitate imitations wag scrawled stout flickering heartless rare virus ailing sinister slither timid vivid tense pelted torrents brandishing distract measure (for good measure) intervals muffled groggily hubbub wringing

carbine renegade appalling caliber unerring diameter implied moccasins examined deliberately occasionally transparent realized confidence placatingly character persisted exhaustion hedeously inhospitality eerie lithe caissons apertures cubicle cadmium foiled distraught volition eddied void recessed symbol cribbing pierheads plaque

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## ON YOUR OWN WRITING ACTIVITIES MYSTERIES

- 1. Write a minute mystery.
- 2. Make a book poster, book jacket or diarama about the mystery you most enjoyed.
- 3. Write a mystery story. Be sure to keep your details in mind. Also use images that will help the reader feel, see, and hear what's going on. Decide how you will set the mood in your details.

### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES MYSTERIES

- 1. Compile a list of famous mystery writers.
- 2. Write a brief account of the life of a famous mystery writer such as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Keep in mind your topic sentences and complete paragraphs.
- 3. Do research on becoming a detective.

# FILMS MYSTERIES

Add Something More (Library)
We Discover the Dictionary
Lady or the Tiger

### LIBRARY BOOKS MYSTERIES

Arthur, Robert, Spies and More Spies Arthur, Ruth, The Whistling Boy Bennett, Joy, Deathman, Do Not Follow Me Biber, Yehoosh, The Treasure of the Turkish Pasha Bova, Ben, Out of the Sun Cavanna, Betty, Mystery at Love's Creek Clopp, Patricia, Jane-Emily Corbett, Scott, Diamonds Are Trouble Dorian, Edith, No Moon on Graveyard Head, The Twisted Shadow Doyle, Arthur Conan, Adventures of Sherlock Holmes Francis, Dorothy, Mystery of the Forgotten Map Gohman, Fred, Spider Webb Mysteries Howe, Janet, The Mystery of the Marmalade Cat Johnson, Annabel and Edgar A., A Golden Touch Kjelgaard, Jim, Hidden Trail MacDonald, Zillah, Marcia, Private Secretary Nelson, Marg., Mystery at Land's End Mystery at Little Squaw River Pease, Howard, The Jinx Shop Turngren, Annette, Mystery Wals the Campus Wehnen, J.D., The Golden Hill Mystery Wilson, Holly, Snowbound in Hidden Valley

### TEACHER'S INSTRUCTION MYTHOLOGY

Teacher-directed discussion will aid the students in clarifying the characteristics of a Myth. It will be necessary to stress the use of glossaries, dictionaries, and encyclopedias in this unit of work as much will be done in the way of research activities.

The reading selections from texts are limited; therefore, outside reading sources, research writing activities and posters will take priority.

This unit will require a great deal of time to develop. Students will use considerable classroom time as many of them will be using resource books from the library.

There are many reference books for the teacher to use to read aloud to the classes and for their own use in discussion. Two excellent texts, of which only one copy is available, are Moments In Literature (Houghton Mifflin) and Projections in Literature (Scott, Foresman). For the teacher's benefit, there is a list of Greek and Roman names for the same god and the particular thing for which that god was noted in the Teacher's Manual of Wide, Wide World, page 228. An additional reference is "The Greek Myths" by Robert Graves.

A unit of work on how ideas are connected is presented in <u>Thrust</u>, page 300. It deals with time-order and cause-effect relationships. This work will be integrated into the six weeks period.

### READING SELECTIONS MYTHOLOGY

# Young America

"Origin of the Seasons" p. 30

"Daedulus" p. 168

"Jason and the Golden Fleece" p. 334

## Wide, Wide World

"The Three Golden Apples" p. 440

"The Quest of the Hammer" p. 447

## Open Highways

"The Trojan Horse" p. 332

"A Dream That Came True" p. 339 and "Archeologist's Discovery"

The Greek Gods (paperback)

#### READING ACTIVITIES MYTHOLOGY

Young America (The activities listed below are for all three selections.)

"Origin of the Seasons" p. 30

"Jason and the Golden Fleece" p. 334

"Daedulus" p. 168

#### Character Sketch

- 1. The gods and godesses had powers which were supernatural. However, their emotions were human. List those traits of the characters in the story which displayed human emotions. Be sure to have the name of the god written down.
- 2. List the role of the gods and godesses about which you have read. Example, Zeus supreme ruler in Greek mythology.
- 3. Are there any character traits among the gods and godesses that are alike? Name them.
- 4. Are there any gods or godesses that you feel would get along well together? Name them and explain why.

#### Setting

1. The setting of a story usually involves the place, time, and the conditions or manner in which one lives. Phrases and words are used to make a scene vivid. Use phrases or words from the selections which describe the setting of each story. Write the title of the selection and under this place each of the three words so that you can form columns for your answers. (Further instructions will be given by the teacher). 2. From what you know of the various story settings, would you like to live as the gods did? Explain your answer.

#### Understanding Myths

1. Compare our modern explanations of natural phenomena with those explanations presented in myths. Some myths also have a moral lesson just as a fable does. Did any of the selections you read have a moral lesson? Name the story and the lesson.

# READING ACTIVITIES MYTHOLOGY

# Open Highways

"The Trojan Horse" p. 332

Source of Events	Setting	Interpreting a Map	Identifying Characters
1. Cause-effect relationship Duplicating Master #60 (part 2). Duplicating Master #61.	1. Who was Athena? Why did the Trojans think the Greeks built the horse as an offering to her? 2. How did the Trojans explain the deaths of Laocoon and his sons? 3. While the Trojans feasted, why did they leave their city un- guarded after they had carefully pro- tected it for ten	1. Open Highways Skillbook p. 124.	1. Duplicating Master #60. Names will be in Glossary if not in the reading selection.
	years?	•	

"A Dream That Came True" p. 339

Main Ideas	Time Relationships	Interpreting a Map	Decoding a Message
1. Open Highways Teacher's Manual p. 165 (Teacher Dittoes).	Teacher's Manual p. 165 (Ditto).	Skillbook p. 126	Skillbook p. 127

#### READING ACTIVITIES MYTHOLOGY

# Wide, Wide World

"Three Golden Apples" p. 440

Noting Details	Setting	Character Sketch	Realism vs. Fantasy
1. Text questions p. 454. Do #3.	<ol> <li>In what area or areas does this myth take place?</li> <li>What areas in our country might have been used?</li> </ol>	1. Text questions p. 446. Do #2.	1. Text questions p. 446. Do #3. Also Skillbook p. 99.

"The Quest of the Hammer" p. 447

- 1. Write a brief paragraph describing the setting of this myth.
- 1. Text questions
- p. 454. Do #2. p. 454. Do #6.
- 1. Text questions p. 454. Do #6.

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pride
vanity
evil
execute
jovial
abundant
famine
feat
tremor
smote
taut
devoured
quaint

(2)

punishment
ingenious
hovered
impulse
avenged
caressed
wrought
centaur
scepter
prow
endued
phial
mettled
masquerade

(3)

phenomena
vengeance
decreed
pomegranate
centaur
prophetic
brazen
phial
covenants
adament
masquerade

- 1. Make up a myth of your own. You might like to make up the names of the gods. Also, keep in mind the setting and the character traits you want for your myth. Remember: Myths are stories that explain something about nature or people in terms of the supernatural. A myth can also teach a lesson or moral about life. Also, as in "Jason and the Golden Fleece", the idea that a great hero sets things right against impossible odds, creates a popular mythical story.
- 2. Draw pictures of the gods or godesses that represent the characters in your own story.
- 3. Draw pictures of the gods and mythical characters you have read about.
- 4. Make up ads, trade names or space ship names that are not already being used.
- 5. Work up a modern version of one of the Myths that might be suitable for TV.

#### LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES MYTHOLOGY

- 1. Dictionary Work. Identifying references to Mythology in words, trade names and advertising, page 54, Young America Teacher's Manual. Also, page 57, using the dictionary for the pronunciation and etymology of a word.
- 2. Young America Skillbook. Word histories page 7. Classifying folklore page 8. Understanding myths p. 33.

- 1. Many mythological characters and places are used now as trade names and in advertisements as well as in our space program. List at least five of the names now used.
- 2. Using an encyclopedia, library book or dictionary, draw pictures of one or more of the gods or godesses from mythology.
- 3. Using a reference book, draw a map of the area described in one of the reading selections concerning the setting of the story.
- 4. Select five gods or godesses and write down the important information found in a reference book. Be sure to include personal characteristics and emotions.
- 5. In the Young America text on page 99, there is a story about a present-day boy. The story is called "Antaeus." Read this story then discover why it was entitled as it was. Antaeus was a character in Greek mythology. Compare T.J. and Antaeus. You will need to check in an encyclopedia about Antaeus.
- 6. Mythology comes from many lands other than Greece. What other countries or peoples have myths? You might enjoy reading some of those as a comparison to those you have read.
- 7. What is the relation of astrology to Myths? Write up your findings.

8. Write a report about one of the stories of a known constellation.

# LISTENING ACTIVITIES MYTHOLOGY

- 1. Notetaking Listening Kit #4
- 2. Reports by Students

# SPEAKER MYTHOLOGY

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#### FILMS MYTHOLOGY

Orpheus and Eurydice

Life in Ancient Greece: Home and Education

Life in Ancient Greece: Role of the Citizen

Eagle and the Moon

Search for Ulysses (use at end of unit)

#### LIBRARY BOOKS MYTHOLOGY

Hamilton, Edith, Mythology Hawthorne, Nathaniel, Wonder Book Tanglewood Tales Elgin, Kathleen, The First Book of Mythology Norse Legends Cox, Miriam, The Magic and the Sword Coolidge, Olivia, Greek Myths Legends of the North Hosford, Dorothy, Thunder of the Gods Colum, Padraic, Children of Odin Undsett, Sigrid, True and Untrue Other Norse Tales Pyle, Katherine, Heroic Tales from the Norse Kottmeyer, William, The Trojan War Selden, George, Heinrich Schliemann: Discoverer of Buried Treasure Evslin, Bernard, The Adventures of Ulysses Heroes, Gods and Monsters of the Greek Myths Untermeyer, Louis, The Firebringer and Other Great Stories

#### TEACHER'S INSTRUCTION SPORTS AND ADVENTURE

The two unit themes offer students alternate choices. They may work in one or the other or both theme areas. The skills vary but have been presented previously or reinforced later on. This unit offers a great variety and lends well to personal experiences, feelings and attitudes. It offers an opportunity for developing and reinforcing positive and worthwhile attitudes and value judgments. Also, the unit provides excellent opportunities for student discussion and interaction.

This is a good time to review inference and sequence as well as discussing prediction of outcomes. Figures of speech are particularly well represented in sport and adventurous settings. The student has the opportunity to observe through his own figures of speech as well as TV and newspaper reports daily.

A good discussion of "setting" is in the Teacher's Manual for <u>Variations</u> page 12. Use of this material will benefit all students.

Figures of speech will be discussed with the students. Identifying similes, metaphors, hyperboles, etc., will be stressed.

#### Young America

"Art Arfons - Fastest Man on Wheels" p. 354 (1,2,3)

"A Small Victory" p. 402 (1,2,3)

"The West Siders" p. 298 (2,3) (part of the novel The 23rd Street Crusaders)

#### Wide, Wide World

"Stretch Makes A Basket" p. 15 (1,2,3)

"Minute Man" p. 50 (1,2,3)

"Jim Thorpe, Greatest of Them All" p. 424 (1,2,3)

#### Variations

"I Ran and Ran and Ran" p. 31 (2,3)

"The Great Drop Game" p. 65 (1,2,3)

"The Bad Kid" p. 71 (1,2,3)

"No One But The Babe" p. 78 (1,2,3) (bonus reading)

"Joey's Ball" p. 82 (1,2,3)

### Open Highways

"Bull Pen Catcher" p. 10 (1,2,3)

"Through The Clubhouse Doors" p. 20 (1,2,3)

#### Thrust

"Just Try to Forget" p. 149 (2,3)

"The Old Cardinal Spirit" p. 232 (1,2,3)

"Stainless Steele" p. 409 (2.3)

# Discovery

"Kid Brother" p. 134 (2,3)

"Skiing In A Nutshell" p. 147 (1,2,3)

"Won By A Hair" p. 158 (2,3)

"The Story of Basketball" p. 178 (2,3)

"Secrets of A Champion Athlete" p. 185 (1,2,3)

#### READING ACTIVITIES - SPORTS AND ADVENTURE

The following activities are for all three texts, Young America, Variations and Wide, Wide World. At least three selections should be read before activities are given.

Young America	<u>Variations</u>
"Art Arfons - Fastest Man on Wheels" p. 354	"I Ran and Ran and Ran" p. 31
"A Small Victory" p. 402	"The Great Drop Game" p. 65
"The West Siders" p. 298	"The Bad Kid" p. 71
Wide, Wide World	"No One But The Babe" p. 78 (bonus reading)
"Stretch Makes A Basket" p. 15	"Joey's Ball" p. 82
"Minute Man" p. 50	"Shago" p. 91

"Jim Thorpe, Greatest of Them All" p. 424

Character T	raits
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1. From two selections you read, write down you what the main character was feeling. After each passage. write a word or words that describe those feelings. Example. "Jeanie's heart beat so from the selections fast. it made a mist come before her eyes." nervousness

# Compare and Contrast Sequence

1. Compare the human emotions of four persons 1. Skillbook p. 65 four passages that told in your reading selections to those of the gods in the myths. Write their names and tell the emotions they had in common. 2. Which characters you read showed a growth in their personality? Explain your answer.

Do #1 or #2 Young America. 2. Write the title of the selections read. After the title tell whether the story was written (1) in chronological order; that is were the events told in the order in which they happened, or (2) were the events written in the order of their importance, or (3) cause-

### Inference

Skillbook p. 65. Young America.

effect order used. Remember: In this type of sequence, one event may cause another event to occur, which in turn may cause another event to happen.

#### READING ACTIVITIES SPORTS AND ADVENTURE

#### Open Highways

"Bull Pen Catcher" p. 10

#### Character Traits

1. Write down the passage that shows Artie's (1) patience p. 10, first paragraph, (2) team spirit p. 14, third paragraph, (3) perseverance (to keep trying) p. 18, last paragraph.

#### Compare and Contrast

1. What is the difference between a 'bull pen catcher' and a regular catcher?

#### Sequence

Open Highways Skillbook, p. 10.

#### Inference

"Through Clubhouse Doors" p. 20

# 1. Open Highways Skillbook p. 11.

1. Is there any comparison between the main character in "Bull Pen Catcher" and "Through the Clubhouse Doors"? Explain your answer.

1. List the events that happened in Joe's life which helped him reach his goal. Be sure they are in the order in which they happened.

1. How do you think
Joe and the other boys
felt about the equipment
they used?
2. Do you think it was
better for Joe that he
didn't know he was
warming up a famous
pitcher? Why?

#### Thrust

"Just Try To Forget" p. 149

#### Character Traits

# 1. How do you know what 1. Compare this story, is going on in the mind as it describes a swim of Mr. Dobson? Describe meet and a real-life his feelings. 2. Are you told how Mrs. this story is accurate Dobson feels or what she as its description of a thinks? Can you describe her feelings? 3. Are you able to tell what Larry thinks and feels? Explain.

#### Compare and Contrast

swim meet. Do you think happened, they are regular swim meet? Explain your answer.

#### Sequence

1. When a series of events are told in the order in which they told in time-order. When something makes something else happen, there is a cause that leads to an effect or a result. This, of course, is called cause-effect relationship. Which is this selection? If it has both qualities, it is a combination relationship.

#### Inference

1. Text questions, p. 154-155. Answer 1b, 2c, 2d, 3c, 4a, and 4b.

"The Old Cardinal Spirit" p. 232

- 1. What character traits did Mr. Gale have? 2. What was Danny's attitude toward his father?
- 1. Compare the problems Danny faces with the problems his father faces.
- 1. List in order the things that happened to Mr. Gale up to his present job as building superintendent.

Text questions, p. 240.

#### READING ACTIVITIES SPORTS AND ADVENTURE

### Thrust

"Stainless Steele" p. 409

Character Traits	Compare and Contrast	Sequence	Inference
1. Describe the character traits of Mr. Steele, Stanley, Mr. Riley, and Joe.	1. Text questions p. 417. Do #3 and #5.	1. List six incidents that changed Joe's attitude from not caring to caring and becoming involved in Stanley's problem. 2. Text question p. 417. Do #2.	1. Text question p. 417. Do #3.

# Discovery

"Secrets of a Champion Athlete" p. 185

- 1. Text question p. 190. Do Exercise 2 (part A).
- 1. Text p. 190, Exercise 2 (part B).
- 1. Text p. 189-190. Exercise #1.
- 1. Why do you think
  Jesse Owens was able to
  live up to the "three
  secrets" he described
  in this story?

### Discovery

"Won By A Hair" p. 158

#### Character Traits

### 1. Text question p. 170 "Understanding Character". Do #3 and #8.

#### Compare and Contrast

1. Compare the way Jimmy and Luke treated C.B. in the beginning of the story with the way you have seen new people treated by others or the way you have been treated by others if you were a new person in a group.

#### Sequence

1. What day did Luke meet C.B.? 2. List the main events that took place from the time Luke met C.B. until the contest was over. You should have five major incidents.

#### Inference

1. Text questions "Understanding Characters". Do #1, 2, and 5.

"The Story of Basketball" p. 178

- 1. Write four incidents 1. Text question p. that show Mr. Naismith was a person who accepted a challenge and solved problems with determination and using his imagination to create new ideas.
  - 183. Do Exercise #2.
- 1. Discovery workbook, pages 40-41.
- 1. Text question p. 183-184. Exercises #3 and 4.

#### Discovery

"Kid Brother" p. 134

Character Traits			
		questions Do #1-3.	

#### Compare and Contrast

1. Compare the difference between Terry's thoughts and his actions.

#### Sequence

- 1. This story follows a combined time-order and cause-effect relationship. In other words, Terry had things happen which caused him to do other things. Also, the events follow one another in order. The plot follows a pattern as given below:
- a) Terry is introduced.
- b) His goal is made clear.
- c) He fights to reach his goal.
- d) He is criticized.
- e) He makes a decision. Recall what happened for each plot point and write it down.

#### Inference

1. Why do you suppose
Terry hadn't thought
about the possibility
of his winning the cup?
2. What comment of
Mac's showed that he,
himself, was a fine
athlete?
3. Why do you think
Terry deserved Mac's
praise?

(1)

(2)

(3)

skirting infraction rashly guffawed disengaged indifference sarcasm lopsided curtly impact sliver canopy gauntlets momentum transfixed fatal converge undernourished images relay baton exulted retort quintet relieve sprint staring lunge bunt mechanic equipment catalogue previous strained

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(3)

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receptacle
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preliminaries
assurance
excel
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# SPELLING WORDS SPORTS AND ADVENTURE

(2)

receptacle
suspended
reflectively
skirmished
sought
devise
preliminaries
disqualified
assurance
excel
potentials

- 1. If you have a particular sport you follow or enjoy participating in, write a brief account. You could start an autobiography and include snapshots or original drawings at appropriate points.
- 2. Write a character sketch of a person who has had a decided influence on your life. Write, in detail, about two or three special traits of this person, giving specific incidents in which the traits are revealed. You may or may not mention the person by name, as you choose. This could be a famous person or someone you know and admire.
- 3. Write a paragraph in which you describe the sights and sounds and smells of a baseball game, a football game, track event, basketball, etc.
- 4. Write a few paragraphs about your favorite sport. Entitle it, "What Baseball Means To Me" (if it's football, basketball, etc., change the title to fit the sport. Give specific examples from your own experiences and feelings).
- 5. Collect newspaper clippings from the sports page for one week and underline figurative language used. Paste or staple clippings to paper to keep in your notebook.
- 6. Write a brief description of a personal experience you had fishing.

7. Write a "Fish Story". This, of course, is not a true story—just fishy!

#### LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES SPORTS AND ADVENTURE

- 1. Summarizing and Notetaking (SRA Kit)
- 2. Noun and Verb phrases (Young America, p. 166, Teacher's Manual.)
- 3. Dictionary usage (The American Heritage Dictionary)
- 4. Choosing the right definition (Activities Book p. 31-32)

-also-

Cross References p. 42

Choosing the right meaning p. 32

Parts of speech p. 34-35

Review p. 44

- 1. Look up speed records for different types of racing: bicycle, boat, car, motorcycle, airplane, etc., covering a period of several years. If you wish, you can chart all the statistics on a graph to show comparative speeds and comparative rates of increase.
- 2. Do research concerning the history of the four-minute mile and the runners who have run the mile in less than four minutes.
- 3. Write a brief report on a sports figure you admire. Keep in mind the points covered in a biography. Include these points in your report.
- 4. Write a report on the history of skiing.
- 5. Find five similes and metaphors in newspaper articles in the sports section of a newspaper. Cut out the article and underline the similes and metaphors.

#### LISTENING ACTIVITIES SPORTS AND ADVENTURE

- 1. Summarizing Listening Kit #5
- 2. Teacher-directed discussion on summarizing.

  <u>Discovery</u> Teacher's Manual p. 401

#### LIBRARY BOOKS SPORTS AND ADVENTURE

#### Fishing

Furman, A.L., Teen-Age Fishing Stories Kipling, Rudyard, Captains Courageous Robinson, G., Sign of the Golden Fish Due, Soe, Sea Roots

#### Baseball

Tunis, John R., Schoolboy Johnson Walden, Amelia, Queen of the Courts Flood, Richard, The Fighting Shortstop Coombs, Charles, Sleuth at Shortstop

#### Track

Jackson, Jesse, Anchor Man Scholz, J.V., Split Seconds: Tales of the Cinder Tracks Miers, E.S., The Kid Who Beat the Dodgers Frick, C.H., Patch

#### Tennis

Carse, Robert, The Winner

#### Overcoming Handicaps

Boynick, D.K., Champions by Setback Herman, William, Hearts Courageous Felsen, Henry, Bertie Comes Through

#### Skiing

Furman, A.L., Granite Harbor

#### Football

Archibald, Joe, Touchdown Glory
Dick, Trell L., Tornado Jones
" " Tornado's Big Year
Van Riper, Guernsey, Jim Thorpe, Indian Athlete
Schoor, Gene, The Jim Thorpe Story
" Red Grange, Football's Greatest
Halfback

#### Basketball

Frick, C.H., Five Against the Odds
Emery, R.G., Rebound
Jackson, C.P., Tournament Forward
""" Stretch Makes A Basket
Hall, E.A., Adventure at Table Mountain

#### Auto Racing

Clifton, Paul, The Fastest Men on Earth Summers, James, Heartbreat Hot Rod O'Connor, Patrick, Mexican Road Race Harkins, Philip, Road Race Yates, R.F. and B.W., Sport and Racing Cars

#### Young America

"Surface at the Pole" p. 176 (2,3)

"The Confirmation" p. 190 (2,3)

"Mary Jane" p. 379 (1,2,3)

"Ready or Not" p. 389 (2,3)

"Teenagers to the Rescue" p. 429 (bonus reading)

#### Wide, Wide World

"Johnny Noble, Cable Spinner" p. 43 (1,2,3)

"The Shovel Man" p. 170 (1,2,3)

"The Phantom of the Bridge" p. 182 (1,2,3)

"Into the Unknown" p. 197 (1,2,3)

#### Variations

"Kid At the Stick" p. 15 (1,2,3)

"Kate Shelley - Iowa Heroine" p. 39 (2,3)

"Sudden Certain Death" p. 163 (1,2,3)

"Big Shot" p. 327 (1,2,3)

"How Obie Won His Medal" p. 492 (1,2,3)

"The Challenge of Fujiyama" p. 504

"The Call of the Wild" p. 515 (bonus reading)

"Banner in the Sky" p. 543 (bonus reading)

Open Highways (all 1,2,3 selections)

"Escape by Sea" p. 51

"The Phantom Submarine" p. 96

"That Others May Live" p. 182

"Fire in the Earth" p. 239 and "Into the Heart of a Volcano" p. 244

"Masai Spearmen" p. 323

"The Wooden Horse" p. 348 (bonus reading)

#### Thrust

"The Bear Hunt" p. 52 (1,2,3)

"The Way Up" p. 158 (3)

"Beware of the Dog" p. 254 (2,3)

"The \$43,000 Mistake" p. 324 (1.2.3)

"Unexpected Rewards" p. 329 (bonus reading)

"Death of a Tsotsi" p. 352 (3)

"Herbie's Ride" p. 452 (bonus reading)

### Discovery

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"March on Washington" p. 16 (1,2,3)
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"The Sailing Lesson" p. 27 (1,2,3)

"Treasure" p. 68 (1,2,3)

"Tom Sawyer and His Band" p. 80 (1,2,3)

"Climbing Kloochman" p. 254 (2,3)

"Escape From the River of the Wolves" p. 285 (2,3)

"Taming der Eiger" p. 302 (2,3)

"Four Boys and a Dog" p. 322 (2,3)

"How a Chutist Feels" p. 336 (3)

"Underwater Spaceship" p. 342 (2,3)

"The Diary of Anne Frank" p. 434 (bonus reading)

"We Cross the Atlantic" p. 462 (1,2,3)

#### Young America

"Surface at the Pole" p. 176

#### Noting Details

# Text questions 1-4 p. 182

#### Author Style

1. Find words and phrases that convey impresseions of color, time and temperature used by the author.

#### Setting

1. Where did this story take place? When (date)?

#### Technical Terms

1. (Teacher directed) Young America T.M. p. 124 knot plotting table keel flooding current hatch

#### "The Confirmation" p. 190

- 1. List the problems Scott Carpenter faced.
- 2. How did he handle his problems?
- 3. What mistakes did he make?
- 4. For what reasons did he make this flight?
- 1. The author wrote this to give you the feeling that you could understand his experience in space. Write down four passages that gave you this feeling. (Example, his feeling of weightlessness).
- 1. The setting took place in outer space as we all know. Describe 2. Read over the briefly how certain areas looked to him selection is read. from his location.
  - 1. Aerospace Terms: (Teacher directed. Text p. 240) terms before

#### Young America

"Mary Jane" p. 379

#### Noting Details

1. What was the reason for Mary Jane changing schools?
2. How did her family and other adults affect her feelings?
3. What were some of the sad or embarrassing things that happened to Mary Jane?
4. All of her experiences were not bad. Name some of the 'neat' things that happened to her. Could you do this? Explain why or why not.

#### Author Style

The author presented story to show how little difference can blossom into hatred, discrimination and fear. Integration has been a touchy subject. Do you feel the author was able to give you the feeling of what Mary Jane felt? Explain.

#### Setting

Where did this story take place? Do you think something like this could happen here? Why or why not?

"Ready or Not" p. 389

- 1. There are many challenging situations and details in this story. One of the main challenges is that of moving so often. What were the problems the O'Connor family faced?
- 2. Along with the problems were vivid memories of this family. List these.
- 1. The author has some excellent descriptive passages in this story. Pick out some that you think are particulary good and write them down. (Example, description of mothers and carriages, etc.)
- 1. Text questions p. 400 'Understanding Story Setting'. Do #1-3.

#### Wide, Wide World

"Johnny Noble, Cable Spinner" p. 43

#### Noting Details

his mistake?

1. Why did Johnny Noble want this particular job?
2. What was so important about the catwalk?
3. What were the workers warned never to do?
4. What were the two wheels called that were used with the wires for the cable?
5. What mistake did Johnny make that caused his accident?

6. What did Johnny learn through

#### Author Style

1. The author was trying to write an account of an unusual kind of job and the type of person it took to do the work. List 5 passages that he used to convey Johnny's attitude and what he felt in working at such a dangerous job.

#### Setting

1. What particular parts of "Johnny Noble" gave you the feeling of being part of the story? The author's description of the bridge, the height and the weather were important to this reaction.

#### "The Shovel Man" p. 170

- 1. Where had Monty acquired his knowledge that he would need in his work?
  2. What drowned out Monty's shouts when he tried to warn the operator?
  3. As the logs started avalanching down, what did the operator of the steam shovel do?
  4. What did Monty accomplish by his manipulation of the giant scoop?
- 1. Text question p. 173.

  Do #3. Stories are usually based on three ingredients. These are experience, imagination, and research. Read p. 173 "From the Author." What ingredients did Mr. Dunnagan use for this selection? Did you think he did a good job?
- 1. Draw a diagram of the scene using your text to help. Follow this plan: what was at the left, at the right, and at the center?

#### Wide, Wide World

"The Phantom of the Bridge" p. 182

#### Noting Details

1. Text question p. 191. Do #4.

#### Author Style

1. Many authors write with events happening in order, beginning with the first event and ending the story with the last event. This is not true of Mr. Ware in this story. Read "The Reader's Craft" p. 191 to discover Mr. Ware's style. A term is used to describe this technique. What is it called?

2. Teacher's Manual p. 112. Author's organization of material exercise dittoed for assignment.

#### Setting

- 1. The time, the place and the situation were all very important to the interest of this story. Explain what time of day most of the action happened.
- 2. How does the setting fit with the title?

"Into the Unknown" p. 197

1. Text question p. 200. Do #2, 3, 4.

1. The author used descriptive passages to make you feel a part of the flight. How did he describe the climb of the XPS as it climbed higher? (p. 198, column 2, para. 4).

2. When the XPS hit the barrier, what description did he use to give you the feeling of the power thrust on the plane? (p. 198, col 2, par 6)

3. What did the author mean by "an invisible shouting passenger"?

1. Since this story was written many new test flights have been made. How long ago do you think this story was written?

#### Variations

"Kid at the Stick" p. 15

#### Noting Details

- 1. "For Understanding" p. 26 of the text.
- 2. Technical terms p. 11 Teacher's Manual.

#### Author Style

"A Matter of Technique" p. 26 of the text.

#### Setting

- 1. Where had Frankie and his father been?
- 2. Where were they going?
- 3. How far away from Tredway was Frankie when he radioed to the airport for help?

"Kate Shelley - Iowa Heroine" p. 39

- 1. Teacher directed characteristics of a news story. Teacher's Manual p. 15.
- 2. "For Understanding" p. 44 of the text.
- 1. The author was able to make this a very fast-moving, exciting account. Several descriptions were used for the flooded areas. Find these passages and write them down.
- 1. When does this story take place?
- 2. Where did the story happen?
- 3. Give details about Kate's family, and where she lived.

"Sudden Certain Death" p. 163

1. Text p. 190

- 1. How did you feel the author handled this account of his experience? Explain your answer.
- 1. Text p. 171. "A Matter of Technique"

#### Variations

"Big Shot" p. 327

#### Noting Details

1. Text questions p. 170.

#### Author Style

1. Did you feel the author had much understanding about some boys' behavior toward each other, such as a bully toward a smaller person? Explain your answer.

2. How did the author make you feel toward Robbie?

3. What was the author trying to say?

#### Setting

- 1. Give as many details as you can remember about Robbie's home, his mother, his school, and his friends.
- 2. Would the setting of this story make it suitable for presentation on TV or movie screen? Should it be in color or black and white?

"How Obie Won His Medal" p. 492

1. Text "For Understanding". Do #1-3, p. 494.

(Journalistic Style)
Teacher-directed. Use text
p. 162.

- 1. Text "A Matter of Technique" p. 494.
- 2. This is a very brief story. Do you feel the writer was able to give you a complete account of the happenings in so few words? Explain your answer.
- 3. How does this make you feel about the author's writing ability?

- 1. Briefly write an account of the happenings as they occurred.
- 2. How far was Obie from base when the problem occurred?

#### Variations

"The Challenge of Fujiyama" p. 504

# Noting Details

1. Text p. 511, "For Understanding". Do #1-3.

#### Author Style

1. This was written in first person. Mr. Halliburton tells the account himself. What kind of person does he make himself appear to be? Illustrate each character with evidence from the story.

2. Text p. 511 "A Matter of Technique."

#### Setting

1. What time of year did Halliburton make his climb?
2. What is the height of Mt. Fuji?

3. How long did the climb take--ascent and descent?

#### Open Highways

"Escape by Sea" p. 51

1. Skillbook p. 25-26. Main points.

The author, Alexandre Dumas, built the "mood" of this story by (1) having changes in the weather and (2) giving descriptions of Dante's feelings and thoughts and (3) by introducing unexpected events. Give an example of each of these points.

- 1. When do you think this story took place?
- 2. How important are the time and place in which this story is set? Explain your answer.
- 3. Where did the story take place?

# Open Highways

"The Phantom Submarine" p. 96

#### Noting Details

1. Why would this title be a good one for this story?
2. Did you find anything humorous about this story?
What was it, if you did?
3. How would you describe a giant ray? What other name was used in the story for it?

#### Author Style

1. This story is a collaboration—one person tells a story and the other person writes it down in his words. Why do you think authors might use this arrangement?

# Setting

Where is Pearl Harbor?
 When did World War II take place?

- "That Others May Live" p. 182
- 1. Duplicating Master #37 (Duplicating Kit)
- 1. Did the author choose to write this selection with personal accounts or mainly telling things in a journalistic manner? Why?
- 1. Where do pararescue people wrok? (Check the article carefully.)

#### Open Highways

"Fire In the Earth" and "Into the Heart of a Volcano" p. 239

#### Noting Details

1. What descriptive passages in both selections helped you see, hear, smell or feel things?
2. How was the volcano made to seem to be alive? (What

#### Author Style

1. The two authors of these two selections had different reasons for their stories. Why do you think Mr. Pough wrote "Fire in the Earth"?

2. What reason was "Into the Heart of a Volcano" written?

#### Setting

1. How does the setting of the two selections compare?

#### "Masai Spearmen" p. 322

words were used?)

- 1. Why are lions such a problem for the Masai people?
  2. List the events that take place in the lion hunt.
  3. Skillbook p. 119.
- 1. Did you feel that this article gives the reader a clear picture of a lion hunt? Explain your answer.
- 2. What qualifications did Mr. Hunter have for writing about a Masai lion hunt?
  3. What do you think is suggested about his purpose for writing by the title he chose?
- 4. The author used a bit of humor. Write down what you think it was.

- 1. Where do the Masai live?
- 2. What time of day did the lion hunt begin?

#### Thrust

"The Bear Hunt" p. 52

#### Noting Details

1. What are the attitudes of the boys toward each other at the beginning of the story? 2. What events changed the boys! attitudes toward each other? 3. What did Marion do or say to show Wilbur he was not as ignorant about "country knowledge" as Wilbur thought he was?

#### Author Style

1. Other than entertaining you, what might the author's purpose be in writing this selection? 2. How did the author show the difference between the two boys?

#### Setting

1. Where did this story take place? 2. Describe the sort of life Marion had because of where he lived.

#### "The Way Up" p. 158

- 1. List the problems Jamie could 1. The author's title of this foresee in connection with climbing the watertower.
- 2. What preparations did Jamie make to overcome each of the problems?
- 3. How did Jamie use each of the following items?
- a) aluminum anchor and braided nylon rope
- b) the hacksaw
- c) the knife
- d) the red bandanna
- 4. What part that Jamie had not counted on did these items play: the billed cap and the flashlight?

- story referred to several different things in the story. Explain this.
- 2. What technique did the author use in writing this story? Choose from the following: foreshadowing or flashback. Explain your choice.
- 3. Was the author able to hold your interest? Why or why not?

- 1. What does paragraph 1 tell you about the height of the watertower and the shape of the legs?
- 2. Where do you learn more about the tower? (List page and paragraph and column 'a' or 'b' plus what is said in that passage.

#### Thrust

"Beware of the Dog" p. 254

#### Noting Details

1. The plot of the story means the plan of the story. This selection is made up of about eight major incidents. Find these incidents and list them in the order in which they happened.

#### Author Style

1. The author was very descriptive in writing this account. Select five passages you felt were well written in this manner.

2. How did the author convey to his readers that the plot was not his normal self?

# Setting

- 1. Explain why the setting is so important to this story.
- 2. Where was the pilot from? (What country?)
- 3. Where did he land?
- 4. What war was being fought?

"The \$43,000 Mistake" p. 324

- 1. Text questions p. 327.
- Do #1, 2, 3.
- 2. Text p. 328 Definitions.

Do #1-12.

Text questions p. 327. Do #4.

- 1. When did this story take place?
- 2. Where did it take place?

#### Thrust

"Death of a Tsotsi" p. 352

#### Noting Details

1. Text questions p. 358. Do #1, 2, 3.

# Author Style

of a Tsotsi"?

1. The author has spent many years working to change the racial policies in South Africa. In this selection Mr. Paton refers to the need for change in a round-about way. Is there any part of this story whereby he accomplishes this? Write down the part you feel does accomplish this.

2. Read the article in the text on page 359 concerning the author. Do you feel he was

well-qualified to write "Death

#### Setting

- 1. Could this story have taken place in the United States as well as in South Africa? Explain your answer.
- 2. What particular things would have to be changed if the setting were Seattle, for instance?
- 3. Would this change or setting affect the basic meaning of the story? Explain your answer.

# \* Discovery

\* All students will read at least one selection from the Discovery text for this theme.

There are many selections written in <u>Discovery</u> which deal with Adventure of various types. In order to simplify the skills tasks, the following assignment will be given for <u>all</u> reading selections:

Write a paragraph for each of the emphasized skills covering these major questions:

#### Noting Detail

- 1. Identify character traits of main character.
- 2. Recall major incidents. (These will vary from three to possibly eight major events).

#### Author Style

- 1. Did the author use a timeorder form, cause-effect, or
  combined? Also, was the
  author writing from experience,
  imagination, factual information
  or a combination of these?
  2. Was the author descriptive
  so you could feel, smell, hear
- 3. Was the author able to hold your interest? Explain your answer.

or see things? Give examples.

#### Setting

- 1. Where did the story take place?
- 2. When did it happen?
- 3. Brief description of the scenes.

Along with the reading assignment above, the students will work the skillbook page which coincides with their reading selection.

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(2)

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- 1. Write up some good names that you can think of for submarines in the future.
- 2. Write a brief essay, poem or story about a first trip on a submarine as you imagine your feelings and experiences to be while submerged.
- 3. Write a report about a personal adventure you have had.
- 4. Write about fears you have had and how you overcame them.
- 5. Collect magazine articles or newspaper articles that tell of some daring, adventurous happening. The article could be an account of a heroic deed or exciting experience. You decide. Underline figures of speech used.

#### RESEARCH AND WRITING ACTIVITIES ADVENTURE

- 1. Write a brief report on how submarines are named.
- 2. Write a brief report about the loss of nuclear submarines such as the "Thresher" or the "Scorpion". (You can find articles in the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature).
- 3. Draw a chart of one of the space projects, including project names, astronaut, spacecraft, launching date, revolutions and flight time.
- 4. Do research on a famous bridge. You might include its height, period of time taken for construction, hazards encountered, care or maintenance of a bridge.
- 5. Give a written report on cable spinning. Find out if it still is practiced or if newer methods have replaced it.
- 6. Give a report on Dr. David Barnard Steinman, the foremost bridge builder of his day. One source is "New York Times Magazine" (January 5, 1958). Is he still alive? Is he still considered the foremost bridge builder? If not, who is?
- 7. Write a brief account of Theodore Waldeck's life, the author of "Sudden Certain Death".
- 8. Research the life of Richard Halliburton, author of "The Challenge of Fujiyama".

- 9. Prepare a time line on the history of diving depths for submarines.
- 10. Find the history of submarines and make a written report or a time line.
- 11. Compare submarines of World War II with submarines of today. You might want to make drawings to go with the report.
- 12. Report on one of the following rescue groups: (1) Ski Patrol, (2) Skin Divers Patrol, (3) Local Search and Rescue Group, (4) Motorcycle Groups, (5) any other group which aids in rescue work.
- 13. Gather facts concerning training and license requirements for a small plane.
- 14. Write a report about Mr. Everest or another mountain which is well-known for challenging mountain climbers. Give facts about height, successful climbs, etc.

#### SPEAKERS ADVENTURE

Mr. Barry Prater

Mr. Lindstrom

Search and Rescue

Mr. Vern Mitchell

#### FILMS ADVENTURE

Early Settlers of New England

Hunters

Pioneers of the Plains

Volcano

Eruption of Kilauea

Lascaux: Cradle of Man's Art

Mastery of Space

Mountains Don't Care

Skiing

#### LIBRARY BOOKS ADVENTURE

Armstrong, Richard, The Secret Sea Dana, Richard H., Two Years Before the Mast Kipling, Rudyard, Captains Courageous Levy, Mimi, Corrie and the Yankee Anderson, William, Nautilus 90° North We Seven Freedman, Russell, 2000 Years of Space Travel Sterling, Dorothy, Mary Jane Stoltz, Mary, Ready or Not Fenner, Phyllis, Heroes, Heroes Colby, Carol, Danger Fighters Earth Movers Coryell, H. and V., Lives of Danger and Daring Bowman, Waldo, Bulldozers Come First Meader, Stephen, Bulldozer Lundgren, William R., Across the High Frontier Vaeth, Joseph, 200 Miles Up; the Conquest of Upper Air Honour, Alan, Ten Miles Up, Two Miles Deep Coombs, Charles, Survival in the Sky Breckenfield, V., High Trail Phipson, Joan, Boundary Riders Waldeck, Theodore, On Safari Halliburton, Richard, The Glorious Adventure The Flying Carpet 11 Marvels of the Orient Marvels of the Occident Root, Jonathan, Halliburton Baudouy, Micher, More than Courage Corbett, Scott, What Makes A Car Go? Engle. Eloise. Pararescue Dumas, Alexandre, The Count of Monte Cristo (adapted by William Kattmeyer) Halmi, Robert, Visit to a Chief's Son Barnwell, Robinson, Shadow on the Water Stevenson, William, The Bushbabies Talbot, Charlene, Tomas Takes Charge Catherall, Arthur, Prisoner in the Snow Leighton, Margaret, The Canyon Castaways Paton, Alan, Cry the Beloved Country

The Animal unit offers students a good deal of choice so most should enjoy it. In trying to provide something for everyone we've included varied animals, tame and wild. The old argument of 'to hunt or not to hunt' has been included. This should be very interesting to many boys since hunting is a very popular sport in this community. Conservationist versus the hunter should provide very lively discussion.

Another aspect of the Animal unit is taming of wild animals. Do they ever really become trustworthy? Is it fair to take them out of the wild? Discussion again should offer many students opportunities to relate personal experiences and to argue about these issues.

The same skills will be covered with activities related to animals in the unit package.

#### ANIMALS

#### READING SELECTIONS

# Discovery

"Elsa" p. 306 (1,2,3)

# Open Highways

"Gulliver the Great" p. 86 (1)

"The Fast Sooner Hound" p. 170 (1)

# Wide, Wide World

"Coaly-Bay, The Outlaw Horse" p. 38 (1,2,3)

"Rikki-tikki-tavi" p. 247 (1,2,3)

"The Dog That Loved Foxes" p. 350 (1,2,3)

#### Variations

"Simba, the Magnificent" p. 369 (2,3)

"Gunilla" p. 377 (2,3)

"John Bauldauff"s Bear" p. 386 (1,2,3)

"The Loon of Walden Pond" p. 398 (2,3)

"The Final Test" p. 401 (1,2,3)

# Thrust

The Raccoon" p. 36 (1,2,3)

"The Old Dog" p. 320 (2,3)

"Orphan Pup" p. 168 (2,3)

#### Young America Series

"Irish Setter" p. 10 (1,2,3)

#### Thrust

"The Raccoon" p. 36

#### Main Idea

1. Which of the following expresses the main idea that is emphasized? a) Raccoons are clever and interesting animals. b) To live happily and safely with a wild animal pet. you must teach it to respect you. c) Wild animals do not make good pets and cannot be trusted. d) People learn a great deal by watching the behavior of wild animals that have been trained.

#### Detail

1. When did Wayatcha lose his fear of Mannix? (dev. of plot)
2. Why didn't Mannix try to discipline the animal when he was young? (dev. of plot)
3. When did Mannix first try to discipline him? (sequence of ideas)
4. Was he successful? (dev. of plot)

# Character Traits

1. List some of the traits of an adult raccoon.
2. What trait did Wayatcha develop that was undesirable?

# Author's Purpose

1. When the author says a raccoon is formidable, what is his purpose?
2. What idea about raccoons is he trying to tell you?

#### Thrust

"The Orphan Pup" p. 168

#### Main Idea

1. This is another story about a person and a pet. How is it different from the others you have read?
2. How does Randy deal with the problem of finding a home for Lonesome?

#### Detail

1. What need does
Lonesome satisfy for
Randy?
(mood)
2. How do most young
people satisfy this
need?
(mood)

# Character Traits

1. Does Randy seem sad when parting with Lonesome?
2. Is it selfish to tame a wild animal? Explain.

# Author's Purpose

1. What do you think the author is trying to say about taming wild animals?

#### Variations

"The Loon of Walden Pond" p. 398

- 1. What "game" does
  Thoreau play with
  the loon?
  2. Who won?
- 3. What is a loon?

- 1. What are some of the sounds a loon makes? (mood)
  2. Do you think Thoreau could have believed in the "god of the loons" just a little? (mood)
  3. What does "at least ten men to one loon" mean? (mood)
- 1. What do you think were some of Thoreau's outstanding character traits?
  2. What traits kept him living in a hut for two years in almost complete isolation?
- 1. What were
  Thoreau's feelings
  toward this wild
  creature?
  2. What are clues
  to the author's
  purpose in the
  last paragraph?

#### Variations

"Joe Bauldauff's Bear p. 386

#### Main Idea

1. What two problems did Joe have in getting ore out of the mine?

#### Detail

1. What type of rig die Joe use on the bear for carrying the ore? (dev. of plot) 2. What happened when the bear didn't want to work? (dev. of plot)

#### Character Traits

1. Describe Joe Bauldauff. What type of person is he? 2. Why did he want the bear to do the work?

# Author's Purpose

1. In a tall tale, what is usually the author's purpose?

"Gunilla" p. 377

1. The author feels there is one reason he was not successful with Gunilla. What was the reason?

- 1. What finally proved to the author that he had been too easy with Gunilla? (dev. of plot) 2. Describe the main events of the flight. (dev. of plot)
- 1. The author felt he was author's reason responsible for the fight. This fixing of responsibility tells much about the author's character. What kind of a person was he?
  - 1. What was the for ending the story this way? 2. If you were the author, how would you end the story?

#### Variations

"Simba the Magnificent" p. 369

#### Main Idea

1. What was the author doing in Africa? 2. The preparation for photographing the lion had three important parts? What were they? What working connection was there between two of these parts?

#### Details

1. What is a bome? (dev. of plot) 2. Why did the author build one? (dev. of plot) 3. What materials were used to build one? (dev. of plot)

# Character Traits

1. Why did the author photograph animals rather than kill or capture them? 2. When he has to author's final shoot the lion, what does his reaction tell you about the author?

# Author's Purpose

1. Do you think the author is opposed to killing animals? Why? 2. What one word expresses the judgment on himself about Simba?

"The Final Test" p. 401

- 1. What did the Adamson's do to help Elsa become independent? 2. How did Elsa behave with the A's and their servants?
- 1. List some of the animals Elsa killed. (in order) 2. How does Elsa say good-bye to the Adamsons? (mood)

- 1. Describe some of Elsa's actions. What does such hehavior show about her nature? 2. When people do what the A's did for Elsa. what does it tell you about them?
- 1. Why do the Adamsons tell this story? Are they only entertaining the reader?

# Thrust

"The Old Dog" p. 320

# Main Idea

1. Examine the details in the first paragraph of the story. Which sentence best expresses the main idea?

#### Detail

1. What details tell you Benny is an old dog? (mood)
2. What details tell you what Benny has been trained to do? (mood)

#### Character Traits

1. What type of pet had Benny been?
2. Do you think you can tell what characteristics the author had by the way he did away with his pet?

# Author's Purpose

1. What was the author's purpose in having Brad kill the dog?
2. How did the author want you to feel about Brad?
3. How did the author want you to feel about Brad?

# Open Highways

"Gulliver the Great" p. 86

- 1. Who was Gulliver?
- 2. What happened to Gulliver and his friend?
- 3. What happens to the writer as a result of this experience?
- 1. What signal did
  they use to alert the
  steamer?
  (dev.)
  2. How did the writer
  rescue Gulliver during
  the storm?
  (dev.)
  3. What did they have
  to eat?
  (dev.)

- 1. How did this author differ from the other authors in the animal unit?
  2. What changed the author's feeling toward dogs?
  3. Even though Gulliver was so big, what was his personality like?
- 1. What purpose did the author have in mind when writing this story?

#### Open Highways

"The Fast Sooner Hound" p. 170

#### Main Idea

Do you think it possible for a dog to outrun a train?
 Did the story seem believable to you?
 How did the Sooner hound get his name?

#### Detail

1. What statements or incidents seem humorous to you? (create a mood)

#### Character Traits

1. How do we know what the Boomer's attitude was when he applied for the job?
2. What was the Roadmaster like?
3. Did he think his trains could go faster than the Sooner hound?

# Author's Purpose

1. The author has written a tall tale. What are some clues that help you recognize that this is not true?
2. What is the purpose in writing the story?
3. What is the purpose of a tall tale?

# Discovery

"Elsa" p. 306

- 1. Who is Elsa?
- 2. Where did Mrs. Adamson get her?
- 3. Why did they go to the trouble of staying out in the wild with her?
  4. Did the Adamsons succee
- 4. Did the Adamsons succeed in putting Elsa back in the wild?
- 1. What were the Adamsons doing in Africa? (dev.)
  2. Is this a true story? (dev.)
  3. Place the following details in order in which they happened. p. 270 T. Dis. (order of import)
- 1. What do you find most un-usual about Elsa?
  2. How do you think the Adamsons feel about animals?
- 1. Besides using
  Elsa for an
  interesting and
  entertaining story,
  why do you think
  Joy Adamson told
  the world about
  Elsa?

#### Wide, Wide World

"Coaly-Bay, The Outlaw Horse" p. 38

Why did Coaly-Bay go lame?
 Who do you think is right in the struggle between Coaly-Bay and his masters?

#### Detail

(dev.)

1. Do you think all animals have their own personalities?

Why?

(mood)

2. Did people who owned Coaly-Bay always tell the truth about him?

1. List the various men who came in contact with Coaly-Bay Include the author. What did each man's

#### Character Traits

1. List the various men who came in contact with Coaly-Bay. Include the author. What did each man's actions toward the horse reveal about the man?

2. List some of Coaly-Bay's characteristics.

# Author's Purpose

1. What was Mr. Seton's reason for writing this story?
2. Did Mr. Seton really know what happened to Coaly-Bay? If not, how did he make up such a good ending?

#### Wide, Wide World

Rikki-tikki-tavi" p. 247

#### Main Idea

- Who is Rikki-tikki-tavi?
   What was his job around the home?
- 3. Who are the villains in the story?
- 4. Who are the "watchers" in the story?

# Detail

1. How did Darzee and his wife differ in the way they faced the problem of the cobras? (dew) 2. How was Rikki helped by the wife of Darzee? (dev.) 3. How did Rikki get his name? (dev.) 4. Kipling wrote this story during the time he lived in India. Which story details come from his life there? (mood) 5. Which come from his imagination? (mood)

# Character Traits

1. All the people and animals praised Rikki for his brave deeds. How did he regard all this praise?
2. Did he show himself to be a true hero in this way? Explain.

# Author's Purpose

1. Human characteristics are given to animals in this story. Why did the author do this?
2. How does the author show the villain?
(ex. - cold eyes)
3. How does the author show the hero?

#### Wide, Wide World

"The Dog That Loved Foxes" p. 350

#### Main Idea

 How had Smoke become interested in foxes?
 Why were farmers unwise to trap or kill foxes?

#### Detail

What do foxes eat in winter?
 (dev.)
 How did the vixen feel toward Smoke after he defended her babies?
 What did Smoke want to do with the cubs?

#### Character Traits

1. Two vicious dogs threatened the foxes' babies. As you read the story, what words would you use to describe the vicious dogs? What words would you use to describe Smoke? 2. What feeling did the author have for his dog? What does this tell you about the author?

# Author's Purpose

1. William B.
Mowery wrote this
story to entertain
readers. What
other reasons did
he have?
2. In most stories
a hero overcomes a
villain and rescues
a weaker character.
Is this what
happens in this
story? How is it
different?

(1)

sage tol1 dawn tapped bought irregularly distrustful demon raft hacked respect tiny sank rested refreshed 100n game won apex gait girth menace plaintive prime spigot worry vital

(2)

foal corral alert plaintive fibers cobra vixen canopy instantly maximum ninimum comparative lop-eared stomach cunningly ungainly betray muzzle incident torment understood thwart formidable potential

(3)

heritage wrangler fledglings providence masonry bantam mongoose excavated inarticulate molest diminutive reconstructed supplanted eerie improvise inquisitive tolerate infuriate humiliation adversary invariably deliberately intelligence cauterize curious delirious fantasy inappropriate senile pathetic instinct anticipation

- 1. In this unit about animals, think about something unusual you've seen animals do, rescue someone, alert a family about a fire, travel a long way to rejoin a family, etc. Write at least one page about it.
- 2. Now think of something usual that animals do, that you've watched. For example, a spider spinning a web, a mother animal licking and grooming her babies, baby birds learning to fly. Use as much descriptive language as possible.
- 3. Should wild animals be tamed? Write a paragraph either in favor or against this idea.
- 4. Write a paragraph telling what happened to Gulliver and his friend after they were rescued.
- 5. Write a paragraph stating your reasons why or why not we should have hunting of wild animals.
- 6. Write a tall tale (a big lie, just for fun). Use any setting or characters except classmates or teachers. You may use the Sooner Hound or the Bear as models if you wish.

- 7. Pretend you are the Bear in Joe Bauldauff's Bear. Write the story from the bear's point of view.
- 8. Write a description of a "game" with an animal. Try to describe an actual experience with a pet. Try to use transition words like next, then, after. Read page 400, lower left corner of Variations.
- 9. Write a paragraph discussing what one should do when a pet becomes sick and old.

#### LANGUAGE SKILLS ANIMALS

- 1. Timed Dictionary Activity for locating words.
  Teacher's Discovery p. 272
- 2. Look-alike words
  Discovery Workbook p. 75
- 3. Practice Makes Perfect Discovery Workbook p. 74
- 4. Exaggeration
  Open Highways Skillbook p. 40-41
- 5. Antonyms p. 58 Synonyms p. 57 Open Highways Teacher's Edition
- 6. Synonyms and Antonyms Variations Teacher's p. 111
- 7. Nouns and Verbs Young America Skillbook p. 10
- 8. Noun Phrases Verb Phrases
  Language and How to Use It p. 25-31

#### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES ANIMALS

- 1. Make a report on wild horses. You may cover how horses became wild, how and where they live today, the history of the bands, what groups of people used them, and how many may be left.
- 2. Joy Adamson and her husband live in Africa. On a map of Africa locate the country and the area where they released Elsa.
- 3. Collect a group of dog pictures. Encourage the class to think of captions for the pictures.
- 4. Choose one breed of dog or horse, tell where it came from, what its job is, relative size, coloring, habits, food, etc.
- 5. Many professions have specialized language, names for tools, abbreviations, initials, etc. Railroading has many of its own. Interview a person who works for the railroad and make a list of the words.
- 6. You may live on a farm or ranch and recognize that there is special language used there pertaining to equipment, work. Make a list of as many of these types of things as you can.

- 7. Most of the authors in the "Tamed and the Untamed" section of Variations are noted naturalists. Choose one of the authors and make a one-page report about him.
- 8. Write to the State Game Department or interview a person here about hunting. Should it be allowed? Is harvesting of animals a valid reason for killing them?
- 9. List the steps you follow in raising and training a pet.

# FILMS ANIMALS

The Hunter in the Forest

Rain Showers

Miss Goodall and the Wild Chimpanzees

# LISTENING ACTIVITIES ANIMALS

The Four Little Foxes
Bank 1 Side 2
America Listens to Accompany Wide, Wide World

Fact and Opinion #10 Listening Skills Program Intermediate Level IIC

#### ANIMAL UNIT LIBRARY BOOKS

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Lawson, Robert, Ben and Me
               Me and Caleb
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                Rabbit Hill
Williams, Garth, Charlotte's Web
White, E.B., Stuart Little
             The Mouse and the Motorcycle
Sponsel, Heinz, Keeper of the Wild Bulls
North, Sterling, Thoreau of Walden Pond
                 Rasca1
Bolton, Sarah K., Famous American Authors
Farley, Walter, The Black Stallion
Waldeck, T.J., Lion on the Hunt
Rawlings, Marjorie Kennan, The Yearling
Clark, Denis, Black Lightning: The Story of a Leopard
Terhune, Albert Payson, Collie
Burnford, Sheila, The Incredible Journey
Gipson, Frederick, Old Yeller
George, John L., Vulpes, The Red Fox
Kjelgaard, Jim, Haunt Fox
               Rescue Dog of the High Pass
               Irish Red
George, Jean and Jim, The Munt
London, Jack, Call of the Wild
 11
              Wild Fang
O'Brien, Jack, Silver Chief, Dog of the North
              Return of Silver Chief
Johnson, Osa, I Married Adventure
Adamson, Joy, Lions Are Free
              Born Free
             Living Free
Seton, Ernest Thompson, Biography of a Grizzly
                        Wild Animals I Have Known
Lampman, Evelyn S., Shy Stegosaurus
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#### TEACHER'S INSTRUCTION AUTHOR/BIOGRAPHY

The Biography unit has a two-fold purpose. One purpose is to familiarize students with names and deeds of famous persons and to have their activities be an inspiration to young people. Overcoming handicaps and obstacles is common place in most persons' lives, and students need to become aware of the struggle and be prepared for the challenge.

Part of the responsibility of a reading program is offering inspiration for character building.

Along with the biographies listed on the Reading Selection sheet, various skills will be covered in this unit. Discussion should cover the function of a biography which is to give insight to the person's life and an understanding of why he became great or did the thing he did.

Point of view is a very important aspect of this unit to help students realize that there are many ways of looking at a problem.

Reading skills of main idea, detail, character traits and author's purpose will be used again in this unit.

Language skills will stress synonyms, antonyms and homonyms. Working with noun phrases and verb phrases will again be covered in this unit. Expanding the noun phrase and discussion of adjectives will work in conveniently here.

Writing skills will stress outlining again and use of descriptive language. This should also be tied in with adjectives taught in Language skills.

Fact and opinion will be used in listening skills.

Unit V will concentrate on Animals for three weeks and a choice of either Authors or Biographies for the other three weeks. Students will all work on Animals. If they have enough time they may work on both biographies and authors, but it is not required.

# Open Highways

"Road to Freedom" p. 62-67 (1) Harriet Tubman

"Yellowstone" p. 71 (1) John Colter

"Kon-Tiki and I" p. 423 (1,2,3) Eric Hesselberg

#### Variations

"No One But Babe" p. 78 (1,2,3) Babe Ruth

"The Most Important Day" p. 339 (1,2,3)

"The Bad Kid" p. 71 (1,2) Babe Ruth

#### Thrust

"Show Business Was My Home" p. 180 (1,2,3) Sammy Davis

"Hunger" p. 403 (2,3) Richard Wright

Young America Series #14

"The Incredible Bronco" p. 411 (2,3) Bronko Nagurski

#### Discovery

"Printer's Apprentice" p. 194 (1,2,3)

"Marie Curie" p. 204 (2,3)

"David Livingstone" p. 213 (2,3)

"Three Days to See" p. 243 (1,2,3)

"Louis Braille" p. 235 (1,2,3)

#### Wide, Wide World

"Into the Shakes" p. 128 (1,2,3) Davy Crockett

"Harry Houdini, The Handcuff King" p. 414 (1,2,3)

"Jim Thorpe, Greatest of Them All" p. 424 (1,2,3)

"Michelangelo Buorarroti" p. 388 (2.3)

# Variations

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"The Most Important Day"	p. 339		
<u>Main Idea</u>	<u>Details</u>	Character Traits	Author's Purpose
1. What was Helen Keller's problem? 2. How did Anne Sullivan help her?	1. How were Anne and Helen able to communicate? 2. How old was Helen when Anne arrived? 3. How did the breaking of the doll reveal Helen's feelings at the time?	Why?	<ol> <li>What was Helen's purpose in writing about her life?</li> <li>What did Helen dedicate her life to?</li> </ol>
"No One But Babe" p. 78			

- 1. What special person influenced Babe Ruth's life? 2. Does the author think all boys in America have opportunities?
- 1. How did Babe come to pitch his first game? (dev. of plot) 2. Babe said he was probably a victim of circumstance. What did he mean? (mood)
- 1. What special personality traits have helped to make them heroes? 2. What were the character traits of Babe Ruth's heroes?
- 1. What was Babe Ruth's purpose in telling about Brother Matthias?

#### READING ACTIVITIES BIOGRAPHY

#### Thrust

"Show Business Was My Home" p. 180

#### Main Idea

# What was unusual about Sammy's homelife? Where did he spend

most of his time?

#### Details

1. Who was the person Sammy called Mama?
2. What hardships did Sammy experience that might make you feel sorry for him?
3. Would you say Sammy's early years were happy or unhappy?

#### Character Traits

1. What traits made Sammy want to be in show business?
2. Besides being very talented, Sammy had to have other traits to be successful. What are they?

#### Author's Purpose

1. What was the author's purpose in writing about Sammy Davis? Who was the author?
2. Is this a biography or an autobiography?

# "Hunger" p. 403

- 1. Write your own title of the story.
  2. What other necessities are missing in this story?
  3. Do you think Richard was free from danger after the day in the story? Why?
- 1. What details does the author use to make you feel how hungry he was? 2. Did Richard's mother do the right thing in forcing him to go to the store?
- What type of person is Richard's mother?
   Was Richard a violent boy?
   Why did he have to fight?
   Hunger was described like a living thing.
   Give some examples.
- 1. What is the author's reason for writing such a sad story?
  2. Do you think the author wants to help others? Why?
  3. Do you think the author is advocating violence as a way to solve problems?

#### READING ACTIVITIES BIOGRAPHY

<u>Discovery</u> The following four stories are about unusual people who were successful for some reason. Use the following questions for all of the stories:

"Printer's Apprentice" p. 194

"Marie Curie" p. 204

"David Livingstone" p. 213

"Louis Braille" p. 235

#### Main Idea

1. Why was each person famous?
2. In what way was their life a struggle? Discuss their early life as well as their later years.

#### Details

1. List some of the handicaps or obstacles keeping them from their goals.
(dev. of plot)
2. What were the new ideas that each of the persons had?
3. What was each person's greatest achievement? Explain your answer.

# Character Traits

1. List character traits that were responsible for each person attaining fame.
2. Name the two you think were most alike. Why?
3. What does self-sacrificing mean?
Did each of these people have this characteristic?

# Author's Purpose

1. Why does someone write a biography?
2. What do you think inspired the author to write about another person? Do you think they admired the person, wished they had done something unusual or wanted to inform others?

#### READING ACTIVITIES BIOGRAPHY

# Open Highways

"Road to Freedom" p. 62

# Main Idea

# 1. Harriet Tubman was a conductor on the Underground Railroad. What does that mean? 2. Why did Negroes have to sneak out of the South?

# Details

1. Why was Harriet
called Moses?
(dev. of plot)

#### Character Traits

1. Why do you think Harriet preferred working in the fields rather than in the house?
2. What traits were revealed by her own escape?
3. Do you think she could have escaped by herself?
4. What made her willing to risk such dangers again and again?

# Author's Purpose

1. How do you think the author felt about Harriet?
2. How do you suppose he decided which incidents from her life were important?

# "Yellowstone" p. 71

- 1. How did John Colter happen to discover Yellowstone?
  2. What dangers did he face when he went into the are?
  3. Why did people doubt Colter's report?
- 1. Skillbook p. 32. Accomplishments of each man.
- 1. Is it likely you will find character traits about a person in a dictionary or glossary? Why?
  2. List some character traits that all these men had.
- 1. What was the author's purpose in writing about Colter?

#### READING ACTIVITIES BIOGRAPHY

# Open Highways

"Kon-tiki" p. 423

#### Main Idea

Who was Kon-tiki?
 Where did the
Kon-tiki sail?
 What was the purpose
of the expedition?

# Details

1. How many men were on the voyage?
(dev. of plot)
2. Who does "I" refer to in the story?
(dev. of plot)
3. How long did the voyage last?
4. List ways in which the voyage enriched man's knowledge.
(dev. of plot)

# Character Traits

1. What type of person might undertake a project in a raft?
2. What character traits did the men show when they saved each other's lives?
3. How did they react when in danger?
4. List traits of a person who would make a trip like this.

# Author's Purpose

1. What was the author's reason for all the drawings in the story?
2. What was the author's purpose in going on this trip?

# Wide, Wide World

"Into the Shakes" p. 128

"Harry Houdini, The Handcuff King" p. 414

"Jim Thorpe, Greatest of Them All" p. 424

"Michelangelo Buorarroti" p. 388

- 1. Tell what each of these people is famous for.
- 2. Are any of them in the same area of interest?
- 1. List some of the unusual feats accomplished by each of these people.
  2. How did these people become experts and remain one?
  (dev. of plot)
- 1. Are any of these people similar? How? Explain.
  2. Which one would you like to meet? Why?
- 1. Why would an author choose to write about these people?
  2. Why would you decide to read about them?

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(2)

(3)

civil slave territory underground r ailway password plantation crops reap code hull choice slack sodden trilled trait reaction infer devote fulfill gold zinc iron lead nickel

medium arduous endure liberty cultivate trudged geyser petrified erupts mammoth canyon embarked culture origin massage tension alphabet abstract panic chemical element radiation gratitude missionary malady progress comical calico

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#### WRITING ACTIVITIES BIOGRAPHY

- 1. Describe the personal rewards men received from a trip like Kon-Tiki.
- 2. Outline the major events in the story of Kon-Tiki.
- 3. Give a description of what you think a typical day on Kon-Tiki would be.
- 4. Pretend you are Harriet Tubman. Describe one of your trips as conductor on the Underground Railway.
- 5. Write about a person who may have influenced your life. Did that person tell you things, show you how to do something, help you with problems, act interested in you, let you do things your parents wouldn't? How did this person affect you?
- 6. Describe Sammy Davis' early life. Why might some people feel sorry for a child like him?
- 7. Describe in one paragraph what <a href="https://hunger.nc...">hunger</a>
  is like. Use an example of a time when you were really hungry. How did you feel, were you worried about getting food?
- 8. Describe how an author indicates time period, scenery in a story.

- 9. Choose one famous person and outline the major events in their life.
- 10. Write a report about life in Africa today. Use outline form and give it orally to the class.
- 11. Using the three days as main topics in an outline, fill in what would be included each day that Helen Keller wrote about in "Three Days to See."
- 12. Language and How to Use It p. 357.
- \* 13. Description lesson. Language and How to Use It p. 358.

# LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES BIOGRAPHY

- 1. Dictionary Skills Skillbook Open Highways p. 150-151
- 2. Homonyms Skillbook Open Highways p. 149
- 3. Use of Glossary
  Duplicating Master Open Highways #81
- 4. Using Synonyms
  Discovery T. p. 209 Ditto
- 5. Using Homophones American Hertitage Dictionary Skillbook p. 36
- 6. Nouns and Verbs American Heritage Dictionary Skillbook p. 23
- 7. Sentences for identifying noun and verb phrases Language and How to Use It p. 25-31
- 8. Antonyms
  Discovery Workbook
- 9. Working With Words Young America Workbook p. 40

#### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES BIOGRAPHY

- 1. Learn more about the Underground Railway, using two sources. Look up information and write a one-page report.
- 2. Make a map of Yellowstone Park. Mark important land forms and famous attractions like "Old Faithful".
- 3. A plantation is a large farm in the South. Find information about them and write a one-page report on them. Include whether they still exist today.
- 4. Kon-Tiki Duplicating Master p. 154-155. Labeling parts of Kon-Tiki.
- 5. Make a list of accomplishments of the Kon-Tiki expedition.
- 6. Find out more about fish, animals and places mentioned in Kon-Tiki.
- 7. Read Casey at Bat in <u>Variations</u> p. 80-81. Compare Babe Ruth and Casey.
- 8. List some of the baseball heroes of today. Why have they become famous?
- 9. Interview several different people (adults, children, sports fans) about Babe Ruth. Who he was, what he did. Take notes on their answers.
- 10. Read and report orally on aspects of teaching the blind and the deaf.

11. Benjamin Franklin and David Livingstone were apprentices. What does this mean? Find additional information about the apprentice system. When was it used? Is it still used today?

# LISTENING ACTIVITIES BIOGRAPHY

Listening Skills Program Intermediate Level IIC Cause-Effect #6

# FILMS BIOGRAPHY

The	John	Glenn	Story
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Benjamin Franklin

Handel and His Music

Meet Mr. Lincoln

Thomas Jefferson

Tita - Story of Michelangelo

From Kitty Hawk to Paris

Follow the North Star

Kentucky Pioneers

Mahatma Gandhi

FILM STRIPS

Ben Franklin

RECORDS

Wide, Wide World Record America Listens

#### LIBRARY BOOKS BIOGRAPHY

Berry, Don, Mountain Men Heyerdahl, Thor, Kon-Tiki: Across the Pacific by Raft Voyage of the RA Baudouy, Michel-Aime, More Than Courage Keller, Helen, The Story of My Life Wright, Richard, Black Boy Eaton, Jeanett, That Lively Man, Ben Franklin Meadowcroft, Enid, Ben Franklin Levinger, Elma, Albert Einstein North, Sterling, Young Thomas Edison Thamas, Henry and Dana L., Living Biographies of Great Scientists Williams and Epstein, The Great Houdini Wallace, Irving, The Fabulous Showman, The Life and Times of P.T. Barnum Severn, Bill, Magic and Magicians Cooke, David C., Tecumseh, Destiny's Warrior Garst, Shannon, Crazy Horse Yost, Edna, Women of Modern Science Peare. Catherine Owens. John James Audubon Hatch, Alden George, Patton, General in Spurs McKinney, Roland, Famous Old Masters in Painting Garst, Shannon and Warren, Ernest Thompson Seton, Naturalist Annie Oakley Judson, Clara Ingram, Theodore Roosevelt, Fighting Patriot Boynick, David, Pioneers in Petticoats Burt, Oliver, Brigham Young Doorly, Eleanor, Radium Woman Gollomb, Joseph, Albert Schweitzer, Genius in the Jungle Wood, Lara N., Louis Pasteur

Curie, Eva, Madam Curie

# Discovery

"Treasure" p. 68 (1,2,3)

"Tom Sawyer and His Band" p. 80

"Poet of New England" p. 111 (2,3)

Two poems p. 109-110

"Rudyard Kipling" p. 122 (1,2,3)

"Diary of Anne Frank" p. 434 (2,3)

# Wide, Wide World

"Robert Louis Stevenson" p. 409 (1,2,3)

"Some Adventures of Tom Sawyer" p. 476 (1,2,3)

# Thrust

"Introducing Ellery's Mom" p. 28 (2,3)

"Eleanor Rigby"

"Herbie's Ride" p. 452 (2,3)

Young America Series #14 (bonus reading)

"The Man in the Cage" p. 83

"Moti Guj-Mutineer" p. 64

# Open Highways (1)

"Tom Sawyer, Pirate" p. 286

To The Student: In this unit you may make a choice of reading about several authors or you may select one long reading either "Herbie's Ride" or "Some Adventures of Tom Sawyer" in the blue Wide, Wide World. Both are written by famous American authors, Mark Twain who lived in Missouri before the Civil War, and Herman Woul who is alive now and writes novels for adults. Both stories use incidents from the author's background.

# Discovery

"Diary of Anne Frank" p. 434

# 1. Who is writing the story? 2. When does the story take place? 3. Why are the people hiding in the attic?

# Details

1. What form of writing				
is this?				
(mood)				
2. Where does the story				
take place?				
(setting)				
3. How old is Anne when				
she writes the story?				
(dev. of plot)				
4. Why was this story				
published?				
(mood)				
5. What is Hanukkah?				
(dev. of plot)				

# Character Traits

do you think she was like? 2. Would you like to have her for a friend? Why? 3. Do you think Anne thought about life a lot? Why?

# Author's Purpose

1. Describe Anne. What 1. Why did Anne write this story? 2. Do you think she would ever think it would be published?

# "Rudyard Kipling" p. 122

- 1. How did Kipling's childhood affect his writings? 2. What kinds of books, influence his writing? stories and poems did Kipling write?
- 1. Why did he like newspaper writing? 2. How did the U.S. 3. Was Kipling English or American?
- 1. What special traits and abilities helped Kipling to be a good writer?
- 1. In "Captains Courageous" a spoiled, rich boy is picked up by a fisherman. He soon learns no one will wait on him or allow him to be spoiled. What was Kipling's purpose in writing a story like this?

# Open Highways

"Tom Sawyer, Pirate" p. 286

# Main Idea

# 1. Why do the boys decide to run away? 2. Why do they want their families to think they are drowned? 3. What do they plan to do after the funeral? 4. Why do they decide to come back?

# Details

1. What was Aunt Polly's 1. Page 147 in opinion of Tom at the beginning of the play? 2. At the time of Tom's funeral? 3. At the end of the play? (all dev. of plot)

# Character Traits

Open Highways T. Book. Words that describe each character in the story. 2. How author shows character to his readers. P. 110 Skillbook.

# Author's Purpose

1. Where did Mark Twain get his ideas for the events in Tom Sawyer? 2. Did the author have any other purpose than to entertain when he wrote these stories?

# Discovery

"Robert Frost, Poet of New England" p. 109

- 1. Robert Frost is best 1. What part of the known for what type of writing? 2. Why do you think Robert Frost was a successful poet? 3. In the Runaway, why was the poet concerned about the colt? 4. If you were to paint the picture of "Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening" what would you include?
  - country is he from? 2. Does this influence his writing? 3. What were some of Frost's early occupations? 4. When did success first come to Frost?
- 1. At an early age Frost decided to be a poet, in spite of opposition and discouragement, he never changed his decision. What does this tell you about him? 2. What evidence in Frost's poems is there that he liked people? 3. What other character traits are revealed in the selections you read?
- 1. What does Robert Frost try to show in the poetry? (beauty in nature pleasure and love of conversation with a neighbor, beauty of a quiet life)

#### READING ACTIVITIES AUTHORS

# Wide, Wide World and Discovery

#### Mark Twain Stories

Main	Idea

1. Write the main idea of each of the four episodes.

# Character Traits

1. By his actions, in the "Glorious White-washer" had Tom shown he understood people? How?

2. Why did Tom give medicine to the cat?

3. Tom enjoyed taking risks. List some of the times he did things even though he might be punished.

4. Do you think Tom is like boys today? Why or why not?

# Details

 What is whitewashing?
 Why did Aunt Polly give Tom medicine?

# Author's Purpose

1. Do you think all of the incidents in Tom Sawyer happened to Mark Twain? 2. Do you think Mark Twain was telling it like it was or entertaining when he wrote these stories?

# "Robert Louis Stevenson"

- 1. What was Stevenson's biggest problem?
  2. Was he able to overcome this problem in any way? How?
  3. What was Stevenson's greatest talent?
- 1. Who did he marry?
  2. Why did Stevenson become a lawyer?
  3. Where did he live during his last years?
  4. List the types of writing that he did.
  (all dev. of plot)
- 1. According to the author, Stevenson often said this prayer for himself and his family, "Give us courage, and gaiety, and the quiet mind." How did Stevenson's own life illustrate these qualities?

  2. In what ways does his life inspire us?
- 1. Stevenson was known as a 'moralist' and a 'romancer'. What does this mean? Can you find examples of these in his stories?

# READING ACTIVITIES AUTHORS

# Thrust

"Herbie's Ride" p. 452

## Main Idea

# 1. Who is the 'hero' of 1. How are Herbie and the story? 2. Who are the villains? personality and 3. What is "Herbie's Ride"? 4. What did Herbie discover when he broke into his father's office? 5. How did he finally tell his father?

# Character Traits

Lennie different in talents? 2. What is the Mardi Gras? 3. How can you tell Mr. Bookbinder has a good deal of love for his son?

# Details

- 1. When Herbie has the plan to take money from his father's safe, do you think he was dishonest? Why or why not? 2. What is Mr. Gauss like?
- 3. Teacher's Thrust p. 219.

# Author's Purpose

1. Why did the author take such pleasure in telling this story? 2. Mr. Drabkind name was used by the author to match his personality and appearance. Suggest some other names for some of the characters: Mr. Gauss, Mrs. Bookbinder, Elmer, Mr. Glass, and Lennie.

- "Introducing Ellery's Mom" p. 28 (Note: This story is not about a real author, but may give you some insight into how an author can collect material and how they might put it together.)
- 1. Was a murder committed? 2. When mother heard about the incident what did she do?
- 1. What is a motive? 2. Who is telling the story? 3. What affect does Mom's career have on her children?

(dev. of plot)

- 1. Mother is rather different from other mothers. What traits does she have that seem different? 2. List some of the character traits of Ellery. Is he like his mother? How?
- 1. Why did the author write about a mystery writer? 2. Do you think this is the way real mystery story authors behave? Why or

why not?

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vale logic logical harpoon gloomy vision hostile dismal benefit symbol ebb taps vex shaky glean evade bleak grim poem poetry desolate critic characteristic (2)

motive veto swear embarrass spirit expose humiliate exalt luxurious resound esteem breach anticlimax hilarity pallid reedy relic warv metallic ritual surly knack havoc dignity publication recite rewritten dissatisfied waif catastrophe intense manuscript anthology seclusion absorb cadence

(3)

deduction inspiration collapsing obvious exaggeration anthropolist autopsy confidentially deceased reverie villain comprehension aghast justify tragedy terrain haunt haggard impersonation furtive grandiloquent insatiable composite stalactites unfinished disarrange

- 1. Early Life of Samuel Clemons, Ditto from Teacher's <u>Discovery</u> p. 86. Write three paragraphs using the three main ideas.
- 2. Write a paragraph describing the small town of Hannibal, Missouri during Mark Twain's time.
- 3. Describe Huck, try to use synonyms that are more descriptive and specific.
- 4. Pretend you are Aunt Polly. Write about Tom from your point of view.
- 5. Using the topic sentence "Ann was inventive" write a paragraph with supporting details to prove the main idea.
- 6. After reading the poem "Eleanor Rigby" write a paragraph explaining it. Do you recognize the names of the authors? Where have you heard of them before?
- 7. Robert Louis Stevenson wrote his own epitaph. What is an epitaph? Try to translate his. It is in the story of his life. It ends by saying, "home is the sailor, home from the sea, And the hunter home from the hill."

- 8. Imagine you are one of the characters in a story and describe one of the other characters (your point of view of his personality, what he looks like, how he walks and moves, his friends and how he relates to them).
- 9. Keep a diary for a week. Describe things you see, hear, people, places, smells.
- 10. Outline the important events in one of the stories.
- 11. Take the same incident, pretend you are two different people and describe a scene as each might see it (point of view). Example, opposing fans at a basketball game.
- 12. Write a story with a real villain and hero. Give them names that reveal their character.
- 13. Write a paragraph about how an author's life influences his writing. You may use the authors we've studied as examples.
- 14. Using reference books or articles take notes on one of the author's life and work. Make a topic outline, main ideas and supporting ideas.

#### LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES AUTHORS

- 1. Using the Dictionary Ditto. T. <u>Discovery</u> p. 79
- 2. Make a list of types of information located in the dictionary.
- 3. Noun and Verb Phrases
  Language and How to Use It
  p. 25-31.
- 4. Recognizing Homonyms
- p. 15 Discovery Workbook
- 5. Sames and Opposites
- p. 19 Discovery Workbook
- 6. Building Word Power Synonyms and Antonyms
- 7. Synonyms and Antonyms Teacher's Discovery p. 129
- 8. Dictionary Work
  Teacher's <u>Discovery</u> p. 124
  Root, Prefix, Suffix
- 9. Dictionary Work
  Teacher's Discovery p. 380
- 10. Understanding Basic Sentence Parts Young America Series p. 12
- 11. Three ways to show character Open Highways Skillbook p. 110

- 12. Description
  Open Highways Skillbook p. 111
- 13. Dictionary Skills
  Open Highways Skillbook p. 113

#### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AUTHORS

- 1. Choose one author and make a list of the books he wrote.
- 2. Draw a map of the place where one of the stories happened. Label the objects and locations.
- 3. Do research on the Mardi Gras. Where is it held? Why? Is this done in other countries or only in the United States? Is there only one Mardi Gras in the United States?
- 4. Find information about Hannibal, Missouri. What unusual statues do they have there? Compare life there today with how it was when Mark Twain was a boy.
- 5. Find where the name Mark Twain came from. The word Cooper is obsolete (no longer in use). Find out what a cooper did. See if you can find other words. Try Smith.
- 6. Find the duties of a river pilot. Why did Mark Twain think he would like that job?
- 7. As a boy, what different kinds of fun did Mark Twain have in a small town on the banks of the Mississippi River? Are there any similarities?

- 8. Choose an author of a book you have read. Write to him in care of his publisher. Ask him how he got started writing.
- 9. Robert Louis Stevenson. Read three of his poems. They are marked in the Arbuthnott Anthology. List the ones you read and tell what they are about.

#### FILMS AUTHORS

Washington Irving

Louisa Mae Alcott

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

James Fennimore Cooper

John Greenleaf Whittier

Lively Art of Picture Books

Making Books

Story of a Book - Pagoo

Poetry by Kipling

RECORDS

Wide, Wide World, America Listens

Jungle Book

FILM STRIPS

Washington Irving

Louisa Mae Alcott

Mark Twain

The Glorious Whitewasher

#### LIBRARY BOOKS AUTHORS

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Stevenson, Robert L., Kidnapped
                      The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
                      A Child's Garden of Verse
Twain, Mark, A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court
            Huckleberry Finn
            The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
            The Prince and the Pauper
Christie, Agatha, Thirteen for Luck
Bond, Raymond T., Father Brown Mysteries
Wouk, Herman, City Boy
Tarkington, Booth, Seventeen
Clark, Billy C., Riverboy: The Story of Mark Twain
Norman, Charles, To A Different Drum (Henry David Thoreau)
Kipling, Rudyard, Captains Courageous
                  Jungle Book
  11
                 Plain Tales from the Hills
                  Just So Stories
Frank, Anne, A Diary of a Young Girl
Bishop, Richard W., From Kite to Kitty Hawk
Douglas, William O., Of Men and Mountains
Frank, Anne, The Works of Anne Frank
Frost, Robert, Complete Poems of Robert Frost
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#### TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS HUMOR UNIT

The humor unit is perhaps the most entertaining of those included in this curriculum. The unit will run for three weeks and be followed by the final unit, newspapers. The unit will include discussion of the elements of humor with illustrations of them in pictures and use of recordings of comedians like Bill Cosby, Alan Sherman, etc. The elements of humor we will discuss are exaggeration, slapstick, incongruous, unexpected, whimsy, and understatement.

Identifying the elements as reading skills will also be stressed and the devices used to attain humor. The reading skill inference is another very necessary aspect of appreciating humor.

In Language study, multiple meaning of words will be made entertaining by sharing puns and inventing some of our own. Using the thesaurus to find multiple synonyms will also be a part of this unit.

Connotation relates to humor since one must identify the word meaning intended in order to appreciate a joke.

Writing skills will involve relating personal humorous stories, making up tall tales, listening to parodies and writing their own.

Many listening experiences will be provided in this unit identifying whimsy, the meaningful pause, some simple satire (poking fun at some institutions).

Everyone will make a humor poster containing the various forms of humor, joke, pun, cartoon, parody, limerick, humorous poem, humorous story. These may be copied or original compositions.

# Discovery

"Ransom of Red Chief" p. 380 (2,3)

# Thrust

"G. Trueheart, Man's Best Friend" p. 20 (1,2,3)

"Thirteen" p. 145 (1,2,3)

# Variations

"Dogs That Have Known Me" p. 110 (1,2,3)

"Necktie Party" p. 276 (2,3)

"The Glorious Whitewasher" p. 281 (2,3)

"Equal Voice" p. 285 (2,3)

"Charles" p. 290 (1)

# Young America Series #14

"Sea Fever" p. 62 (1,2,3)

"Sea Chill" p. 63 parody

"A Loud Sneer for Our Feathered Friends" p. 23 (1,2,3)

"A Holiday With Father" p. 252 (2,3)

"The Pirate Crew" p. 288 (2,3)

"Paul Bunyon, Northwoods Lumberman" p. 442 (1,2,3)

"Alligators in the Sewer" p. 110 (1,2,3)

# Young America Series

"Alligators in the Sewer" p. 110

# Characteristics of Humor

1. Horses in a sewer is incongruous, an element of humor. Do you think alligators were incongruous too? Why?
2. When Art Carney was told about the swift current in the sewer and to watch his step, his answer was what element of humor? (understatement)

# Devices for Achieving Humor

1. Which incident seemed most humorous to you? Why?
2. List the unusual things that have been found in New York sewers.

# Inference

- 1. What does klondike mean?
- 2. Can you infer the meaning of reklondike?

"A Loud Sneer for Our Feathered Friends" p. 23

- 1. The author used words like loathsome, exiled, dismal in the first paragraph to express her feelings about camp. Do you think this story would be humorous without exaggeration? List other examples of exaggeration in the story.

  2. There are also examples of the unexpected in this story. List them.
- 1. Do you think the exaggerated account of life at camp is funnier than the realistic form. Try to write this story from the point of view of the counselor. How is it different?
- 1. In paragraph two, the author says "all the other little campers loved Camp Hi-Wah, which shows you what kind of people they were."
  What does that sentence mean?

# Young America Series #14

"The Pirate Crew Set Sail" p. 288

# Characteristics of Humor

# 1. Young America p. 294 Understanding Humor

# Devices for Achieving Humor

# 1. Mark Twain shows you two levels of a character. One we view the scene through the mind of the character, and then we get an objective description of the scene. The difference between the two is what is funny. Find some examples of this in the story.

# Inference

Young America p. 295 Questions #1, 2, 7, 8

"Sir Brian Botany" p. 296
Read aloud to the group as an example of whimsical humor.

# "A Holiday With Father" p. 252

- 1. Did you chuckle at certain parts of the story? What were some of the types of humor used? exaggeration? unexpected? (Give examples)
- What struck you funny?
   The characters? The situation?
   The author's language?
   Did you recall similar things that have happened to you so they were even funnier?
- 1. From what you learned about Mr. Day in the story, what kind of an adult do you think he hoped his son would become?
  2. Considering how other people reacted to Mr. Day, what was he like?

# Young America Series #14

"Paul Bunyon"

# Characteristics of Humor

1. The author writes about Paul's inventions as if they were real. Which "facts" about these inventions tell you this is fiction? Why are they funny?

# Devices for Achieving Humor

1. What did Babe do to the crooked road?
2. How does this feat add to the humor of the last line?
3. Paul Bunyon is a tall tale, humorous and extremely exaggerated. What inventions and situations are used in Paul Bunyon to make it funny?
List them.

#### Inference

 What human characteristic did Babe have?
 How did his actions reveal this characteristic?

# Thrust

"G. Trueheart, Man's Best Friend" p. 20

- 1. Understatement is a type of humor used in this story. How would this action ordinarily be expressed?

  a) When Genevieve first sees the cougar, the author says, "There can be no doubt that she was surprised."

  b) When G. realizes the cougar is an enemy the author describes her reaction, "She made noises that had never been heard. She didn't use any of her old noises."
- 1. Figures of speech can also be used to achieve humor. Similies are often used. She was like . . . Metaphor: She had the soft muscles of a jellyfish. List some examples.
- 1. Although you are not told directly, it is clear Genevieve has her opinions, too. How does she feel about Tom? About the other dogs?

  2. When Genevieve is brought home, why doesn't Tom tell what really happened?

# Thrust

"Thirteen" p. 145

# Characteristics of Humor

1. At times Bill is treated like a baby, and at other times like an adult. He is never your experience. (You've heard quite sure how he will be treated, so he doesn't know how to act. This does not seem like a funny situation, but the author uses a method similar to Mark Twain in helping the reader see the objective side, too: and the difference between the two is humorous. Find some examples of this in the story.

# Devices for Achieving Humor

1. In order for something to be funny to you, it must be within something similar, you've experienced it, you understand the setting or situation. etc.) Just reading the title and the headnote, do you think this story may be funny to you? Why or why not?

#### Inference

- 1. In part 3, Bill discovers that his five-year-old cousin, Walter, looks upon him as a hero. What inference can you make about how his discovery affects Bill's opinion of himself?
- 2. In what way does it change his opinion of Walter?

# Variations

"Equal Voice" p. 285

- 1. How many types of humor like understatement. exaggeration are used in this story? Give examples.
- 1. What makes this story humorous?
- 2. Did the story end the way you expected?
- 3. What does the title tell you about the story?
- 1. Was father really democratic? Give reasons for your opinion.
- 2. Will future meetings be more or less democratic?
- 3. How did "equal voice" backfire on father?

# Variations

"The Glorious White Washer" p. 281

# Characteristics of Humor

# 1. One type of humor that was used by Twain when the boys asked to whitewash is 2. How did Tom manage to get the boys to want to do work when they could have been playing?

# Devices for Achieving Humor

1. Use of words often is used to make something funny. "Tom planned the slaughter of more innocents." What does this mean? Did Tom really kill someone? (Multiple use of words)

# Inference

 What did Tom learn about human nature?
 What past experience with Tom made the other boys willing to listen to him?

"The Necktie Party" p. 276

- 1. List the types of humor used in this story.
- 1. Death is a very serious matter, but the authors handle it very humorously. List as many incidents as you can where the author pokes fun at death.

  2. The story is written in dialect. Is this also a humorous device? Why or why not?
- What was the first clue to Shawnee Sam's remarkable ability at fast talking?
   What does the story suggest about the kinds of people and things that Texans are supposed to admire?

# Variations

"Dogs That Have Known Me" p. 110

# Characteristics of Humor

1. Exaggeration is used a good deal in this story. List some examples.

# Devices for Achieving Humor

1. The title and the first paragraph are used to set the spirit of the story. Who owns whom according to the author?

2. Metaphor is used as a humor device. The author says, ". . . as a gourmet,

# Inference

1. Is it possible to tell from this selection whether or not the author likes dogs? Give reasons for your opinion.

# "Charles" p. 290

- Give some examples of exaggeration in the story.
   What type of humor is the ending of this story?
- What device did the author use in Charles' humor?
   Would you consider this
- 2. Would you consider thi a surprise ending? Why?

he was a washout." What

does it mean?

- 1. Who is telling this story?
- 2. Did you recognize that Charles was Laurie? Find places where the reader is diverted from recognizing that Charles was made up by Laurie.
- 3. At school, which child was actually behaving like Charles?

# Discovery

"Ransom of Red Chief" p. 380

# Characteristics of Humor

- 1. One particular element of humor is used often. What is it?
- 2. An important part of understanding a story is sensing the attitude of the author. When did you first discover that O. Henry's attitude toward kidnapping was not serious? What early clues did he give you?

# Devices for Achieving Humor

- 1. One of Henry's devices for humor was use of elaborate phrases by the kidnappers. In your own words, write the meanings of these phrases. Check your meanings in the glossary.
- a) Philogropgentiveness...is strong in semi-rural communities.
- b) I ran my eye over the contiguous vicinity.
- c) There was a sylvan attitude of sommolent sleepiness.
- d) ... The wolves have borne away the tender lambkin from the fold.
- e) ...to decry the celebrated moral aspect of parental affection.
- f) I'm a grown person with masculine proclivities and habits of self-defense.

# Inference

- 1. When the kidnappers signed the ransom note "Two Desperate Men" what did they intend to imply? In what way were they actually desperate?
- 2. Why did Sam and Bill need the \$2000 ransom? In what ways were they "shady" characters? What other inferences can you make about them?

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- 1. Write about a humorous happening at camp. Try to use one of the humor types like exaggeration or the unexpected.
- 2. Choose a poem and write a parody for it.
- 3. Write a limerick.
- 4. Try to make up a pun. Use Punny Dates in History as a model.
- 5. Page 92, Stretching Tall Tales Young America Series Workbook
- 6. Page 93, Stretching Fact into Fiction Young America Series Workbook
- 7. Write a paragraph about one dog you know or own. Include two or three examples of the dog's behavior to show his special qualities.
- 8. Write one page about the meaning of the following phrase "...in order to make a man or a boy covet a thing, it is only necessary to make the thing difficult to attain." Try to use a true example.
- 9. Write a short piece supporting the statement, "I think young people my age should help make family decisions."
- 10. Make It Funny ditto. I was late to school today because...

- 11. Bring a favorite joke, riddle, pun, etc. Illustrate it if you wish to put together a class book.
- \* 12. Make a poster containing a pun, joke, riddle, limerick, nonsense poem, humorous story, and a cartoon. You may make up your own or copy them from other material.

#### LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES HUMOR

- 1. Ditto from Open Highways T. p. 136 Play on Words.
- 2. Rhyming Ditto Open Highways fat cat obese rodent
- 3. Symbols for Words Story Behind the Word p. 32 Open Highways
- 4. Figurative Language types Language and How to Use It.
- 5. Using the thesaurus, rewrite this sentence using synonyms for as many words as possible. The beautiful child walked along the colorless lake.
- T. p. 159 Young America
- 6. Appreciating Figurative Language p. 48 Young America Workbook
- 7. Understanding Humor p. 64 Young America Workbook
- 8. Make up last lines for the following limericks
  T. Thrust p. 18. Others p. 27
- 9. Open Highways Skillbook p. 62-63 Metaphor
- 10. Multiple meaning of words
  Teacher directed. The number of
  meanings for the word <u>run</u>. Look up
  others work sheet.

- 11. Connotation. Discuss connotation. Each student gives an interpretation of a word. Make a list of student suggestions.
- 12. Multiple meanings
- T. Discovery p. 401
- 13. What Makes You Laugh
- p. 95-96 Discovery Workbook
- 14. Phoebe B. Beebe
- p. 106 Discovery Workbook

- 1. In the Days of Life With Father, life was much different in other ways as well as dress, etc. Working conditions, women's rights, welfare were very different. Write a one-page report on some aspect of life in the 1880's. Could women vote, what was the length of a working day, what were the fashions, what did you do if you didn't have a job, how long did children go to school in those days, etc?
- 2. Write a report about the place where either of your parents work. Do you think your mother would have worked outside the home in 1880?
- 3. If you missed the humor in A Holiday With Father, try to contrast their life with ours. Why was it humorous that the clerk smoked as soon as Father left or Mr. Day's description of the life of a cowboy?
- 4. Where is Vancouver Island? Have you been there? If so, tell about your trip. What type of transportation do you need? Draw a map and show the relationship of neighboring places.
- 5. Find Mark Twain in an encyclopedia. Make a short report about his boyhood and life in Hannibal, Missouri.
- 6. Paul Bunyon is one tall tale hero. Find the names of some others and list the feats they performed.

7. Study the humor pictures on the bulletin board. In magazines try to find pictures that represent the elements of humor, incongruous, unexpected, context, slapstick, exaggeration, etc.

#### LISTENING ACTIVITIES HUMOR

- 1. Listening Exercise #9
  Fact and Opinion
- 2. Bill Cosby Record
  Babies, Tonsils
  Listen for exaggeration
- 3. Alan Sherman parody Camp Granada
- 4. Jack Benny
  Meaningful pause and understatement
- 5. Winnie-the Pooh Whimsy
- 6. Ogden Nash Poetry Humorous Poems
- 7. James Thurber His folk tales and The Night the Bed Fell

Charlie Chaplin, Laughing Gas
" Easy Street

### TEACHER'S INSTRUCTION NEWSPAPERS

This unit will serve as a culmination of the year's work. A great deal of the time will be spent summarizing stories and putting together a newspaper of their own. They must choose at least four stories and write them in newspaper style. In addition, we will study what information is available in a newspaper and follow through by having other things such as want ads, Dear Abby, horoscope, comics, cartoons, weather, sports, stock report, etc.

We plan to see three films showing the reporting, printing and editorializing of a newspaper.

Various newspapers serve a specific purpose. For example, many organizations publish their own newspapers for their members. Small towns offer a weekly publication of folksy local items. The New York Times has a specific purpose and is read by people wanting more national and international news. Examples of various types will be shown and discussed.

Recognizing the difference between news reporting and editor or columnist comment will be another aspect to be discussed.

Practice writing articles in the particular style of most important fact, first, followed by less important details in order of their importance will be provided.

### READING SELECTIONS NEWSPAPERS

# Young America Series #14

"Are Flying Saucers Real?" p. 212

## Open Highways

"Can You Believe Your Eyes?" p. 363

"What Is Your Horsepower" p. 168

"Nessie and Updating the News" p. 104

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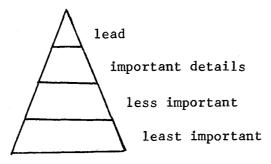
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boastful
parallel
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adventure

- 1. Imagine a triangle as the symbol for a newspaper article. The most important information is called the lead and it is the top of the triangle. The next most important information follows the lead, then lesser important, and then the least important.
- 9. Summarizing, Open Highways, Duplicating Masters p. 130-131.



- 2. Teacher-directed ditto of elements of a summary. <u>Discovery</u> Teacher's Manual p. 401.
- 3. Read one of the reading selections and write up as a newspaper article.
- 4. Sports Headlines, <u>Discovery</u> Teacher's Manual, p. 32.
- 5. Newspaper Writing <u>Discovery</u> Teacher's Manual, p. 149.
- 6. Place events in chronological order. Open Highways Teacher's Manual p. 64.
- 7. Gullible people, Duplicating master about advertising 88-89. Open Highways.
- 8. Summarizing Open Highways Teacher's p. 172-173.

- 1. Discussion of information available in newspapers. New, international, national and local, sports, comics, horoscope, ads, want ads, stock market report, lists of entertainment, crossword puzzle, recipes, pictures, travel, etc.
- 2. Types of newspapers, show examples. Each fulfills a need within a community or throughout the country. Daily Record Weekly Newspapers New York Times Seattle P-I Yakima Herald Christian Science Monitor Inquirer
- 3. Interpreting Advertisements, Open Highways Teacher's Manual p. 175.
- 4. Non-verbal symbols. Using the new chart from the Department of Motor Vehicles, identify all the signs and what they stand for.
- 5. Teach yourself some symbols used by the deaf to communicate.
- 6. Find examples of how Braille is used by the blind.
- 7. Write a paragraph designed to convince someone that written language is superior to the quipu (see <u>Variations</u> p. 347).

- 8. List the advantages of using sign language for international communication.
- 9. Observe people very closely for a day or two and then write a description of the most effective sign language or hand signals they use.

- 1. Interview students and teachers to determine what improvements should be made in our school. Write the results as a newspaper article.
- 2. Make a newspaper of your own. Choose your own theme, animals, sports, motor-bikes, science fiction, future, past. Try to use at least four stories that you have read this year for articles. The rest of the newspaper is your own, ads, want ads, cartoons, comics, Dear Abby, horoscope, etc.
- 3. Get a group of your friends together and do some research on the Loch Ness Monster, Abominable Snowman, Big Foot, Unidentified Flying Objects. Present your findings to the group.
- 4. What qualifications must one have to become a newspaper reporter? Interview someone who worked for a paper or read about it in <u>Careers</u> in the library.
- 5. What do primitive people use for long distance communication? It is said American Indians used smoke signals. Find more information.

## FILMS NEWSPAPERS

Newspaper Serves Its Community

Newspaper Story

Tiger's Tale

# SPEAKERS NEWSPAPERS

- Mr. John Ludtka Daily Record
- Mr. Bill Lipsky Central Washington State College
- Mr. John Foster Central Washington State College

#### LIBRARY BOOKS NEWSPAPERS

Baumann, Hans, Caves of Great Hunters Foster, G. Alan, The Eyes and Ears of the Civil War Hofsinde, Robert, Indian Picture Writing Indian Sign Language Laffin, John, Codes and Ciphers, Secret Writing Through the Ages Zim, Herbert S., Codes and Secret Writing Sandoz, Mari, The Story Catcher O'Dell, Scott, Island of the Blue Dolphins The Black Pearl The King's Fifth McCracken, Harold, The Flaming Bear Ullman, James, Banner in the Sky Lawson, Robert, The Great Wheel Breckenfield, Vidian Gurney, High Trail Jackson, Jesse, Call Me Charlie Forbes, Esther, Johnny Tremain Phipson, Joan, Boundary Riders Galt, Thomas F., Peter Zenger, Fighter for Freedom Milne, Ruth, TV Girt Friday Korn, Terry and Elizabeth, Trailblazers to Television Denman, F., Television, the Magic Window Tompkins, Walker, SOS at Midnight Wier, Ester, The Barrel The Loner

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