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School: Kalkaska Middle School

Subject: English Language Arts

Grade: 8 Reflective Inquiry

Instructional Materials: Macomb Intermediate School District Language Arts Units for Middle School (teachers' guide and appendix available online), "Brainy Echidna Proves Looks Aren't Everything" Natalie Angier (Informational Article), "Does Familiarity Breed Contempt?" Management Tips by Burlison Consulting (Internet Article), "Raymond's Run" by Toni Cade Bambara (Short Story), "The Anthropology of Belonging: The Need for Social Inclusion" by Gerda Wever-Rebehl, The Outsiders, S.E. Hinton, 1967, Puffin (Realistic Fiction), "Nothing Gold Can Stay" by Robert Frost, "No Redwood Is an Island" by Kate Chandler <http://www.smcm.edu/rivergazette/articles/07-7-2-15.pdf>, Science of the Sea: Communities in the Sea, http://gtm-media.discoveryeducation.com/videos/Communities in the Sea/pgr838_300k.asf, What Is Circle Justice?, <http://askville.amazon.com/circle-justice-effect-lives/AnswerViewer.do?requestId=9830243> (This is a discussion board entry.), "Anger" <http://files.meetup.com/464209/anger%20poem.jpg>, http://movies.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http://www.sonypictures.com/movies/angermanagement/video/epk/anger_makeyoufeel_high.aspx (No permission granted.), "Scientist: Four Golden Lessons" by Steven Weinbert, Freerice.com, Grammar gorillas, MMC Start Page, The Devil's Arithmetic, Jane Yolen, 1998 (Historical Fiction) "The Passover Seder", "A Short History of Nearly Everything," Bill Bryson, "The Passover Night", "Old Man," Ricardo Sanchez, "The History of the Holocaust", "Shame," Vivian Gilbert Zabel, "Skin (Sara Beth)," Rascal Flatts, "Why Genocide Matters (Darfur)," Nick Kristoff, "Obama Remembers the Holocaust," "Genetics Primer," NIH, "Elemental Composition of the Human Body," Ed Uthman, M.D., USA Today, "Baseball's Steroid Test Program: Fair or Foul?" by Gary Milhoses of USA Today, "Black Friday Shouldn't Creep into Thursday" by Jeff Reinartz, Nov. 23, 2011, "Social Networking Sites: Blah, Blah, Blah" Pro by Jenna Goudreau, Con by Erica Pelzek, "Violent Video Games: Myths, Facts, and Unanswered Questions," Psychological Science Agenda, Craig A. Anderson, PhD, October 2003, "How to End the Black Friday Madness," The New York Times, Robert H. Frank, November 23, 2011, "Gamers to the End," Sports Illustrated, Rick Reilly, February 23, 2007, "The Flags of Our Sons," The New York Times, Billy Shore, August 4, 2006, "Black Friday," Walt Laws-MacDonald, November 22, 2011.

Mont h(s)	Topics	Time (wks)	Common Core Curriculum Standards (CCCS)
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<p style="text-align: center;">Sept ember October November</p>	<p>Familiarity Alters Perspective How do I learn to learn? How do I discover new knowledge? How do I pursue a problem to the solution? How do I apply my learning? How do I see all situations in a bigger context? How do I respond to new situations or individuals different than myself?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Realistic Fiction</p> <p>Stereotype Participial Phrases Simile Hyperbole Dashes, Ellipses Infinitives Gerunds</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p>	<p>RL.8.1 RL.8.2 RL.8.3 RL.8.4 RL.8.5 RL.8.9 RL.8.10 RI.8.1 RI.8.3 RI.8.5 RI.8.6 RI.8.10 W.8.1 W.8.2 W.8.3 W.8.4 W.8.5 W.8.9 W.8.10 SL.8.1 SL.8.2 L.8.1 L.8.2 L.8.3 L.8.4 L.8.5 L.8.6</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Nov ember December</p>	<p>Argument Claim Evidence</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p>RI.8.1 RI.8.1 RI.8.2 RI.8.3 L.8.1 RI.8.4 RI.8.5 RI.8.6 RI.8.7 L.8.2 RI.8.8 RI.8.9 RI.8.10 W.8.10 W.8.8 W.8.1 W.8.2 W.8.3 L.8.3 L.8.4 W.8.4 W.8.5 W.8.6 W.8.7 W.8.9 SL.8.1 SL.8.2 SL.8.3</p>

January February March	No man is an island.	8	RL.8.1	RL.8.2	RL.8.3	RL.8.4	RL.8.5
	Why do I need other people to be successful?		RL.8.9	RL.8.10	RI.8.1	RI.8.2	RI.8.3
	How do my actions impact others?		RI.8.4	RI.8.5	RI.8.6	RI.8.8	RI.8.9
	What is my role in society and in the environment?		RI.8.10	W.8.1	W.8.3	W.8.4	W.8.5
	How do I become open to new ideas?		W.8.6	W.8.9	W.8.10	SL.8.1	SL.8.4
	Informational text		L.8.1	L.8.2	L.8.3		
	Dashes		L.8.4	L.8.5	L.8.6		
	Infinitives						
	Gerunds						
	Participial Phrase						
Similes							
Vivid Verbs							

<p>April May June</p>	<p>Who you are depends on perspective What elements do you need to succeed? What are some vital physical components and emotional components in your life? When you are pulled from your comfort zone, how do you react? How do negative situations in your life affect your future? Informational Text Historical Fiction Foreshadowing Ellipses Infinitives Split Infinitives Strong/ Vivid Verbs Gerunds simile metaphor “It couldn’t happen here, or to me,” “Fighting back,” “Passive resistance,” “self sacrifice,” and “As long as it doesn’t affect me, I shouldn’t get involved.”</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>RL.8.1 RL.8.2 RL.8.3 RL.8.4 RL.8.5 RL.8.6 RL.8.7 RL.8.10 RI.8.1 RI.8.2 RI.8.3 RI.8.4 RI.8.5 RI.8.6 RI.8.7 RI.8.8 RI.8.9 RI.8.10 W.8.2 W.8.3 W.8.4 W.8.5 W.8.6 W.8.7 W.8.8 W.8.9 W.8.10 SL.8.1 SL.8.2 SL.8.3 SL.8.5 L.8.1 L.8.2 L.8.3 L.8.4 L.8.5 L.8.6</p>
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