

Dear Gramps,

Thank you so much for everything this year. You are the best grandparent in the world. I don't know anyone else who loves more than you do.

Thank you so much for taking me pretty much through the whole entire western part of the United States. You drove every single day for a couple of hours for weeks. We saw all different places like Old Faithful. That one was my favorite because Gram loved it so much. Also I want to thank you for letting me walk in my mother's moccasins. Now I know that my mother won't come back. Thanks for letting me see the places that she went to. I didn't want to believe that my mother was dead, but you helped me through it.

I hope you don't leave soon. I can't take another person gone in this family. I love you so much. You and dad are the happiness of my life. I pray to the trees every single night for you not to leave us soon.

Love,
Salamanca Hiddle

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Idea: Thank-You Letter

+ **Idea: *Break-Up Letter***

- 1. Think about the story. Who no longer likes each other? Who no longer likes or needs a certain thing or place? Who used to believe in an idea, but no longer does?
- 2. Choose one idea above and rewrite it below. Brainstorm it further: why is this person “breaking up” with the other person, thing, place or idea? Give at least two reasons.
- 3. Find a page number of one of your reasons above. Write it next to the reason and circle it.
- 4. Your letter should have at least three paragraphs: a short introduction, a body paragraph, and a short conclusion.
- 5. Write a draft of your letter using a letter format.





Pinwishes

• breaker_of_horses

The sharp spear 3000 is the newest edition to the BATTLE collection. It's sharper than ever with complete accuracy. Buy yours today!

Tags: sharp, spear, fight, win, battle

This Mini Me Helmet is perfect for your Tiny Trojan Tot! He or she will be protected and fierce while being in style. Comes in blue for boys and pink for girls

Tags: helmet, war, protect

Poof! Sprinkle some Apollo light on yourself and you immediately have Apollo powers! Be invincible against your enemies... Limited Edition travel size

Tags: Apollo, dust, fight, help, travel, god

These winged swishes will have you flying as you run! You can run at speeds higher than the lethal limit! they do not wear out allowing you to fly 1000 times around the city of Troy!

Tags: fast, run, wing, speed, Troy, sneak

Brother Button!

For when your brother calls for help!

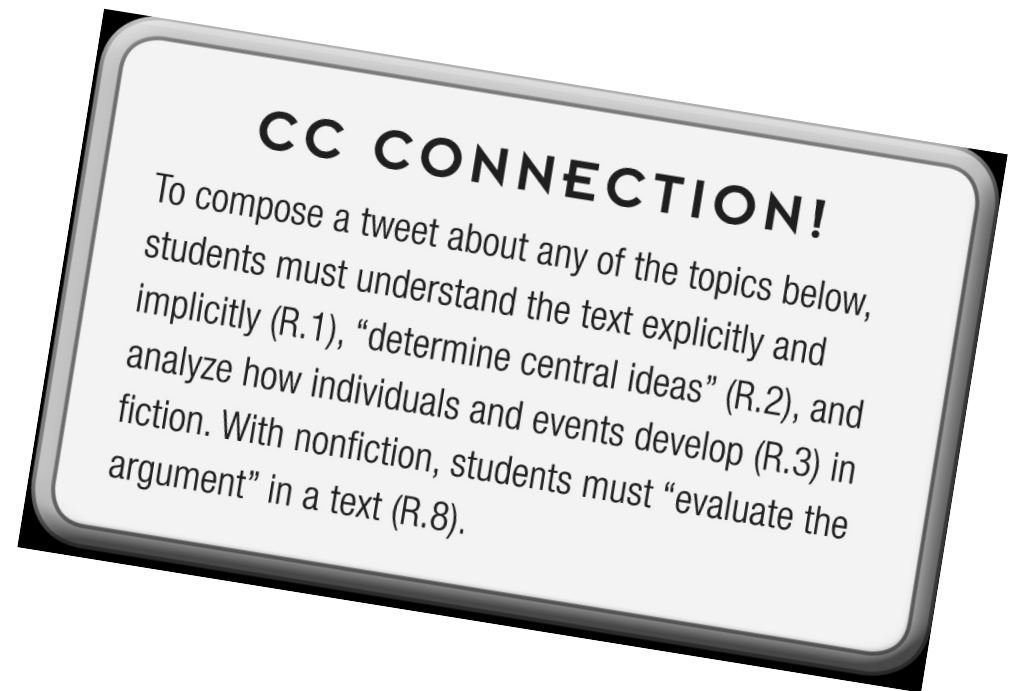
Re: Brother Button
I need to give this to Paris

Adromache would love this heart to while I follow my fate to fight Achilles at war. she will always remember me as a loving father and husband who promised with all his soul that she was not a slave to the Greeks.

Idea:
Character Pinterest Page

+ **Idea: *Tweet it!***

- Have students write Tweets (or a twitter conversation) based on the text.
- 140 Characters
- Use hashtags!





Ideas for Tweets

Fiction

- Summary (of chapter, night's reading, etc.)
- Theme of text
- Character and 3 traits
- Description of a setting
- Any symbol & its meaning
- A prediction, opinion, question, piece of figurative language (see RR list)

Non-fiction

- Opinion of text
- Agree/disagree w/author
- Specify essay genre and how you know
- Alternative title
- Tweet to author
- Rewrite final sentence
- Write opposing view of claim

Twitter Conversation: Sword in the Stone

@SirKay: Ah Knights of Columbus! I forgot my sword #IamaNitWit

@KingArthur: It's OK bro, I'll fetch it! #IGotYoBack

@KingArthur: Darn! I'm locked out of thy house! #nokey

@KingArthur: #IAteMyLuckyCharms Today I found a sword in a stone for my big bro Kay.

@SirKay: Thanks Artie! Let's show father.

@SirKay: I'm the king! I'm the king! #boss

@SirEctor: Really?? #LiarLiar

@SirKay: Ok fine it was actually Arthur! #PlanFailed

Trending: Arthur pulls sword out of stone! We have our #TrueBornKing

+ Twitter Conversation: Arthur Gets Excalibur

@TheRealKingArthur: Where is Excalibur

@LadyoftheLake: Just wait #surprises

@TheRealKingArthur: Look at that wondrous sword in the lake with a golden hilt set with jewels #BlingBling

@LadyoftheLake: That's right it's Excalibur #Igotchu

@TheRealKingArthur: Oh yeah never gonna die, always gonna win #pumped #mygirl



Twitter Conversation

@Sibi
Just woke up with a dove in my lap.
#surprise

@Hawk
Give me that dove. I've chased it
forever.
#greed

@Sibi
You're a magnificent bird. The eagle
should be jealous.
#legend #jealous

@Hawk
Cut it out. Give me the dove.
#now

@Sibi
No
#No

@Hawk
I have responsibilities like you.
#bringinhome thebacon

@Sibi
How about I give you a meal every
day as long as you live prepared by my
chefs.
#kinglife

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@kingsRus you have the dove to feed my family #dinner

@Indraindisguise the dove came to me #helikesme better I wasn't expecting a visit from the king of birds #sarcasm

@kingsRus yo Sibi why you be trippin give me my dove #eaglesgotnothinonme oh btw I won't fall for your distraction gimme my food #hungry

@Indraindisguise your not getting this dove #fightme

@kingsRus you don't know what your doing depriven me of my food #conflicting #confusing back at the nest we have four new children #youdontknowme

@Indraindisguise true I'll trade ya #allyouneed isdove

@kingsRus I want ya flesh #immamake youpay #youwontdoit

@Indraindisguise get me the scale #whatisdove wanna picce of me? #Iputmybodyonthescaletho?

@kingsRus Don't cheat me. I want all of ya #givmeit

@Indraindisguise I'm dying #Icanseethelight

@kingsRus sike I'm not a bird #youwri



Twitter Conversation: Deadalus and Icarus



@you'redeadtome: Sky looks clear today #FreeDeadalus
#ByeMinos

@Icarus: Dad's lost his mind #HELP #I'veNeverSeenThisBefore
#Doin'ItLive #BillO'Reilly

@Icarus: Getting fitted for my wings #AllInForFreedom

@you'redeadtome: Not too low, Not too high #Stayin'TheCourse
#HappyMedium

@ofsheepandmen: Is it a bird? Is it a plane? #NoReallyWhatIsIt?

@Icarus: Livin' above the clouds #Movin'Up #BirdLife

@you'redeadtome: Where's my son #confused #scared



Idea: *Text Element Stations*



- Divide class into partners or small groups
- Each group is assigned a different element about the text
- Each group creates a poster about that element, using citations
- Posters are hung around the room
- All students circulate to learn information from other groups' posters



Idea: *Text Element Stations*

POSSIBLE FICTION ELEMENTS

- Characters (or Individual Characters for a large class)
- Setting (or Individual Settings)
- Foreshadowing
- Flashback
- Mood
- Conflict
- Allusions
- Plot (or Individual Plot Points, Rising Action, Climax)
- Theme(s)
- Symbols
- Figurative Language
- Point of View
- Imagery

POSSIBLE NONFICTION ELEMENTS

- Main Idea
- Structure of paragraphs
- Reasons
- Examples
- Introduction Technique
- Call to Action
- Transitions/ Transition Words
- Imagery
- Figurative Language
- Allusions
- Point of View
- Tone

+ Possible questions to integrate text posters

■ Explain how one character's trait leads to an event in the plot.

■ How does the introduction ultimately tie into the main idea?

■ How do the allusions the author used relate to the theme?

■ Explain how the tone affects the call to action.

Name(s) Olivia Gentilezza + Angelina DeSanto

Based on what we've discussed so far, I want you to create a "recipe" for satire. Have an **ingredients** section (use at least five ingredients, and include amounts) and a **directions** section, in which you explain how to combine, mix, stir, pour, sift, coat, baste, bake, fry, sauté, cook, boil, or drizzle the ingredients. Enjoy!

More Cooking Verbs: blend slice grate beat chop add cut knead simmer grease peel whisk
melt heat roll weigh juice dice wash puree spread press mash cream serve

Olivia and Angelina's Recipe for Satire
cake

Ingredients:

- 1 pound of politics
- 1 pound of humor
- 1 pound of ~~controversial~~ controversial issues.
- 3 cups of celebrities
- 2 cups of current events
- 1 tablespoon of music
- 2 teaspoons of inappropriate language.

Directions (continue on back):

In a large bowl, mix a pound of politics and 2 cups of current events. Slowly add in 3 cups of celebrities. In a separate bowl, combine 1 pound of humor and 1 tablespoon of music. Blend both bowls of ingredients together.

In a ~~9x15x1~~ 9x15x1 pan, pour mixture evenly. Bake for 1 hour ~~pan~~ on a 365°F oven. Allow cooling time. ^{Spread} Sprinkle a mixture of inappropriate language and controversial issues evenly on cake. Serves 12.

Idea: *Genre Recipes*

Have students create a "recipe" for a genre after reading some texts in it.

Word Alert!

Find a word, copy the sentence it's in, and fill in the other bubbles.

WORD: _____
page: _____

Sentence: _____

What's a *less interesting* word
that the author DIDN'T choose?

synonyms: _____

antonyms: _____

WHY do you think the author liked THIS word?

Idea: Word Alert!
(Handout)

Have students
closely analyze
specific words in
context.

Idea: Figurative Language Scavenger Hunt (Handout)

Name _____ Date _____

Figurative Language Scavenger Hunt!

Look through pages _____ in your text. Find examples of each of the types of figurative language below. Copy the word or phrase and *cite the page number*.

Alliteration or Assonance

Page: _____

Why did the author use it?

Simile or Metaphor

Page: _____

Why did the author use it?

Personification

Page: _____

Why did the author use it?

Onomatopoeia

Page: _____

Why did the author use it?

Imagery & Its Sense (Sight, Smell, Sound, Touch, or Taste)

#1 _____ Page: _____ Sense _____

#2 _____ Page: _____ Sense _____

#3 _____ Page: _____ Sense _____

Explain each choice on the back of this sheet.

Have students find and analyze figurative language.



Idea: *Use Haikus*



- Have students work in pairs to write a:
 - Summary
 - Restatement of the claim
 - Question
 - Literary technique (simile, sensory detail, onomatopoeia, etc.)
 - Opinion
- Or, rewrite the text in a haiku.
 - Haiku conversations between characters

+ Activity: Haiku Chain

- Put class in pairs.
- Each pair writes a haiku (as per your instructions).
- Each pair passes their haiku to the group behind them (you may have to delineate a path).
- Each group looks at the new paper, reads the haiku, skips a line, and rewrites the last line of the haiku.
- This last line now becomes their new first line– they must finish the new haiku.
- When finished, pass papers again.
- Repeat: last line becomes new first line.



Tone Cards and Sentence Cards

Tone Cards

angry

excited

afraid

joyful

confused

hopeful

Sentence Cards

The circus is
coming to town.

Your cell phone
is ringing.

There are no
more #2 pencils.

This snack is
making me thirsty.

Idea: Tone Charades

Pre-
reading
activity:

Help
students
tune in to
tone

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