

Grade 6 English Pacing Guide			In-Class Work		Weekly Homework Assignments	
Spark Learn Tutoring, LLC			Reading	Writing	Vocabulary	Grammar
Unit #	Theme	Week #	via CommonLit.org	via CommonLit.org	via CommonLit.org	via Canvas
1	"Characters Who Change" Essential Question: How are people changed through their relationships and experiences?	0	Orientation			
		1	"Do People Really Change?"	Lesson 1: Breaking Down a Prompt / Theme	Vocabulary Set 1: Activity 1: Definitions	NonEssential Elements: Activity 1: Exploring NonEssential Elements
		2	"The Scholarship Jacket" by Marta Salinas (Short Story)	Lesson 2: Writing a Complete Paragraph	Vocabulary Set 1: Activity 2: Fill-in-the-Blank Sentences	NonEssential Elements: Activity 2: Notes on Essential & NonEssential Elements
		3	"The Medicine Bag" by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve (Short Story)	Lesson 3: Choosing Relevant Evidence	Vocabulary Set 1: Activity 3: Fill-in-the-Blank Scenarios	NonEssential Elements: Activity 3: Identifying a Correctly Punctuated Sentence
		4	"Thrown" by Mike Jung (Short Story)	Lesson 4: Exemplar Essay Review	Vocabulary Set 1: Activity 4: Matching	NonEssential Elements: Activity 4: Adding Nonessential Elements to the End of a
		5	"Home" by Hena Khan (Short Story)	Lesson 5: Planning the Culminating Task	Vocabulary Set 1: Activity 5: Application of Vocabulary	NonEssential Elements: Activity 5: Adding Nonessential Elements to the Middle of a
		6	"Skitter Hitter" by Jason Reynolds (Short Story)	Lesson 6: Writing Essay: Narrative (Day 1)	Vocabulary Set 1: Quiz	NonEssential Elements: Activity 6: Nonessential Elements in Writing
		7	"Raymond's Run" by Toni Cade Bambara (Short Story)	Lesson 6: Writing Essay: Narrative (Day 2)		NonEssential Elements: Quiz
		8		Lesson 6: Writing Essay: Narrative (Day 3)		
2	"The Recipe for Success" Essential Question: What does it take to achieve success?	9	"Dedicated to the Goal" by Marty Kaminsky (Non-fiction)		Vocabulary Set 2: Activity 1: Definitions	Pronoun Case: Activity 1: Analyzing Student Writing
		10	"A Quick Note on Getting Better at Difficult Things" by TaNehisi Coates (Personal Essay)	Adding Strong Reasoning	Vocabulary Set 2: Activity 2: Fill-in-the-Blank Sentences	Pronoun Case: Activities 2 & 3
		11	"The Theory and Power Behind Goal Setting" by Otylia Benson (Informational)	Planning the Culminating Task: Informational Presentation	Vocabulary Set 2: Activity 3: Fill-in-the-Blank Scenarios	Pronoun Case: Activities 4 & 5
		12	"Cultivate Resilience: How to Get Back on the Horse" by Rebecca Zucker (Informational)	Creating Strong Visuals	Vocabulary Set 2: Activity 4: Matching	Pronoun Case: Activities 6 & 7
		13	"The subtle secret to Sidney Crosby's greatness" by Adam Kilgore (News Article)	Prepare a Presentation (Day 1)	Vocabulary Set 2: Activity 5: Application of Vocabulary	Pronoun Case: Activities 8 & 9
		14	"How to Transform an Everyday, Ordinary Hoop Court into a Place of Higher Learning	Prepare a Presentation (Day 2)	Vocabulary Set 2: Quiz	Pronoun Case: Activities 10 & 11
		15		Prepare a Presentation (Day 3)		Pronoun Case: Quiz
		16	Make-Up Work Session			
3	"Our Changing Oceans" Essential Question: How are changes in the world's oceans affecting people and animals? How can we be better stewards of our oceans and waterways? (*Revised Jan. 13, 2025)	17	"Tiny Plastic, Big Problem" by Alison Pearce Stevens (Informational Text)		Vocabulary Set 4: Activity 1: Definitions	Sentences That Show Contrast: Activity 1: Analyzing a Student Writing Sample
		18	"I've Seen the Antarctic's Untouched Beauty. There's Still Time to Protect It." by Javier		Vocabulary Set 4: Activity 2: Fill-in-the-Blank Sentences	Sentences That Show Contrast: Activities 2 & 3
		19	"Sea Level Rise" from the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History		Vocabulary Set 4: Activity 3: Fill-in-the-Blank Scenarios	Sentences That Show Contrast: Activity 4: Adding a Conjunction in the Middle of the
		20	"Plenty of Fish in the Sea? Maybe Not" by Thomas Pool (Informational Text)		Vocabulary Set 4: Activity 4: Matching	Sentences That Show Contrast: Activity 5: Adding a Conjunction at the Beginning of the
		21		Writing Lesson: Independent Readings Choice Board Texts & Research Note Taking Graphic Organizer	Vocabulary Set 4: Activity 5: Application of Vocabulary	Sentences That Show Contrast: Activity 6: Writing Original Sentences
		22		Writing: Planning the Culminating Task: Informational Presentation, Writing: Creating a Strong Infographic, & Writing: Review: Works Cited	Vocabulary Set 4: Activity 6: Quiz	Sentences That Show Contrast: Activity 7: Editing a Paragraph
		23	Create 3 Infographics (Day 1)	Create 3 Infographics (Day 1)	Create 3 Infographics (Day 1)	Sentences That Show Contrast: Quiz
		24	Create 3 Infographics (Day 2)	Create 3 Infographics (Day 2)	Create 3 Infographics (Day 2)	Create 3 Infographics (Day 2)
4	"The Forces That Shape Us" Essential Question: What shapes who we are?	25	"Adolescent Identity Development" by ACT Youth Center for Community Action		Vocabulary Set 5: Activity 1: Definitions	Avoiding Sentence Fragments & Run-Ons: Activities: 1 & 2
		26	"Fish Cheeks" by Amy Tan (Memoir)		Vocabulary Set 5: Activity 2: Fill-in-the-Blank Sentences	Avoiding Sentence Fragments & Run-Ons: Activities: 3 & 4
		27	"Drum Dream Girl" by Margarita Engle (Poem)		Vocabulary Set 5: Activity 3: Fill-in-the-Blank Scenarios	Avoiding Sentence Fragments & Run-Ons: Activities: 5 & 6
		28	"Inside Out" by Francisco Jiménez (Short Story)	Essay: Narrative: Point of View (Day 1)	Vocabulary Set 5: Activity 4: Matching	Avoiding Sentence Fragments & Run-Ons: Activities: 7 & 8
		29	"Family Over Everything" by Yamile Saied Méndez (Short Story)	Essay: Narrative: Point of View (Day 1)	Vocabulary Set 5: Activity 5: Application of Vocabulary	Avoiding Sentence Fragments & Run-Ons: Activity: 9
		30	"Hello, My Name Is ____" by Jason Kim (Memoir)	Essay: Narrative: Point of View (Day 2)	Vocabulary Set 5: Quiz	Avoiding Sentence Fragments & Run-Ons: Activity: 10
		31	"Hard to Say" by Sharon Morse (Short Story)	Revision: Adding Sentence Variety		Avoiding Sentence Fragments & Run-Ons: Activity: Quiz
		32	Make-Up Work Session			