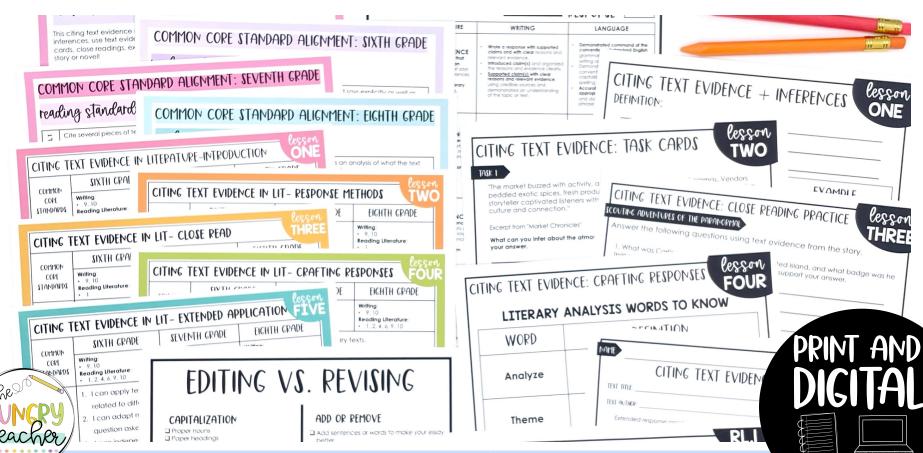
6th_8th CRADE

a literature unit for 16 TEXT EVIDENCE



A MIDDLE SCHOOL ELA literature and citing text evidence unit

This versatile unit gives students the tools they need to actually cite text evidence—without blank stares or one-sentence answers. With clear modeling, scaffolded ACE/RACE/RACES instruction, and engaging tasks, students build confidence using evidence to support inferences and analysis. They'll move from learning what text evidence is to writing full responses with structure, clarity, and voice. Whether you're teaching literature responses, prepping for state testing, or just trying to break your students' "I don't know" habit, this unit meets them where they are and helps them level up.



5 step-by-step teacher lesson plans

5 step-by-step teacher PDF and Google Slides teaching presentations (RACE, RACES, ACE formats)



Fully scaffolded writing practice with modeled examples



Close reading passages + text-dependent questions



Teacher answer keys, examples, and flexible pacing



100% digital student response notebook



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literature and citing text evidence unit

Tired of asking for text evidence and getting "IDK" or vague responses? This **Citing Text Evidence Literature Unit** gives students the tools (and confidence) to actually back up their thinking—with sentence starters, scaffolded models, and structured writing practice that builds real independence.

Here's what they'll learn:

- **Evidence-Based Response Structures:** Students explore RACE, RACES, and ACE (you choose) formats to build writing stamina and structure while learning how to clearly restate, answer, cite, and explain.
- Inference + Analysis Practice: They'll go beyond surface-level takeaways, practicing how to support deeper thinking with proof from the text.
- **Real Literature Application:** Students use a literary passage to write full responses using their chosen evidence structure—so everything connects to actual reading skills.

Why this works:

This unit doesn't just tell students to "add more evidence"—it teaches them how. With three editable slide decks, structured response models, and a digital notebook that walks students through every step, it's built for scaffolding and skill-building. Students get tons of chances to practice, revise, and reflect—making it ideal for literature response, test prep, or as a launchpad for all future writing.

Perfect for:

- Teachers who are tired of one-sentence responses and vague analysis
- Students who need writing support that actually sticks
- Any middle school ELA classroom working on text-based responses, inferences, or deeper literary analysis

teachers like you have said...



I absolutely love this resource! My kids have an entire notebook filled with information that they can not apply to any novel. It has been an amazing resource to use throughout the year. -Elizabeth K.



I am never disappointed by Martina Cahill! Her curriculums and activities have literally helped be develop my middle school ELA classroom in more ways than one. With that being said, this resource paired perfectly with her realistic fiction units for all 3 grades. LOVE LOVE LOVE! -Christina B.



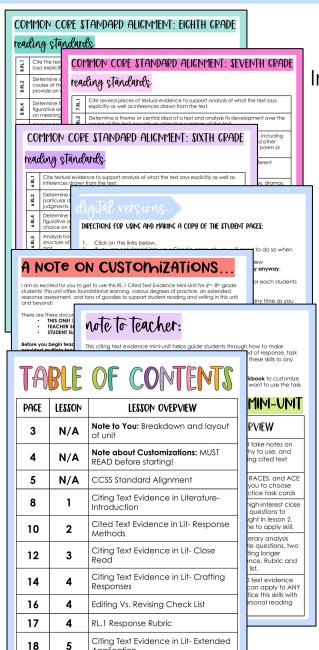




Llove how this unit mixes read aloud mentor novels with student independent reading or book clubs. It is the perfect combination of what I am looking to do in my classroom this year. Everything is organized into easy to follow daily lesson plans. Fantastic! -Niewo K.

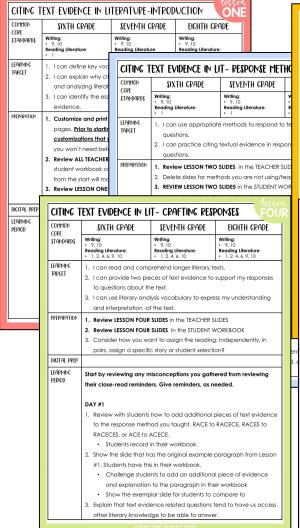
I love all of your resources! I was nervous when I switched up my order of teaching this year. We started with a whole class novel and I was worried if I could effectively teach the concepts while keeping students engaged in our novel. This product saved me! It is an incredible resource to use while simultaneously reading and teaching Literacy Concepts. It was so valuable for students to be reading and immediately see what we have been learning about in our reading. Thank you! -Tara C

It is my first year teaching middle school and I am so happy that I found The Hungry Teacher's resources, including this one on realistic fiction. I used parts of this in 7th and 8th grade. I found it very helpful that everything is explained in detail and there are a ton of activities that align to the standards. Thanks for your awesome resources! -Ashley D.

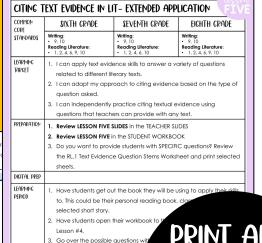


STEP-BY-STEP TEACHER LESSON PLANS

Includes lesson plans, lesson materials, full-size reference materials, and graphic organizers.



COMMON CORE	SIXTH GRADE	SEVENTH GRADE	EIGHTH GRADE	
STANDARDS	Writing: - 9, 10 Reading Literature: - 1	Writing: • 9, 10 Reading Literature: • 1	Writing: • 9, 10 Reading Literature: • 1	
LEARNING TARGET	I can conduct a close reading of a literary text. I can identify and cite one piece of textual evidence to support my analysis of the text. I can analyze how the chosen evidence directly relates to the explicit content and inferences drawn from the text.			
PREPARATION	Review LESSON THREE SLIDES in the TEACHER SLIDES Review LESSON THREE SLIDES in the STUDENT WORKBOOK Consider how you want to assign the close read assignment.			
DIGITAL PREP				
LEARNING PERIOD	Review the method for the day before. Go be from their workbooks.	ack over the slides or ho		



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STUDENT BOOKLET

exactly what to do.

Step-by-Step Practice – Students learn how to respond to text evidence questions using the ACE, RACE, or RACES method, with space to practice each step.

CITING TEXT EVIDENCE + INFERENCES PORE	Color-Coded Highlighting Guides – Supports visual learners in identifying each part of their response.
DEFINITION:	SENTENCE STARTERS PERSON
CITING TEXT EVIDENCE + INFERENCES PONE	CITED TEXT EVIDENCE TIPS:
	CITING TEXT EVIDENCE: TASK CARDS lesson
CITING TEXT EVIDENCE: RACES METHOD IXMPRE All Harry's spellbooks, his wand, robes, cauldron, and top-of-the-line Nimbus Two Thousand broomstick had been locked in a cupboard under the stairs by Uncle Vernon the instant Harry had come home. What did the Dursleyse care if Harry lost his place on the House Quidditch team because he hadn't practiced all summer? What was It to the Dursleys if Harry went back to school without any of his homework done? The Dursleys were what wizards called Muggles (not a drop of magical blood in their veins), and as far as they were concerned, having a wizard in the family was a matter of deepest shame. Uncle Vernon hade even padlocked Harry's ow, Heddig, inside her cage, to stop her from carrying messages to anyone in the wizarding world. -Harry Fotter and the Chamber of Secrets, "The Worst Birthday" Paragraph 36 Reading this paragraph, what can you infer about how Harry is feeling about the Dursley's actions? Based on the text we can infer that Harry feels frustrated with the Dursley's for keeping his magical belongings locked up.	TASK I The market huzzed with activity, a kaleidoscope of colors and aromas. Vendos CITING TEXT EVIDENCE: CLOSE READING PRACTICE SCOUTING ADVENTURES OF THE PARAMORYAL Instructions for Close Reading: First Read: Cold read to understand the story Second Read: CITING TEXT EVIDENCE: CLOSE READING PRACTICE COUTING ADVENTURES OF THE PARAMORYAL Answer the following questions using text evidence from the story. 1. What was Carl's unique challenge on the deserted island, and what badge was he trying to earn? Provide evidence from the story to support your answer.
In paragraph 26, JK Rowling writes, "Uncle Vernon had even padlocked Harry's owl, Hedwig, inside her cage to stop her from carrying messages to anyone in the wizarding world." By using the word "even" and knowing Harry is being kept from his world, we can see the frustration he is experiencing.	In what ways does Carl demonstrate the qualifies of a spirit scout throughout his journey on the deserted island? Provide evidence from the story to support your response.
Overall, it's clear Harry isn't happy with the situation. R	3. Why are the challenges with the ghost dragons important in the story? How do they affect Carl and the plo1? Give examples from the text.
Built-In Notes & Examples – Key	Explain how the island changes as Carl completes his tasks. How does the author use words to show the transformation and the relationship between the living and spectral realms? Quote from the story.
vocabulary, method charts, and sample	
responses help students remember	

	CITING TEXT EVIDENCE: CRAFTING RESPONSES (CSSON)							
	How do you add additional pieces of text evidence to your response?							
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Ī	Extended response practice. Read the story and answer the following questions. Use this graphic organizer to plan out your response before writing your paragraph.							
	Explore the mood and tone of the story. Provide two examples of language or imagery that contribute to the mood and tone. How do these elements enhance the reader's experience and understanding of the narrative?							
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Close Reading Pages – Students annotate and track evidence directly in their booklet before writing.

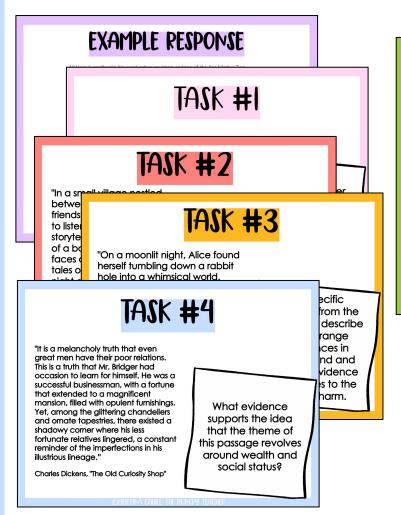
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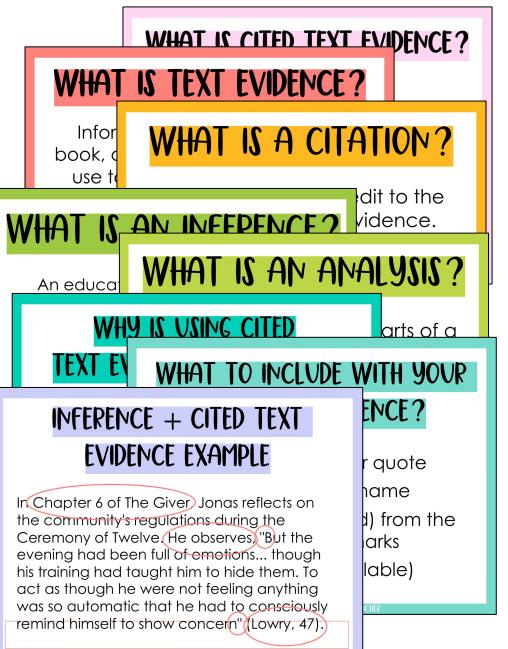
The booklets act as a running portfolio of student growth and can be used for classwork, homework, or small-group reteaching—making it easy to see progress over time.

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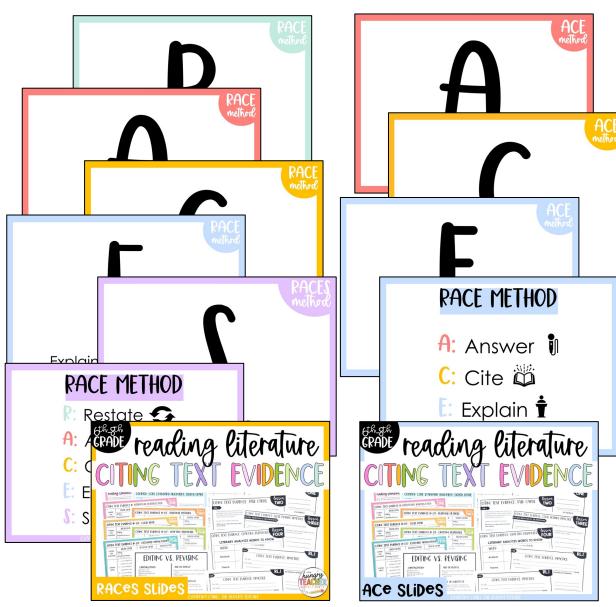
PDF and Google Slides lesson presentations for every lesson to display for students while taking notes or learning how to cite text evidence.

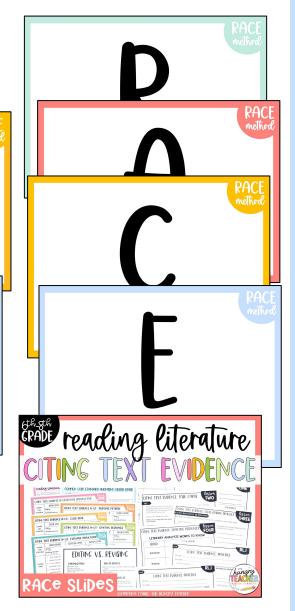




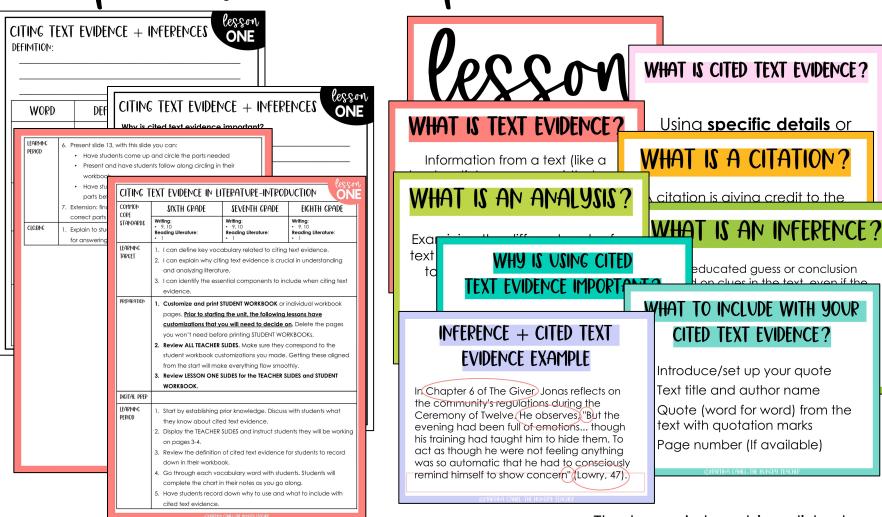
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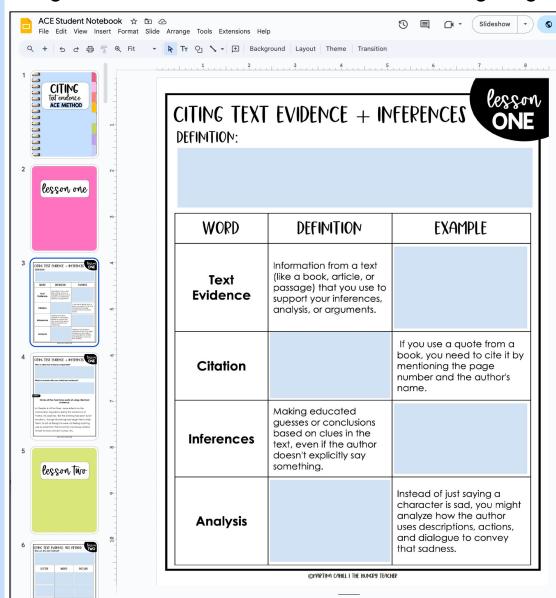
example of lesson plan + resources

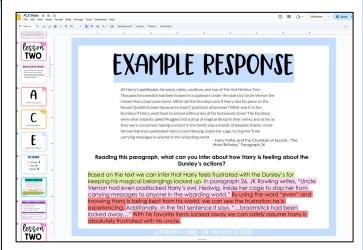


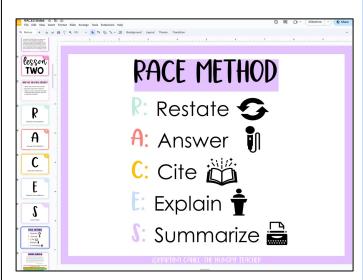
Each lesson plan has a section for the standards, objective, prep, digital prep, a learning period, a writing conference section, and closing. It also includes any student materials.

The lesson's teaching slides have everything you need to teach the lesson: teaching slides, examples, and concept break downs.

digital student notebook and google slides included







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