Third Grade

Highlights indicate Writing by Designo TEKS-Alignment

Knowledge and skills.

- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, discussion, and thinking--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:
- (A) listen actively, ask relevant questions to clarify information, and make pertinent comments;
- (B) follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a series of related sequences of action;
- (C) speak coherently about the topic under discussion, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, and the conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively;
- (D) work collaboratively with others by following agreed-upon rules, norms, and protocols; and
- (E) develop social communication such as conversing politely in all situations.
- (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking-beginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by:
- (i) decoding multisyllabic words with multiple sound-spelling patterns such as eigh, ough, and en;
- (ii) decoding multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables;
- (iii) decoding compound words, contractions, and abbreviations;
- (iv) decoding words using knowledge of syllable division patterns such as VCCV, VCV, and VCCCV with accent shifts;
- (v) decoding words using knowledge of prefixes;
- (vi) decoding words using knowledge of suffixes, including how they can change base words such as dropping e, changing y to i, and doubling final consonants; and
- (vii) identifying and reading high-frequency words from a research-based list;
- (B) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by:
- (i) spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables;

- (ii) spelling homophones;
- (iii) spelling compound words, contractions, and abbreviations;
- (iv) spelling multisyllabic words with multiple sound-spelling patterns;
- (v) spelling words using knowledge of syllable division patterns such as VCCV, VCV, and VCCCV;
- (vi) spelling words using knowledge of prefixes; and
- (vii) spelling words using knowledge of suffixes, including how they can change base words such as dropping e, changing y to i, and doubling final consonants;
- (C) alphabetize a series of words to the third letter; and
- (D) write complete words, thoughts, and answers legibly in cursive leaving appropriate spaces between words.
- (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking-vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:
- (A) use print or digital resources to determine meaning, syllabication, and pronunciation;
- (B) use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and multiple-meaning words;
- (C) identify the meaning of and use words with affixes such as im- (into), non-, dis-, in- (not, non), pre-, -ness, -y, and -ful; and
- (D) identify, use, and explain the meaning of antonyms, synonyms, idioms, homophones, and homographs in a text.
- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking-fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to use appropriate fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) when reading grade-level text.
- (5) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking-self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.
- (6) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;
- (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;
- (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;
- (D) create mental images to deepen understanding;

- (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
- (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
- (G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
- (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and
- (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.
- (7) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;
- (B) write a response to a literary or informational text that demonstrates an understanding of a text;
- (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
- (D) retell and paraphrase texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
- (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;
- (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate; and
- (G) discuss specific ideas in the text that are important to the meaning.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) infer the theme of a work, distinguishing theme from topic;
- (B) explain the relationships among the major and minor characters;
- (C) analyze plot elements, including the sequence of events, the conflict, and the resolution; and
- (D) explain the influence of the setting on the plot.
- (9) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate knowledge of distinguishing characteristics of well-known children's literature such as folktales, fairy tales, legends, and myths;
- (B) explain rhyme scheme, sound devices, and structural elements such as stanzas in a variety of poems;
- (C) discuss elements of drama such as characters, dialogue, setting, and acts;

- (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
- (i) the central idea with supporting evidence;
- (ii) features such as sections, tables, graphs, timelines, bullets, numbers, and bold and italicized font to support understanding; and
- (iii) organizational patterns such as cause and effect and problem and solution;
- (E) recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by:
- (i) identifying the claim;
- (ii) distinguishing facts from opinion; and
- (iii) identifying the intended audience or reader; and
- (F) recognize characteristics of multimodal and digital texts.
- (10) Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
- (B) explain how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
- (C) explain the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
- (D) describe how the author's use of imagery, literal and figurative language such as simile, and sound devices such as onomatopoeia achieves specific purposes;
- (E) identify the use of literary devices, including first- or third-person point of view;
- (F) discuss how the author's use of language contributes to voice; and
- (G) identify and explain the use of hyperbole.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
- (A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as brainstorming, freewriting, and mapping;
- (B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by:
- (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction and a conclusion; and
- (ii) developing an engaging idea with relevant details;

- (C) revise drafts to improve sentence structure and word choice by adding, deleting, combining, and rearranging ideas for coherence and clarity;
- (D) edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
- (i) complete simple and compound sentences with subject-verb agreement;
- (ii) past, present, and future verb tense;
- (iii) singular, plural, common, and proper nouns;
- (iv) adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms;
- (v) adverbs that convey time and adverbs that convey manner;
- (vi) prepositions and prepositional phrases;
- (vii) pronouns, including subjective, objective, and possessive cases;
- (viii) coordinating conjunctions to form compound subjects, predicates, and sentences;
- (ix) capitalization of official titles of people, holidays, and geographical names and places;
- (x) punctuation marks, including apostrophes in contractions and possessives and commas in compound sentences and items in a series; and
- (xi) correct spelling of words with grade-appropriate orthographic patterns and rules and high-frequency words; and
- (E) publish written work for appropriate audiences.
- (12) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
- (A) compose literary texts, including personal narratives and poetry, using genre characteristics and craft;
- (B) compose informational texts, including brief compositions that convey information about a topic, using a clear central idea and genre characteristics and craft;
- (C) compose argumentative texts, including opinion essays, using genre characteristics and craft; and
- (D) compose correspondence such as thank you notes or letters.
- *(13) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
- (A) generate questions on a topic for formal and informal inquiry;
- (B) develop and follow a research plan with adult assistance;

- (C) identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources;
- (D) identify primary and secondary sources;
- (E) demonstrate understanding of information gathered;
- (F) recognize the difference between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials;
- (G) create a works cited page; and
- (H) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multimodal, to present results.
- * Informative: Classification lessons 1-13 could be developed as an inquiry and research project by simply recrafting the lesson objective and having students create an inquiry question regarding a holiday or another topic (TEKS 13A-G).

Writing by Design®

TEKS Alignment

Scope and Sequence for 3rd Grade

Introductory Six Traits Lessons

Six lessons for introducing the Six Traits of Writing: Idea, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, and Conventions

Personal Narrative

| Lesson | Objective & TEKS | | | | | |
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| Lesson 1 | > Students will understand the memoir genre. | | | | | |
| | > Students will choose a topic for their memoir. | | | | | |
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| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7A, 7F, 9B, 11A, 12A | | | | | |
| Lesson 2 | > Students will understand the purpose of engaging the reader. | | | | | |
| | > Students will write a repeating line for their paper. | | | | | |
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| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7A, 7F, 9B, 11A, 12A | | | | | |
| Lesson 3 | > Students will organize the events in their memoir. | | | | | |
| | TEKS | | | | | |
| | ➤ 1A-E, 7A, 7F, 9B, 10E, 12A | | | | | |
| Lesson 4 | > Students will add details to their memories on their outlines. | | | | | |
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| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 6G, 7A, 7F, 9B, 10E, 11A-D, 12A | | | | | |

| Lesson 5 | > Students will compose a rough draft using their outline as a guide. TEKS | | | | | | |
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| | > 2A-B, 7A, 7F, 9B, 10E-F, 11A-D, 12A | | | | | | |
| Lesson 6 | > Students will write a reflective close. TEKS | | | | | | |
| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7A, 7F, 9B, 10E, 11D, 12A | | | | | | |
| Lesson 7 | Students will use key strategies to develop characters and events in their narratives. | | | | | | |
| | TEKS | | | | | | |
| | > 2A-B, 6G, 7F, 8B-D, 9B, 10E-F, 11A-D, 12A | | | | | | |
| Lesson 8 | Students will use key strategies to develop characters and events in their narrative. TEKS | | | | | | |
| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 3D, 6D, 6G, 7F, 8B-D, 9B, 10E-F, 11A-D, 12A | | | | | | |
| Lesson 9 | | | | | | | |
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| - 10 | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 3D, 6G, 7F, 9B, 10E-F, 11A-D, 12A | | | | | | |
| Lesson 10 | Students will use transitions effectively. Students will vary the beginning of sentences. | | | | | | |
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| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 3D, 7F, 9B, 10E-F, 11A-D, 12A | | | | | | |
| Lesson 11 | Students will revise their narratives using the rubric.TEKS | | | | | | |
| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7F, 9B, 10E-F, 11A-D, 12A | | | | | | |
| Lesson 12 | > Students will edit their narrative. TEKS | | | | | | |
| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 9B, 10E-F, 11A-E, 12A | | | | | | |
| Assessment | Students will write a Personal Memoir that reflects what they learned during the Personal Memoir Unit. The memoir will be completed in one sitting and include everything on the Genre Chart. TEKS | | | | | | |
| | > 2A-B, 9B, 10E-F, 11A-E, 12A | | | | | | |

Summary of an Informative Text

| Lesson | Objective & TEKS | | | | | |
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| Lesson 1 | No. 1 → Students will understand the purpose of summary writing. → Students will understand the differences and similarities between summarizing narratives a summarizing informational texts. TEKS | | | | | |
| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7A, 7F, 9D, 12B | | | | | |
| Lesson 2 | Students will understand how organizational structure affects purpose in writing. Students will identify the organizational structure in the article they are reading. TEKS | | | | | |
| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 4, 6G, 7B, 7E-F, 9D, 10A-B, 12B | | | | | |
| Lesson 3 | Students will distinguish main ideas from trivial information. Students will identify the main ideas in each paragraph of the article they are reading. TEKS 1A-E, 2A-B, 4, 6G, 7E-F, 9D, 10A, 12B | | | | | |
| Lesson 4 | Students will understand central idea and its function in an article or essay. Students will identify the central idea in the article they are reading. TEKS 1A-E, 2A-B, 6G, 7E-F, 9D, 10A, 12B | | | | | |
| Lesson 5 | Students will understand how to use their outlines to compose their rough drafts. Students will compose the rough draft of their summary. TEKS 2A-B, 7F, 9D, 11A-D, 12B | | | | | |
| Lesson 6 | Students will understand the strategies used to write a conclusion. Students will write the conclusion to their summary. TEKS 1A-E, 2A-B, 7F, 9D, 11D 12B | | | | | |
| Lesson 7 | Students will understand the necessity of using their own words when writing. Students will practice paraphrasing idioms. TEKS 1A-E, 2A-B, 3B, 7D, 7F, 9D, 10A-B, 10F, 11D, 12B | | | | | |
| Lesson 8 | Students will understand the importance and purpose of academic language. Students will replace common words with academic language. TEKS | | | | | |
| | > 2A-B, 3B, 4, 7F, 9D, 10A-B, 10F, 11A-D, 12B | | | | | |

| Lesson 9 | > Students will use transitions effectively. | | | | | |
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| | > Students will vary the beginning of sentences. | | | | | |
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| | ➤ 1A-E, 2A-B, 7F, 9D, 10A-B, 10F, 11A-D, 12B | | | | | |
| Lesson 10 | > Students will revise their essays using the rubric. | | | | | |
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| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7F, 9D, 10A-D, 10F, 11A-D, 12B | | | | | |
| Lesson 11 | > Students will edit their essays. | | | | | |
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| | ➤ 1A-E, 2A-B, 7F, 9D, 11A-E, 12A-B | | | | | |
| Assessment | t > Students will write a summary of informational text that reflects what they | | | | | |
| | learned during the Summary: Informational Unit. | | | | | |
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| | > 2A-B, 3B, 6G-H, 7F, 10A-D, 10F, 11, 12B | | | | | |

Informative: Classification

| Lesson | Objective & TEKS | | | | | |
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| Lesson 1 | > Students will understand the purpose of informational writing. | | | | | |
| | > Students will understand the organizational structure of classification. | | | | | |
| | > Students will understand the purpose for their essay. | | | | | |
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| | > 1A-E, 2A-E, 9D, 10, 11, 12B | | | | | |
| Lesson 2 | > Students will use research to develop their topics. | | | | | |
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| | > 1A-E, 2A-E, 4, 5, 6G, 7E-F, 9D, 12B, 13A-G | | | | | |
| Lesson 3 | Students will understand the purpose and benefit of creating an outline. | | | | | |
| | > Students will organize their notes into an outline. | | | | | |
| | TEKS | | | | | |
| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 6H, 7E-F, 9D, 11, 12B, 13 A-G | | | | | |
| Lesson 4 | > Students will understand the importance of engaging the reader. | | | | | |
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| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7F, 9D, 10A-D, 10F, 11A-D, 12B | | | | | |

| Lesson 5 | > Students will understand how to use their outlines to compose their rough drafts. | | | | | |
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| | Students will compose the rough draft of their essay.TEKS | | | | | |
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| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7E-F, 9D, 10A-D, 10F, 11A-D, 12B, 13 A-G | | | | | |
| | 7 111 E, 211 B, 7E 1, 7D, 1011 B, 101, 1111 B, 12B, 1311 G | | | | | |
| Lesson 6 | > Students will understand the strategies used to write a conclusion. | | | | | |
| | > Students will write the conclusion to their essay. | | | | | |
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| Lesson 7 | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7F, 9D, 10A-D, 10F, 11A-D, 12B, 13A-G | | | | | |
| Lesson / | > Students will continue to develop their essays using various strategies. | | | | | |
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| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7F, 9D, 10A-D, 10F, 11A-D, 12B | | | | | |
| Lesson 8 | > Students will understand the importance and purpose of academic language and discipline- | | | | | |
| | specific language. | | | | | |
| | Students will replace common words with academic or discipline-specific | | | | | |
| | words. | | | | | |
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| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7F, 9D, 10A-D, 10F, 11D, 12B | | | | | |
| Lesson 9 | Students will use transitions effectively. | | | | | |
| Lesson > | Students will use transitions effectively. Students will vary the beginning of sentences. TEKS | | | | | |
| | Students will vary the beginning of sentences. 1222 | | | | | |
| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7F, 9D, 11, 12B | | | | | |
| Lesson 10 | Students will understand how illustrations can help aid comprehension. | | | | | |
| 2655011 10 | Students will incorporate illustrations in their essay. | | | | | |
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| | > 7F, 9D, 10, 11, 12B | | | | | |
| Lesson 11 | > Students will revise their essays using the rubric. | | | | | |
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| T 10 | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7F, 9D, 11A-D, 12B | | | | | |
| Lesson 12 | > Students will edit their essays. | | | | | |
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| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7F, 9D, 11A-E, 12B | | | | | |
| Lesson 13 | Students will understand the purpose of a bibliography. | | | | | |
| 2655011 10 | > Students will write a bibliography for their essay. | | | | | |
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| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7E-F, 9D, 11, 12B | | | | | |
| Assessment | > Students will write an informational essay that reflects what they learned during the | | | | | |
| | Classification Unit. | | | | | |
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Opinion

| Lesson | Objective & TEKS | | | | | | |
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| Lesson 1 | Students will understand the purpose for writing an opinion. TEKS | | | | | | |
| | > 1A-E, 7A, 7C-D, 7F, 9D i, 9E ii, 10A, 11A-D, 12C | | | | | | |
| Lesson 2 | Student will understand there are many different viewpoints to consider when forming an | | | | | | |
| | opinion.Students will objectively summarize two different viewpoints. | | | | | | |
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| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 6H, 7A, 7C-D, 7F, 9D i, 9E ii, 11D, 12C | | | | | | |
| Lesson 3 | > Students will understand the purpose of a claim. | | | | | | |
| | Students will write a claim for their essay.TEKS | | | | | | |
| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7A, 7C-D, 7F, 9D i, 9E ii, 10A-D, 11A-D, 12C | | | | | | |
| Lesson 4 | Students will understand the purpose and benefit of creating an outline. | | | | | | |
| | > Students will organize their reasons using an outline. | | | | | | |
| | TEKS | | | | | | |
| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7A, 7C-F, 9D i, 9E ii, 10A-D, 10F, 11A-D, 12C | | | | | | |
| Lesson 5 | > Students will understand the importance of engaging the reader. | | | | | | |
| | Students will write an engaging introduction.TEKS | | | | | | |
| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7A, 7C-D, 7F, 9D i, 9E ii, 10A-D, 10F, 11A-D, 12C | | | | | | |
| Lesson 6 | Students will understand how to use their outlines to compose their rough drafts. | | | | | | |
| | Students will compose the rough draft of their essay.TEKS | | | | | | |
| | > 2A-B, 7A, 7C-D, 7F, 9D i, 9E ii, 10A-D, 10F, 11A-D, 12C | | | | | | |
| Lesson 7 | > Students will understand the strategies used to write a conclusion. | | | | | | |
| | Students will write the conclusion to their essay.TEKS | | | | | | |
| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7A, 7C-D, 7F, 9D i, 9E ii, 10A-D, 10F, 11A-D, 12C | | | | | | |
| Lesson 8 | > Students will continue to develop reasons and evidence in their essays. | | | | | | |
| | TEKS | | | | | | |
| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7A, 7C-D, 7F, 9D i, 9E ii, 11A-D, 12C | | | | | | |
| Lesson 9 | > Students will understand the importance and purpose of academic language and discipline- | | | | | | |
| | specific language. Students will replace common words with academic or discipline-specific words. | | | | | | |
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| | > 1A-E, 2A-B, 7C-D, 7F, 9D i, 9E ii-iii, 10A-D, 10F, 11A-D, 12C | | | | | | |
| Lesson 10 | > Students will use transitions effectively. | | | | | | |
| | Students will vary the beginning of sentences. TEKS 1A-E, 2A-B, 7F, 10B, 11A-D, 12C | | | | | | |
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| Lesson 11 | > Students will revise their essays using the rubric. TEKS | | | | | | |
| | > 2A-B, 7F, 10A-D, 10F, 11A-D, 12C | | | | | | |

| Lesson 12 | Students will edit their essays. TEKS 1A-E, 2A-B, 7F, 10A-D, 10F, 11A-E, 12C | | | | |
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| Assessment | > Students will write an opinion essay that reflects what they | | | | |
| | learned during the Opinion Unit. | | | | |
| | TEKS | | | | |
| | > 2A-B, 7A, 7C-D, 7F, 9E ii, 11A-E, 12C | | | | |

Total Number of Lessons: 58