

## Midwest Region PASS Center

### READING 7A

#### **Unit I - Introduction to Story Elements**

This unit introduces story elements in detail using concrete examples, some of them from the book Roll of Thunder. Hear My Cry which the student will read in the next unit. The story elements include: setting-where and when; characters and character development- description, actions, thoughts and words; plot and plot development; style and form-point of view, point of view through conversation, story mood, tone, author's purpose and opinion, theme, and story vocabulary. Each of these will be defined with a definition and examples to be followed by student activities using each element.

#### **Unit II - Reading Skills & the Novel**

The novel, Roll of Thunder. Hear My Cry, shows the terrible effects of prejudice in Mississippi in the 1930s. This story will show the student how Cassie Logan, through the events of one year, shows her character and bravery and grows to be a strong person. The student will learn about the four main elements in most stories; characters, setting, plot, and theme. The student will also learn about main ideas, details, rising action, figurative language, context clues, analogy, cause and effect, homonyms, climax, and conclusion with related activities.

#### **Unit III- Working with Story Elements**

This unit deals with the elements of the novel, Roll of Thunder. Hear My Ca. There are explanations and student activities that will enhance the following: story elements- introduction, rising action, climax, falling action, and conclusion; setting-when and where; reaction of the main character, action of other characters, and consequences of action; style; personal beliefs; vocabulary; summary and evaluation.

#### **Unit IV - Freedom for the People, Constructing Meanings**

This unit follows the history of slavery in the United States from its beginnings, through the efforts of the "Underground Railroad," events leading up to the Civil War, and on to Rosa Parks. The student will learn about the effects slavery had on our nation and how brave people worked hard for equality for all people. The student will also have activities patterned after state mandated tests reinforcing main ideas, details, and logical conclusions. The tall tale of John Henry is also included in this unit, with writing exercises.

#### **Unit V - Martin Luther King, Jr., Critical Reading**

This unit relates how one person, Martin Luther King, Jr., worked to make a difference in the struggle against inequality, civil rights, and human dignity using peaceful methods. The student will read the historical facts about Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and work. The student will also work on fact and opinion as well as previously learned reading skills such as vocabulary, main idea, and true or false.