

## Midwest Region PASS Center

### READING 8A

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

In this unit the student will be introduced to story elements using excerpts from the story, Stand and Deliver. Each of the elements will be defined with a definition and examples. This is followed by activities for student completion using the author's purpose and opinion, the theme, tone, style, plot, character development, setting, story mood, and vocabulary.

#### **Unit II- Reading Skills**

Literature provides readers with experiences of people, places, ideas, language, other cultures, and other ways of life that can rarely be obtained in other ways. In this unit excerpts from Stand and Deliver will allow the student to explore the special problems of humanity. The following reading skills will be defined with a definition and examples: main idea, details, figurative language, cause and effect, fact and opinion, story elements, climax, and conclusion. This is followed by related activities for student completion.

#### **Unit III - Working with Story Elements & the Novel**

In this unit the student will read Freedom Fighter. Cesar Chavez, a book that describes the life and struggles of Cesar Chavez, a man who fought hard for farm workers. There are several activities using story elements such as setting, character, and style. There are also several vocabulary charts, summary, problem solving, and creative writing activities.

#### **Unit IV - Constructing Meanings**

This unit is a follow-up to the book, Freedom Fighter. Cesar Chavez. The articles contain information on Cesar Chavez, pesticides, and DDT: A Classic Dilemma. Student activities patterned after state mandated tests include vocabulary, cause and effect, multiple meanings, comprehension, and writing exercises.

#### **Unit V - Critical Reading**

In this unit the student will follow the theme of the previous novel and reading selections by reading about Mexico and the culture of its people. Student activities patterned after state mandated tests include main idea, vocabulary, sequence, true or false, the cloze procedure, maps, and writing exercises.