

### Course Description:

English 6A analyzes informational texts, including biographies, primary documents, instructional documents, film reviews, and persuasive letters. Reading selections include the novel *The Road* by Jack London and informational texts on topics such as the science behind sunsets, the lives of important historical figures, the history of the Olympics, and the process of flotation used by archaeologists. Reading selections demonstrate concepts such as explicit and implicit information, central ideas and key details, and claims and arguments.

**Prerequisites:** Skills/concepts covered in 5th-Grade English Language Arts

### Course Objectives:

- Identify and describe central ideas and key details in texts.
- Describe and make connections between key individuals, ideas, and events in texts.
- Identify and analyze implicit and explicit evidence in texts to make inferences.
- Determine how a text's perspective and structure contribute to its meaning and style.
- Identify and analyze claims and arguments within informational texts.
- Identify and interpret figurative, connotative, and technical meanings in texts.
- Identify and define common Greek and Latin roots and affixes to determine the meaning of words.
- Use context clues to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
- Use phrases and clauses within different sentence structures when writing.
- Complete writing activities and projects in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- Identify topics and issues in informational texts across a variety of different informational mediums.
- Use knowledge of writing ideas, concepts, and strategies to write informational and argument essays.

### Required Materials:

All Graphic Organizers can be found in the Graphic Organizer Library, as well as each specific activity plan.

### Course Overview:

- This course creates an engaging learning experience that provides students with instruction, videos and animations and the opportunity to further explore and practice course concepts with selected readings, workbook exercises critical thinking activities, discussion board, checkpoints, writing projects and unit exams.