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applications for
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Part 1 Common Core READING Standards & MSS
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Copying definition = **little or no memory of term**
 Rote memorization = **temporary memory**
 Definitions... **Addresses distinctive features**
Student-friendly language
(avoid defining terms using terms that also need defining)

Students **MUST** elaborate new terms to remember them...
 → Multiple-uses of term (in OWN words) in applied contexts
 → Connected to real experiences
 → Visualizing / drawing / illustrating
 → Personal knowledge connections

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The 6-8 Common Core Language Arts Standards
READING LITERATURE

Key Ideas & Details	Craft & Structure	Integration of Knowledge & Ideas
Explicit text vs. Inferences	Determine Theme / Central Idea	How Plot Unfolds / Is Propelled
Determine Word Meanings / Impact of word choice	How Text Structure Contributes to Meaning	Point of View
		Comparing Conveyances of Literature
		Comparing Genres

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RL.6.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.

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- Compare / Contrast: Venn, Matrix, Venn, Matrix & conclusions, Matrix & double conclusions
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4 Word Walls

Across Five Aprils

Name: _____ Date: _____

aloo	Unfriendly, not very social, not connecting well with others		I feel aloof in large groups of people I don't know
imminence			
melancholy			
paralysis			

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contagion		
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Phenolphthalein Fire Fighter Precipitation Precipitation Condensation Condensation

Semantic Table 1 Semantic Table 2 Semantic Table 3

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Semantic Web 2

Name: _____ Date: _____

Little Women

waste time
loiter
linger

dawdle

conservatory

cordial

coiffure

despondent

penitent

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Word Call-outs

Name: _____

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

haggle
argue
rummage

Bargaining about a price
compromise
negotiate

waltz
carcass

contrived
dismal

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Semantic Table 1

Name: _____

The Call of the Wild

Adjectives used to describe personalities of people

Is a type or part of ... OR Is a member of this group ...

TOPIC

imperious

Key things to remember about this topic

Someone who gives orders
Acts superior, authoritative
Views others as unimportant
disdainful haughty lordly prideful overbearing

We all need people who share their knowledge and can act as leaders, we just need them to do it in a nice way

Draw a picture about the topic

Stuck-up kids who think they are better than everybody

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VOCABULARY COMPARISONS

Word Venns Comparisons & Connections Words Linked in Context Word Systems #1 Word Systems #2

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Vocabulary: Word Connections
Words Linked in Context

Name: _____ Date: _____

All of these terms are related to this topic / context ...

Treasure Island

This term	Is linked to this term	Because ...
mutineer (overthrows captain)	buccaneer (pirate -steals at sea)	The buccaneers turned into mutineers
coxswain (steers boat)	helm (boat's steering wheel)	A coxswain uses a helm to steer the ship
cutlass (long fat sword)	bandoleer (ammunition belt)	Both are ways pirates are armed
grog (water & rum)	drunkard (alcoholic)	Drink grog all the time, you turn into a drunkard,
ebb (outward flow of tide)	venture (hazard)	When the tide ebbs, you might venture into a reef & sink!
maroon (stand, abandon)	doubloon Spanish gold coin)	marooned on the island with the doubloon treasure

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Vocabulary: Word Connections
Word Reminds Me Of...

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Contender

Term	Definition	Reminds me of this word	Because
bunions	Places on foot - swelling, thickening of skin, painful	blisters	Both are types of sores you get on your feet
Harlem			
marquee			
racketeers			

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Word Relationships Best Guess Personal Connections REAL World Connections RELATE to Real World

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Vocabulary: Word Connections
Connection Table

Name: _____ Date: _____

STORY

A Christmas Carol is about...

How visions of past, present, & future change a selfish man

Term	How the Term Was Used in the Story	Personal Experiences Related to Term
affable friendly, genial	Used to describe Mrs. Cratchet (Tiny Tim's mom)	My brother, David is really affable so everybody loves him
destitute		
exorable		
loath		

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All of these terms are related to this topic...

Salt Hands by Jane Chelsea Aragon

New Word	Definition	Personal Connection (the word makes you think of...)
Rattle: I heard something outside like a rattle or a breath.	a soft sound like things rubbing together	Getting scared when walking in the woods at night
Cast: The moon cast a shadow of his center on the ground.	to direct or project an image	He cast the bait into the lake.
Frighten: I didn't want to frighten the deer.	scare or startle	I like to frighten little kids on Halloween.
Sprinkled: I went in and sprinkled some salt into my hands.	to drop or scatter in small bits	Mom sprinkled candy on the ice cream.
Silently: I tiptoed outside and stepped toward him silently.	quietly, without a sound	Jane silently walked home.
Nibbled: I sang a song softly, while he nibbled on fallen pears.	to eat in small bites	I nibbled at the cake until it was gone.
Cautiously: He moved closer to me cautiously.	carefully	I cautiously went into the haunted house.
Gentle: They were gentle, and I knew he was not afraid	kind, soft, mild, not harsh	Everyone loved the gentle dog.

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REAL World Connections

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

Reveal key features Topic: **condescend**
 Definition: To make someone feel inferior or humiliated by way you speak to or treat them

Huck's viewed black people as inferior to himself Way Huck treated Jim was condescending Huck liked Jim yet was clueless about how condescended him

Evaluate its value to our world
 Why the idea SHOULD be part of today's world AND / OR Why the idea SHOULD NOT be part of today's world

Reasoning: Everyone should be treated with respect - condescending treatment of an individual hurts everyone, including the person doing it!

Analyze reactions
 Why people cause the topic to occur more Why people prevent the topic from occurring

Reasoning: Zero-tolerance for racists or sexist remarks

List background knowledge or experiences related to this topic
 Some groups of students think they are better than everyone else so they acting condescending toward others

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WORD FEATURES ANALYSIS

Word ASN Word ASN Before & After Features Analysis

COLOR: Sun #1, Sun #2 Backline: Butterfly Life Cycle COLOR: Birds, Literary Forms

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Features

- Kind hearted
- Condescending
- Dishonest
- Loyal
- Mischievous
- Oblivious to needs of others
- Pretentious
- Contentious
- Smart
- Victimized
- Racist

Codes

- Y = Yes, term has this feature
- N = No, term does not have this feature
- S = Sometimes term has this feature, sometimes not

Terms

Term	Kind hearted	Condescending	Dishonest	Loyal	Mischievous	Oblivious to needs of others	Pretentious	Contentious	Smart	Victimized	Racist
Huck Finn	S	S	S	S	S	S	A	N	A	S	S
Tom Sawyer											
Widow Douglas											
Jim											
Pap											
The Duke											
Grangerfords											
Wilks											
Aunt Polly											

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Features

- Fiction
- Non-Fiction
- Characters
- Setting
- Plot
- Theme
- In verse
- In prose
- Has moral
- Has protagonist

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Topics

Topic	Fiction	Non-Fiction	Characters	Setting	Plot	Theme	In verse	In prose	Has moral	Has protagonist
Novel	Y	S	Y	Y	Y	S	Y	S	S	S
Short Story	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	S	S	S
Poetry	S	S	S	S	N	S	N	S	S	S
Lyric	N	N	S	S	N	S	Y	N	S	N
Drama	S	S	Y	Y	Y	S	N	Y	S	N
Tragedy	S	S	Y	Y	Y	S	S	S	S	S
Comedy	S	S	Y	Y	Y	S	N	Y	S	N
Satire	S	S	Y	Y	Y	S	S	S	S	S
Essay	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	S	N	S	N

Conclusion about the topic

- Novel: Largest use of different literary forms
- Short Story: Like a novel, but shorter
- Poetry: Like short story, but not in prose
- Lyric: 2nd most limited use of literary features
- Drama: Everything but a moral
- Tragedy: 2nd most limited use of literary features
- Comedy: Everything but a moral
- Satire: Could include all literary components
- Essay: Most limited use of literary features

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WORD SCAVENGER HUNTS

Scavenger Hunt 1: *Shiloh*, *Base Case of Stripes*

Scavenger Hunt 2: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Scavenger Hunt 3: *Reclamation Politics*

Scavenger Hunt 4: *Reclamation Politics*

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Scavenger Hunt 1

Treasure Island

Keep these new terms in mind as you read new material, watch TV or view a movie, listen to others or the radio. When you see or hear the new term being used, note where it was used and the context (topic and how the term was used). See example below.

Term	Where the term appeared	Context (how used)
stockade	Chapter 3	Jim's on the ship, describing the pirate fort on Treasure Island
swab		
anchorage		
lubber		
hamlet		
tottery		
noggin		
berth		

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Scavenger Hunt 2

The Red Pony

Keep these new terms in mind as you read new material, watch TV or view a movie, listen to others or the radio. When you see or hear the new term being used, note where it was used and the context (topic and how the term was used). Find three different times the term was used.

Term	Where the term appeared	Context (how used)
contemplative		
disciplinarian		
carrion		
saunter		