

ELA Unit Guiding Questions: 6th-12th Grades

TEXT, TOPIC, TASK

Unit:

Step 1: Read the Texts (TEXT)

1. Read the central text(s) in the unit in the order students will experience them. What are the big ideas and key takeaways in each text?
2. Skim the additional texts in the order students will experience them. Note how the additional texts build on the big ideas in the central texts.

Step 2: Understand the Big Picture (TOPIC)

3. What will students learn in this unit? Note key understandings as they relate to standards.
4. How do the unit texts connect to the “Unit Goal” (listed under the “Unit at a glance” section on the Learnzillion site)?
5. What is the focus of each section in this unit (based on how lessons are grouped in sections on the Learnzillion site)?

Step 3: Analyze the Task (TASK)

6. Review the culminating task (writing/research) at the end of the unit. Identify key “look fors” that will indicate student mastery.
7. **Learning Acceleration:** What knowledge/skill from the previous grade does this task require? Who is missing this knowledge/skill and how do you know? What “just in time” support will you provide?