



MJ Language Arts 2 v14 Course Reading List

Segment One

Module 1 – History of Mystery

- Article: “Cave Seekers”
- Short Story: “The Tell-Tale Heart” by Edgar Allan Poe
- Short Story: “The Nest” by Violet Sorzano
- Article: “The Bermuda Triangle: The Mystery Behind the Mystery” by Dr. Chadwick Kuiper
- Article: “Nights and Dragons” from the memoir of author Abigail Prynne
- Article: “The Hidden Celebrity Monster” by Gerald Springs

Module 2 – Everyday Monsters

- Article: “Are Sharks Dangerous, or Are We Dead Wrong?” by Roberta Lavoie
- Students choose TWO articles to read regarding their chosen monster:
 - “Vulture” Compton’s by Britannica
 - “Vultures Make Life Difficult” by M.E. White
 - “Komodo Dragon” Compton’s by Britannica
 - “Giant Lizards of Indonesia” by R.A. Wallami
 - “Jellyfish” Compton’s by Britannica
 - “Jellyfish Take Over” by Rosalind Fone

Module 3 – Social Mayhem

- Article: “The Great North American Circus”
- Short Story: “The Boy Who Cried Wolf” adapted by Valencia Ward
- Short Story: “Johnny Lockout” by Kimberly DeCarlo

Segment 1 Advanced

- Historical Context in *Ender’s Game* by Orson Scott Card
- Students choose ONE to read:
 - *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson
 - *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum
 - *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Segment Two

Module 4 – Scientific Mystery

- Article: “Scientists ID Mysterious Flash in Distant Galaxy” by Alicia Chang
- Article: “How Lift-Offs Lift Our Spirits” by Miranda Sharon
- Article: “The Sky Has No Limits” by Roger T. Reynolds
- Poem: “The Ballad of Bradley Drake” by Lydia Samoy
- Article: “The Alien Attack that Never Happened” by Jan Brent



- Short Story: “What the Aliens Conquered” by Hillary Nichol
- Historical Reading: “Benjamin Franklin Flies a Kite” by Eduardo Mata
- Historical Reading: “A Shocking and Stormy Night” by Prentice Newton

Module 5 – The Monster Within

- Article: “Erika’s Story: Pressure to Pass” by Regina Rinaldi
- Poem: “The Monster Within” by Auden Bennet
- Play: *Alienated* by Ken Preuss
- Excerpts from the following poems:
 - “The Rain” by Robert Louis Stevenson
 - “The Raven” by Edgar Allan Poe
 - “Fire and Ice” by Robert Frost
- Students choose ONE novel to read:
 - *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman
 - *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt
 - *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick
 - *The Magician’s Nephew* by CS Lewis
 - *The Yearling* by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Module 6 – Weather Mayhem

- Students see examples of the various components of an argument essay, but there are no readings of fiction or non-fiction texts.
- Students will research/read to learn more about their chosen argument writing topic.

Segment 2 Advanced

- Short Story: “The Monkey’s Paw” by W. W. Jacobs