

Units of Study

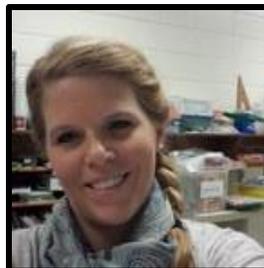
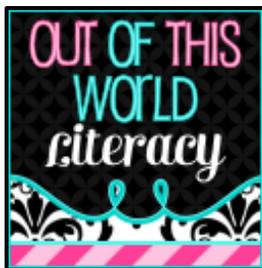
Grades
2-6

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Covers
7 Units

136 Additional
Text Suggestions

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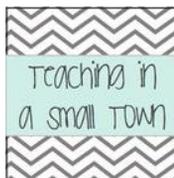
Rationale:

- This resource was created so that schools who were using the units of study in multiple grades could have additional suggested text titles for the lessons.
- Of course, teachers can choose any texts they have available that are related to the specific genre they are teaching.
- The texts used during interactive read alouds, which will become mentor texts during the mini lessons, can be any text that is appropriate for that particular genre.
 - For example, if you are teaching the personal narrative unit, you might search for mentor texts in your school library that are memoirs.
- Once you have decided on your mentor texts in advance of teaching the unit, then you can go ahead and begin reading the texts to your class.
 - This will prepare them for the learning they will be doing during the unit because you will reference whatever mentor texts you read as you teach each mini lesson.
- The texts suggested in this resource are simply additional suggestions to the texts used as examples in the units of study resources.
- The lessons can be taught at different levels of intensity, from grades 2-6. Many of the lessons are similar across grade levels, but the Common Core State Standards always match each particular grade.
- I intentionally made the lessons similar for several reasons:
 - So that schools using the lessons in more than one grade can create a common language that is familiar for students from one year to the next.
 - Because, after studying the Common Core State Standards very carefully, I noticed that several of the standards were nearly the same from one grade to the next.
 - So that the lessons would be challenging enough for all students. I reasoned that teachers can always alter the content to a less difficult degree, or take more time, if necessary for their students.
- To see the units of study available, as well as the supplemental resources for each unit, please click on the following link:

• <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Jen-Bengel/Category/Units-of-Study>

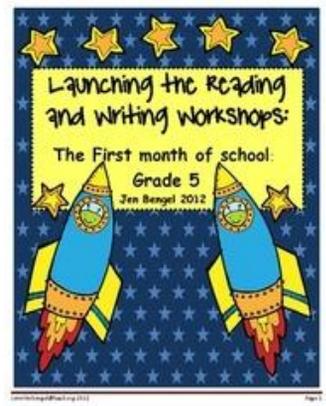
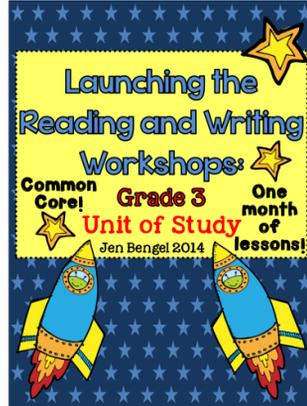
• Thank you so much for downloading this free resource! I hope it helps you in making your selections for mentor texts when teaching the units!

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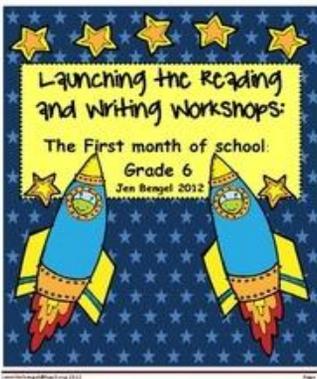


Launching the Reading and Writing Workshop:

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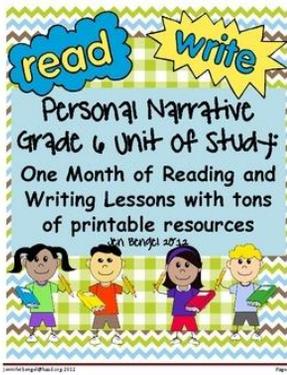
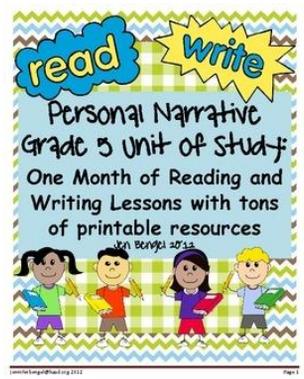
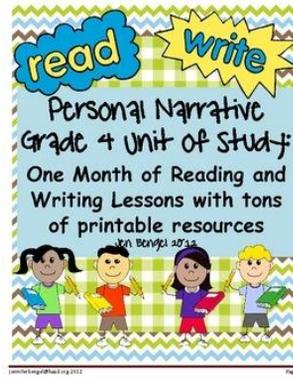
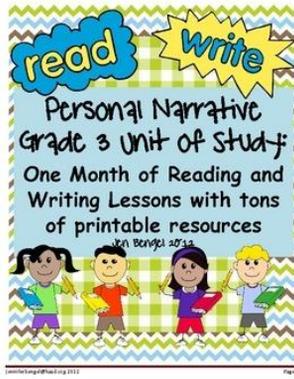
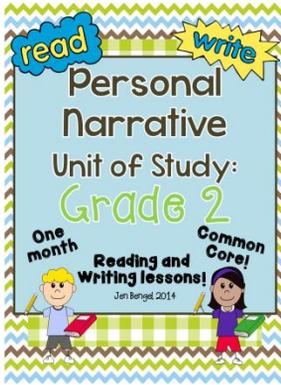


- First Day Jitters by Julie Danneburg
- This School Year Will Be the Best by Kay Winters
- But Excuse Me That is My Book by Lauren Child
- Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns to Listen by Howard Binko
- Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns About Bullies by Howard Binko
- Stand in My Shoes Kids Learning About Empathy by Bob Sornson

- My Name is Yoon by Helen Recorvits
- One Green Apple by Eve Bunting
- Those Shoes by Marybeth Boelts
- How I Spent My Summer Vacation by Mark Teague
- Flores by David Wiesner
- Ruby's Wish by Shirin Yim Dismondy
- Owen by Kevin Henkes
- Junkyard by Mike Austin
- Nobody's Perfect: A Story for Children About Perfectionism by Ellen Flanagan Burns

Personal Narrative Unit of Study:

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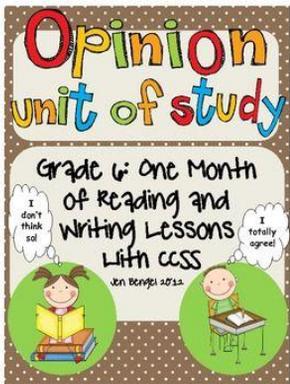
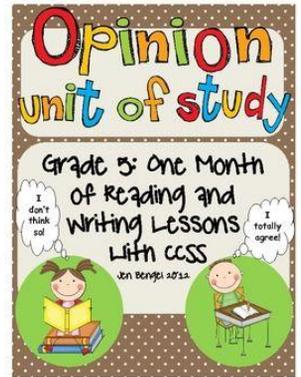
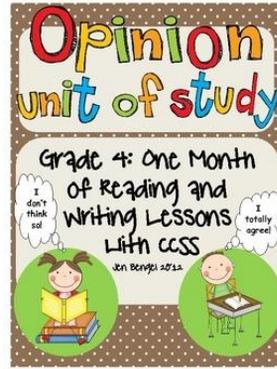
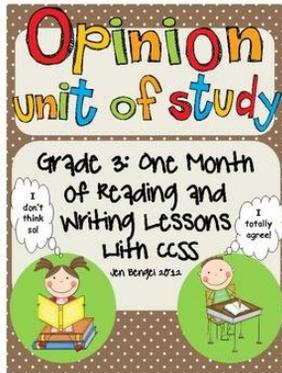
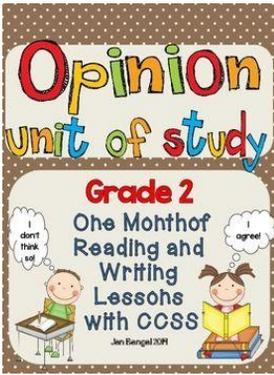


Additional Text Suggestions:

- Bully by Patricia Polacco
- What You Know First by Patricia MacLachlan
- The Relatives Game by Cynthia Rylant
- My Father's Hands by Joanne Ryder
- A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams
- Dancing Heart by Libba Gray
- Chicken Sunday by Patricia Polacco
- Grandpa's Face by Eloise Greenfield
- Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox
- The Paperboy by Dav Pilkey
- The Bee Tree by Patricia Polacco
- Thundercake by Patricia Polacco
- Mr. Grumpy's Motor Car by John Burningham
- When Lightning Comes in a Jar by Ernest L. Polacco
- The Wednesday Surprise by Eve Bunting
- Train to Somewhere by Eve Bunting
- Smoky Night by Eve Bunting
- Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki
- Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt by Deborah Hopkinson
- Born and Bread in the Great Depression by Jonah Winter

Opinion Unit of Study:

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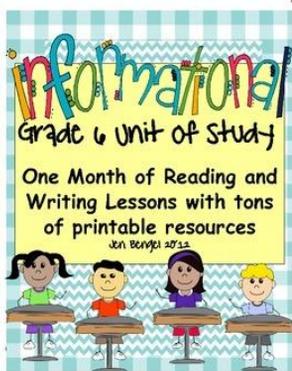
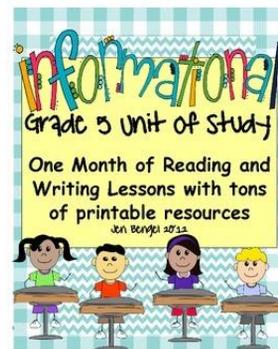
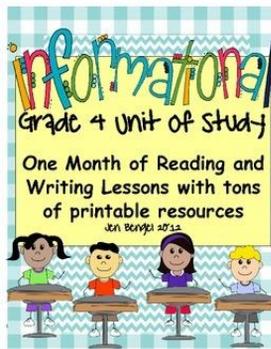
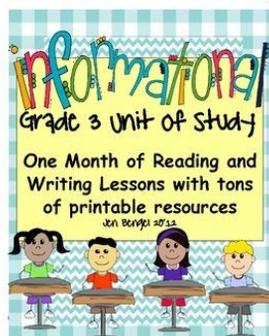
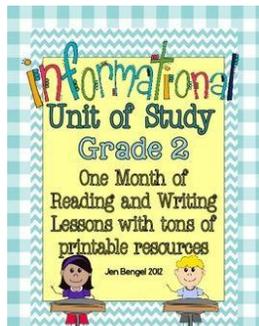


Additional Text Suggestions:

- But It's Just a Game by Julia Cook
- Tease Monster: A Book About Teasing vs. Bullying by Julia Cook
- Boy + Boy by Ame Dyckman
- Earrings by Judith Viorst
- I Just Want to Do it My Way by Julia Cook
- My Brother Dan's Delicious by Steven L. Layne
- The Perfect Pet by Margie Palatini
- Red is Best by Kathy Stinson
- Mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle by Kathryn Walker
- The Mystery of Atlantis by Kathryn Walker
- I Don't Want to Be a Pea by Ann Bonwill
- I am Not a Copycat by Ann Bonwill
- Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin
- The Mystery of the Loch Ness Monster by Holly Wallace
- The Mary Celeste: An Unsolved Mystery from History by Jane Yolen
- The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt
- Strange Mysteries from Around the World by Semour Simon
- George vs. George: The American Revolution as Seen From Both Sides by Rosalyn Schanzer
- Those Darn Squirrels by Adam Rubin
- If Mom Had Three Arms by Karen Kaufman Orloff

Informational Unit of Study:

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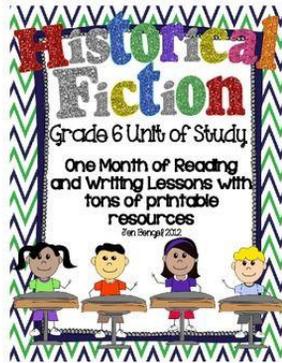
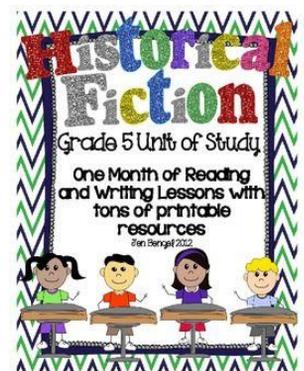
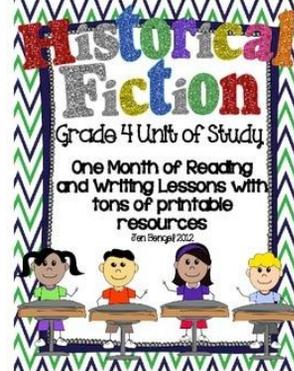
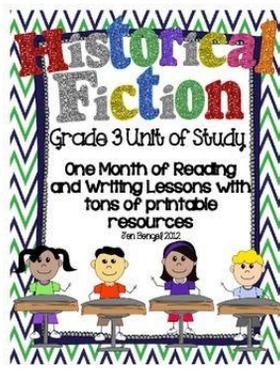
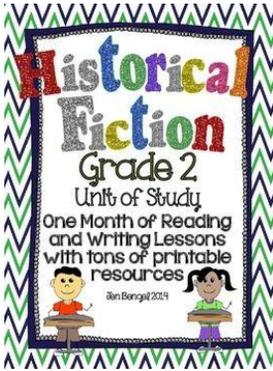


Additional Text Suggestions:

- Killer Whales by Semour Simon
- Sharks by Semour Simon
- 14 Cows for America by Carmen Agra Deedy
- Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys by Mary Williams
- What's Out There?: A Book About Space by Lynn Wilson
- The Lost Colony of Roanoke by Jean Fritz
- The Great Fire by Jim Murphy
- How Much is a Million by David Schwartz
- Math Curse by Jon Scieszka
- Weather by Semour Simon
- Weird But True Space Facts by Carmen Bredeson
- Weird But True Food by Carmen Bredeson
- Weird But True Animal Homes by Carmen Bredeson
- 12 Great Barrier Reef Animals! Kids Book About Marine Life: Fun Animal Facts Picture Book for Kids with Native Wildlife Photos by Leanne Annette
- TIME for Kids BIG Book of Why: 1,001 Facts Kids Want to Know by Editors of TIME for Kids Magazine
- 5,000 Awesome Facts About Everything by National Geographic Kids
- The Everything Kids' Astronomy Book: Blast into outer space with stellar facts, intergalactic trivia, and out-of-this-world puzzles by Kathi Wagner
- The Brain: Our Nervous System by Seymour Simon
- Wolves by Seymour Simon
- Animals Nobody Loves by Seymour Simon

Historical Fiction Unit of Study:

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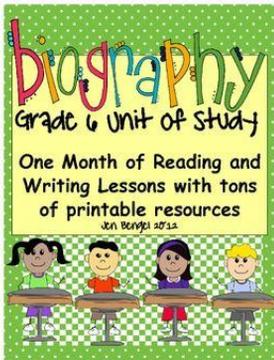
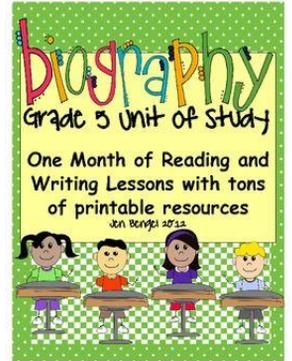
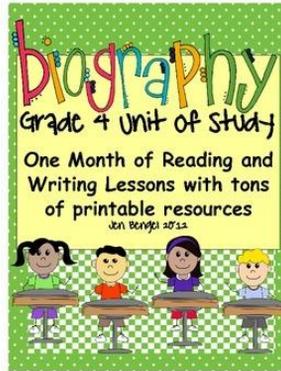
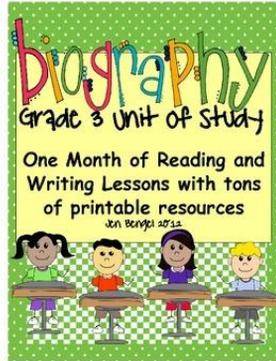
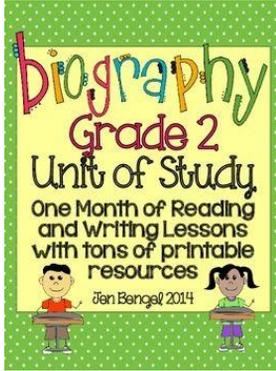


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- Virgie Goes to School With Us Boys by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard
- The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson
- The Memory String by Eve Bunting
- A Day's Work by Eve Bunting
- Four Feet, Two Sandals by Karen Lynn Williams
- Freedom Summer by Deborah Wiles
- Grandfather's Journey by Allen Say
- Sitti's Secrets by Naomi Shihab Nye
- Dandelions by Eve Bunting
- So Far From the Sea by Eve Bunting
- How Many Days to America? A Thanksgiving Story by Eve Bunting
- Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco
- January's Sparrow by Patricia Polacco
- The Matchbox Diary by Paul Fleischman
- This Is the Rope: A Story From the Great Migration by Jacqueline Woodson
- Rifka Takes a Bow by Betty Rosenberg
- Locomotive by Brian Floca
- Lightship by Brian Floca
- A Picnic in October by Eve Bunting
- Encounter by Jane Yolen

Biography Unit of Study:

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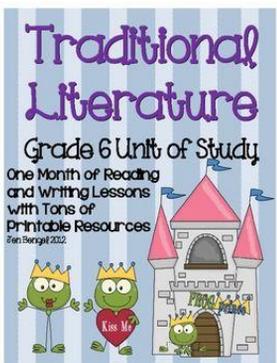
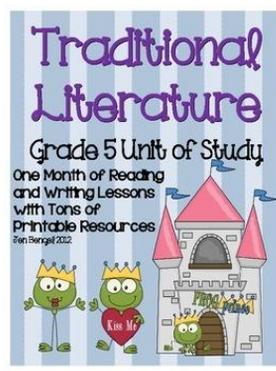
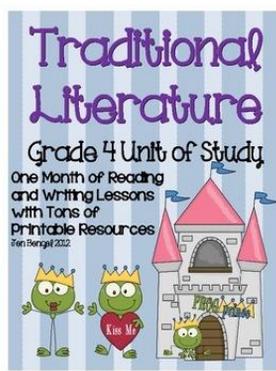
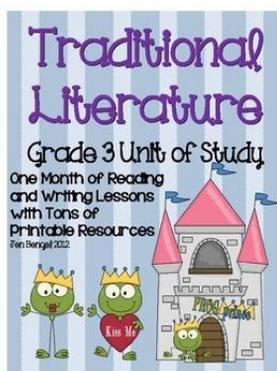
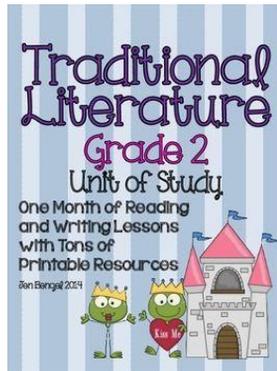


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- The Poppy Lady: Moina Belle Michael and Her Tribute to Veterans by **Barbara Walsh**
- Wangari's Tree of Peace by **Jeanette Winter**
- A Picture Book of Martin Luther King Jr. by **David A. Adler**
- Henry's Freedom Box by **Ellen Levine**
- Daredevil: The Daring Life of Betty Skelton by **Meghan McCarthy**
- Nelson Mandela by **Kadir Nelson**
- Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau by **Jennifer Berne**
- The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with Chimps by **Jeanette Winter**
- Jose! Born to Dance: The Story of Jose Limon by **Susanna Reich**
- Snowflake Bentley by **Jacqueline Briggs Martin**
- Lady Liberty: A Biography by **Doreen Rappaport**
- Jack's Path of Courage: The Life of John F. Kennedy by **Doreen Rappaport**
- To Dare Mighty Things: The Life of Theodore Roosevelt by **Doreen Rappaport**
- Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez by **Kathleen Krull**
- An Eye for Color: The Story of Josef Albers by **Natasha Wing**
- Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride by **Pam Munoz Ryan**
- Different Like Goco by **Elizabeth Matthews**
- Dirt on their Skirts: The Story of the Young Women Who Won the World Championship by **Doreen Rappaport**
- Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom by **Carole Boston Weatherford**
- Noah Webster and His Words by **Jeri Chase Ferris**

Traditional Literature Unit of Study:

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Additional Text Suggestions:

- Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe
- Seriously, Cinderella is SO Annoying by Trisha Speed Shaskan
- Cinders: A Chicken Cinderella by Jan Brett
- The Three Pigs by David Wiesner
- Stone Soup by Ann McGovern
- Lon Po Po by Ed Young
- Honestly, Red Riding Hood Was Rotten!: The Story of Little Red Riding Hood as Told by the Wolf (The Other Side of the Story) by Trisha Speed Shaskan
- Trust Me, Jack's Beanstalk Stinks!: The Story of Jack and the Beanstalk as Told by the Giant (The Other Side of the Story) by Eric Braun
- Really, Rapunzel Needed a Haircut!: The Story of Rapunzel as Told by Dame Gothel (The Other Side of the Story) by Jessica Gunderson
- Frankly, I Never Wanted to Kiss Anybody!: The Story of the Frog Prince as Told by the Frog (The Other Side of the Story) by Nancy Loewen
- Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale by Verna Aardema
- A Story, A Story by Gail E. Haley
- The Legend of Lightning Larry by Aaron Shepard
- The Very Smart Pea and the Princess-to-be by Mini Grey
- There Was an Odd Princess Who Swallowed a Pea by Jennifer Ward
- There Was an Old Pirate Who Swallowed a Fish by Jennifer Ward
- Cow Can't Sleep by Ken Baker
- Give Up Gecko by Meghan Reed MacDonald
- Chalk by Bill Thomson
- Cactus Soup by Eric A. Kimmel