Advanced ELA: Grade 4		
UNIT/Weeks	Timeline/Topics	Essential Questions
6	Reaching Out • We can all help each other in many different ways.	 How do friends help each other? How can an author show what it takes to be a leader? What happens when one person helps another? How can characters' actions inspire us to do good things? What motivates one character to help another?
6	Do You Know What I Mean? • We express ourselves in many ways	 How are old and new fairy tales alike and different? How can movies express facts and opinions? How would you make someone comfortable in a new place? How can characters' actions inspire us to do good things? What motivates one character to help another?
6	Natural Encounters Nature can amaze us	 How do animals influence your opinion of nature? How can nature influence events? How do events in nature affect other events? How do illustrations make a text interesting? How do details help you understand the main idea?
6	Never Give Up! There is more than one secret to success	 What traits do successful people have in common? What steps can you take toward success? How can people share their successes? Why might a leader use persuasion? What makes a team successful?
6	 Changes All Around Change happens to us and because of us 	 How would your day differ without TV? What causes change in a community?

		 How do forests and trees show change? How can friendship help us find things in common? Why might an author write about change?
6	Paths to Discovery Exploration leads people to discovery	 How does exploring nature build story events? What are the most important ideas about amphibians? How do facts about museums help shape opinions? What lessons can people learn by working for a cause? How does exploring nature help people form conclusions?
7	Novel Character Analysis Differentiating Conflict Theme Research	How does great literature reveal truths about people, time, and place?