Advanced ELA: Grade 5		
UNIT/Weeks	Timeline/Topics	Essential Questions
1	School Spirit • We never stop learning	<ul> <li>How does a character learn an important lesson?</li> <li>Why is it important to continuously learn throughout our life?</li> <li>What can our differences teach us?</li> <li>What events lead a team to learn double Dutch?</li> <li>How does a character learn an important lesson?</li> </ul>
2	<ul> <li><u>Wild Encounters</u></li> <li>Nature deserves our respect</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What effect can one person have on a stranded sea turtle?</li> <li>Can nature bring out the best in a character?</li> <li>What persuades us to protect the environment?</li> <li>What conclusions can we draw about the sea?</li> <li>What are the most important ideas about cougars?</li> </ul>
3	<b>Revolution!</b> <ul> <li>History is made by individuals</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What effect can one person have on history?</li> <li>How did people's opinions lead to a revolution?</li> <li>How do individual acts of bravery shape history?</li> <li>What events led James Forten to fight for freedom?</li> <li>How did two young people's heroic actions differ?</li> </ul>
4	<ul> <li>What's Your Story?</li> <li>Everyone has a story to tell</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Why does an author want to tell a story?</li> <li>What problem does the character face?</li> <li>What part do facts and opinions play in a story?</li> <li>How do you persuade people to support your ideas?</li> <li>How do the beliefs of a character affect a</li> </ul>

5	<ul> <li><u>Under Western Skies</u></li> <li>Our country is always changing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What events take the children across a changing land?</li> <li>How does knowing the right actions change events?</li> <li>Which ideas about vaqueros show how America changed?</li> <li>Why does a pioneer traveler record events in a journal?</li> <li>How does the author feel about Lewis and Clark?</li> </ul>
6	Journey to Discovery • Discovery takes many paths	<ul> <li>How do graphics and captions help show the paths animals take?</li> <li>What lessons can we learn from other cultures?</li> <li>What facts and opinions have people assembled about fossils?</li> <li>How do people sort through information to reach conclusions?</li> <li>Which details help to explain the important ideas about mazes and paths?</li> </ul>
7	<ul> <li>Novel Analysis</li> <li>Differentiating Conflict</li> <li>Theme</li> <li>Research</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>How does great literature reveal truths about people, time, and place?</li> </ul>