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

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