

Word Analysis, Fluency, and Systematic Vocabulary Development

1.1 Analyze idioms, analogies, metaphors, and similes to infer the literal and figurative meanings of phrases.

analyze *to examine or think about something carefully in order to understand it*

infer *to come to believe something is true or to draw a conclusion based on information you have learned or assumed to be accurate*

literal *meaning exactly what the words say, based on their original meaning*

figurative *the words mean something other than what they mean literally; "it's raining cats and dogs" means it's raining hard, not that cats and dogs are falling from the sky*

1.2 Understand the most important points in the history of English language and use common word origins to determine the historical influences on English word meanings.

common *existing in large numbers; regular; widespread; ordinary*

origin *beginning; where something come from*

determine *to find out the facts or to decide something*

historical *relating to the study of past events*

influence *effect on something; to have an effect on something*

Reading Comprehension (Focus on Informational Materials)

2.2 Analyze text that uses proposition and support patterns.

analyze *to examine or think about something carefully in order to understand it*

text *the words in a piece of writing*

proposition *a statement in which you express a judgment or opinion; thesis*

support *information (facts, statistics, examples) or arguments provided to demonstrate (show or prove) that a proposition is true or should be accepted*

patterns *the regular or systematic way in which something happens, develops, or is done*

Literary Response and Analysis

3.2 Evaluate the structural elements of the plot (e.g., subplots, parallel episodes, climax), the plot's development, and the way in which conflicts are (or are not) addressed and resolved.

evaluate *to carefully consider something or someone in order to judge him, her, or it, especially as it relates to meeting a standard or standards*

structural *relating to the way the parts of something connect with each other in order to make a whole*

element *a part or a piece of something larger or more complicated*

development *the process of moving forward or a new event that changes a situation*

conflict *a struggle between two or more opposing forces*

resolve *to find an answer or solution to a problem or a way of dealing with it; to solve*