Word Analysis, Fluency, and Systematic Vocabulary Development

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 comes from
determine	to find out the facts or to decide something
historical	relating to the study of past events
influence	an effect on something; to have an effect on something

Reading Comprehension (Focus on Informational Materials)

2.3 Find similarities and differences between texts in the treatment, scope, or organization of ideas.

similarity	almost the same, alike
difference	a way in which two or more things are not like each other
texts	any written work (e.g., book, article, poem, newspaper, short story, etc.)
treatment	the way in which a subject is examined, talked or written about, or dealt with
scope	how broadly or narrowly a subject is covered in a literary work
organization	the way in which the parts or pieces are put together or presented

Literary Response and Analysis

3.3 Compare and contrast motivations and reactions of literary characters from different historical eras confronting similar situations or conflicts.

compare	to examine or judge two or more things in order to show how they are similar or different
contrast	to examine or judge two or more things to show how they are different
motivation	the reason or reasons a character behaves in a certain way
reaction	a change, response, or effect that is the result of something

Other Important Words

character a person, animal, or other self-aware being in a literary work

characterization the way a writer reveals the personality of a character

direct characterization

the author simply tells the reader about a character's personality (e.g., Juan is selfish, responsible, funny, friendly, brave, bright, optimistic, etc.)

indirect characterization

the personality of a character is revealed or shown by that character's own words, looks, thoughts, or actions, or by comments from other characters in the story; in other words, the author does not tell the reader the character's personality, but provides evidence so the reader can make a judgment