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Subject: Language Arts

Grade: 6

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CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.RL.6.	Progress Indicators for Reading Literature
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
CONTENT STATEMENT	RL.6.1.	<p>Cite textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p> <p>BookTaco Book Notes Opportunity for students to submit their thoughts, feelings, insight and observations on a book. Once submitted, Book Notes is marked completed and game coins earned with the notes appearing in the teacher's Reports page ready for review and assessment.</p> <p>Book Quiz Multiple choice based comprehension questions allowing teachers to customize test settings including passing score, number of attempts, and day of the week. Quiz questions are shuffled and randomized to maintain testing integrity.</p> <p>Book Review Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal.</p> <p>Book Talk Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice.</p> <p>Chapter Notes One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read.</p> <p>Compare & Contrast Characters Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and differences.</p> <p>Draw It! Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description.</p> <p>Paragraph Writing Prompts Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.</p> <p>Plot Diagram Students organize the elements of a narrative text by identifying the exposition, rising action, the climax, the main events of the falling action and the resolution.</p> <p>Point Of View! Assess the level of a student's thinking about the reading and their ability to support conclusions with text-based evidence.</p> <p>Retell The Story Practice summarizing and retelling the story (writing or pictures) by challenging students to identify main ideas, themes, and key details.</p> <p>Story Mapping The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p>
CONTENT STATEMENT	RL.6.2.	<p>Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.</p> <p>BookTaco Book Talk Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice.</p> <p>Chapter Notes One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read.</p> <p>Compare & Contrast Characters Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and</p>

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CONTENT STATEMENT	RL.6.3.	<p>Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.</p> <p>BookTaco Book Review Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal.</p> <p>Chapter Notes One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read.</p> <p>Compare & Contrast Characters Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and differences.</p> <p>Paragraph Writing Prompts Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.</p> <p>Plot Diagram Students organize the elements of a narrative text by identifying the exposition, rising action, the climax, the main events of the falling action and the resolution.</p> <p>Point Of View! Assess the level of a student's thinking about the reading and their ability to support conclusions with text-based evidence.</p> <p>Story Mapping The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p>
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.RL.6.	Progress Indicators for Reading Literature
STRAND		Craft and Structure
CONTENT STATEMENT	RL.6.4.	<p>Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.</p> <p>BookTaco Definition Matching Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement.</p>
CONTENT STATEMENT	RL.6.5.	<p>Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.</p> <p>BookTaco Book Review Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal.</p> <p>Paragraph Writing Prompts Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.</p> <p>Plot Diagram Students organize the elements of a narrative text by identifying the exposition, rising action, the climax, the main events of the falling action and the resolution.</p> <p>Retell The Story Practice summarizing and retelling the story (writing or pictures) by challenging students to identify main ideas, themes, and key details.</p> <p>Story Mapping</p>

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CONTENT STATEMENT	RL.6.6.	<p>Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.</p> <p>BookTaco Point Of View! Assess the level of a student's thinking about the reading and their ability to support conclusions with text-based evidence.</p>
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.RL.6.	Progress Indicators for Reading Literature
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
CONTENT STATEMENT	RL.6.10.	<p>By the end of the year read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems at grade level text-complexity or above, scaffolding as needed.</p> <p>BookTaco Book Notes Opportunity for students to submit their thoughts, feelings, insight and observations on a book. Once submitted, Book Notes is marked completed and game coins earned with the notes appearing in the teacher's Reports page ready for review and assessment. Book Quiz Multiple choice based comprehension questions allowing teachers to customize test settings including passing score, number of attempts, and day of the week. Quiz questions are shuffled and randomized to maintain testing integrity. Book Review Book Taco survey questions about how the student experienced the book and their overall rating of the characters, plot, and appeal. Book Talk Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice. Chapter Notes One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read. Compare & Contrast Characters Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and differences. Draw It! Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description. Paragraph Writing Prompts Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading. Plot Diagram Students organize the elements of a narrative text by identifying the exposition, rising action, the climax, the main events of the falling action and the resolution. Point Of View! Assess the level of a student's thinking about the reading and their ability to support conclusions with text-based evidence. Retell The Story Practice summarizing and retelling the story (writing or pictures) by challenging students to identify main ideas, themes, and key details. Story Mapping The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story.</p>
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.RI.6.	Progress Indicators for Reading Informational Text
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
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CONTENT STATEMENT	RI.6.3.	<p>Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).</p> <p>BookTaco Nonfiction 3-2-1 Fun Nonfiction graphic organizer helps students organize their understanding of a book or text.</p> <p>Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.</p> <p>Nonfiction Text Features Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.</p> <p>Paragraph Writing Prompts Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.</p>
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.RI.6.	Progress Indicators for Reading Informational Text
STRAND		Craft and Structure
CONTENT STATEMENT	RI.6.4.	<p>Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.</p> <p>BookTaco Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.</p> <p>Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar.</p>
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.RI.6.	Progress Indicators for Reading Informational Text
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
CONTENT STATEMENT	RI.6.7.	<p>Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.</p> <p>BookTaco Book Notes Opportunity for students to submit their thoughts, feelings, insight and observations on a book. Once submitted, Book Notes is marked completed and game coins earned with the notes appearing in the teacher's Reports page</p>

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CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.W.6.	Progress Indicators for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
CONTENT STATEMENT	W.6.7.	<p>Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.</p> <p>BookTaco Book Notes Opportunity for students to submit their thoughts, feelings, insight and observations on a book. Once submitted, Book Notes is marked completed and game coins earned with the notes appearing in the teacher's Reports page ready for review and assessment.</p>
CONTENT STATEMENT	W.6.8.	<p>Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.</p> <p>BookTaco Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.</p> <p>Paragraph Writing Prompts Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.</p>
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.W.6.	Progress Indicators for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
CONTENT STATEMENT	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR	W.6.9.B.	<p>Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").</p> <p>BookTaco Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.</p> <p>Paragraph Writing Prompts Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.</p>
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.W.6.	Progress Indicators for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
CONTENT	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection,

STATEMENT		metacognition/self correction, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. BookTaco Paragraph Writing Prompts Students can view and select from a variety of different writing prompts. Once their paragraph(s) is ready it can be submitted for review/grading.
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.SL.6.	Progress Indicators for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
CONTENT STATEMENT	SL.6.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR	SL.6.1.A.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion. BookTaco Book Talk Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice. Nonfiction Text Features Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR	SL.6.1.B.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed. BookTaco Book Talk Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice. Nonfiction Text Features Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR	SL.6.1.C.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion. BookTaco Book Talk Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice. Nonfiction Text Features Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.SL.6.	Progress Indicators for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
CONTENT STATEMENT	SL.6.4.	Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate speaking behaviors (e.g., eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation). BookTaco Book Talk Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice.
CONTENT STATEMENT	SL.6.5.	Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, images, music, sound) and visual displays in presentations to clarify information. BookTaco Book Talk Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice.
CONTENT STATEMENT	SL.6.6.	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

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CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.L.6.	Progress Indicators for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
CONTENT STATEMENT	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR	L.6.1.E.	<p>Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.</p> <p>BookTaco Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar. Word Introduction Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage.</p>
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.L.6.	Progress Indicators for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
CONTENT STATEMENT	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR	L.6.2.B.	<p>Spell correctly.</p> <p>BookTaco Hear It Say It Write It Word pronunciation with student modeling along with word writing in print or cursive. Word Introduction Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage. Word Jumble Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience. Word Ladder Interactive exercise deepening knowledge of new words, boosting working memory and increasing student exposure.</p>
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.L.6.	Progress Indicators for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
CONTENT STATEMENT	L.6.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR	L.6.4.A.	<p>Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</p> <p>BookTaco Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar. Sentence Completion Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words. Word Introduction Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage. Word Jumble Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience.</p>
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR	L.6.4.C.	<p>Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.</p> <p>BookTaco Nonfiction Text Features Encourage your students to review nonfiction books for text features and discuss the impact and significance of each.</p>
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS	L.6.4.D.	<p>Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).</p>

INDICATOR		<p><u>BookTaco</u> Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar. Sentence Completion Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words. Word Introduction Introduction to definitions, synonyms, antonyms and contextual usage. Word Jumble Active and fun learning medium promoting language acquisition through contextual and visual experience.</p>
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STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
CONTENT STATEMENT	L.6.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
CUMULATIVE PROGRESS INDICATOR	L.6.5.C.	Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., stingy, scrimping, economical, unwasteful, thrifty). <u>BookTaco</u> Definition Matching Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement.
CONTENT AREA / STANDARD	NJ.L.6.	Progress Indicators for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
CONTENT STATEMENT	L.6.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. <u>BookTaco</u> Book Talk Student generated video response where students record and capture their true feelings about the books they read. The perfect tool to promote public speaking skills, collaboration, advocacy and student voice. Chapter Notes One page chapter notes organizer helps students organize characters and events for each chapter read. Compare & Contrast Characters Template and word bank for the analysis of two characters' similarities and differences. Definition Matching Definition matching exercise leveraging high level engagement with pronunciation reinforcement. Draw It! Fun activity where students get to express their creativity by drawing their favorite parts of books and providing description. Hear It Say It Write It Word pronunciation with student modeling along with word writing in print or cursive. Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. Plot Diagram Students organize the elements of a narrative text by identifying the exposition, rising action, the climax, the main events of the falling action and the resolution. Point Of View! Assess the level of a student's thinking about the reading and their ability to support conclusions with text-based evidence. Retell The Story Practice summarizing and retelling the story (writing or pictures) by challenging students to identify main ideas, themes, and key details. Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar. Sentence Completion Matching exercise challenges the understanding of the appropriate contextual usage of the words. Story Mapping The describe the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end of the story. Vocabulary Test

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