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**Secondary Criteria:** BookTaco **Subject:** Language Arts

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# North Carolina Standard Course of Study Language Arts

Grade: **7** - Adopted: **2017** 

CONTENT AREA /STRAND	NC.RL.	READING: LITERATURE
STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	RL.1.	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
CONTENT AREA	NC.RL.	cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.  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 detai
/STRAND	RL.2.	Determine central ideas (RI) or themes (RL) of a text and analyze their
ESSENTIAL STANDARD		development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	RL.7.2.	Determine a theme of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.  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.  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.
CONTENT AREA /STRAND	NC.RL.	READING: LITERATURE
STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	RL.4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	RL.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text; analyze the impact of rhymes and repetitions of sounds on meaning and tone in a specific line or section of a literary work.
		BookTaco 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.
CONTENT AREA /STRAND	NC.RL.	READING: LITERATURE
STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	RL.5.	Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	RL.7.5.	Analyze how a drama's or poem's (or other literary genre's) form or structure contributes to its meaning.  BookTaco Retell The Story
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CONTENT AREA / STRAND	NC.RL.	READING: LITERATURE
STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	RL.6.	Assess how point of view, perspective, or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING	RL.7.6.	Analyze how an author develops and contrasts the perspectives of different characters in a text.
OBJECTIVE		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.
CONTENT AREA /STRAND	NC.RL.	READING: LITERATURE
STRAND /	RL.10.	Read and understand complex literary and informational texts independently

ESSENTIAL STANDARD		and proficiently, connecting prior knowledge and experiences to text.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	RL.7.10.	By the end of grade 7, read and understand literature within the 6-8 text complexity band proficiently and independently for sustained periods of time. Connect prior knowledge and experiences to text.
		Book Taco 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
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STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	RI.1.	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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		book or text.  Nonfiction Book Report  Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.  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 / STRAND	NC.RI.	READING: INFORMATIONAL TEXT
STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	RI.2.	Determine central ideas (RI) or themes (RL) of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	RI.7.2.	Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.  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 3-2-1 Fun Nonfiction graphic organizer helps students organize their understanding of a book or text.  Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension.  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.
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STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	RI.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	RI.7.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text.  BookTaco Nonfiction 3-2-1 Fun Nonfiction graphic organizer helps students organize their understanding of a book or text. Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. 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 /STRAND	NC.RI.	READING: INFORMATIONAL TEXT
STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	RI.4.	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	RI.7.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.  BookTaco Nonfiction Book Report Great activity to get your students reading for information allowing for assessment of understanding and comprehension. Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar.
CONTENT AREA / STRAND	NC.RI.	READING: INFORMATIONAL TEXT
STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	RI.10.	Read and understand complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently, connecting prior knowledge and experiences to text.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	RI.7.10.	By the end of grade 7, read and understand informational texts within the 6-8 text complexity band proficiently and independently for sustained periods of time. Connect prior knowledge and experiences to text.  BookTaco Book Notes

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CONTENT AREA	NC.W.	WRITING
STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	W.6.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	W.7.6.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.  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.
CONTENT AREA /STRAND	NC.SL.	SPEAKING AND LISTENING
STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	SL.1.	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	SL.7.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one on one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	SL.7.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; 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.
CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	SL.7.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

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CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	SL.7.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic 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.
CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE		Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.  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 / STRAND	NC.SL.	SPEAKING AND LISTENING
STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	SL.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners confollow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	SL.7.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, cohere manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; adapt speed to a variety of contexts and tasks.  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 AREA / STRAND	NC.L.	LANGUAGE
STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; demonstrate proficiency within the appropriate grade band grammar continuum.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; demonstrate proficiency within the 6-8 grammar continuum.  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.
CONTENT AREA / STRAND	NC.L.	LANGUAGE
STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization punctuation, and spelling when writing; demonstrate proficiency within the appropriate grade band conventions continuum.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	L.7.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization punctuation, and spelling when writing; demonstrate proficiency within the 6 conventions continuum.    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.
CONTENT AREA / STRAND	NC.L.	LANGUAGE
STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	L.3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
		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 AREA / STRAND	NC.L.	LANGUAGE
STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	L.4.	Determine and/or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, word relationships, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	L.7.4.	Determine and/or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies: context clues, word parts, word relationships, and reference materials.  BookTaco Sample Unscramble Sentence These scrambled sentences are a great way to teach and reinforce vocabulary, sentence structure, and grammar. Sentence Completion
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CONTENT AREA /STRAND	NC.L.	LANGUAGE
STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	L.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language and nuances in word meanings.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD / CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	L.7.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language and nuances in word meanings.
CLARIFYING OBJECTIVE	L.7.5.b.	Distinguish among the connotations of words with similar denotations.    BookTaco
CONTENT AREA / STRAND	NC.L.	LANGUAGE
STRAND / ESSENTIAL STANDARD	L.6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in developing vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.
ESSENTIAL STANDARD /	L.7.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain- specific words and phrases; develop vocabulary knowledge when considering a

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word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

# 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.

## **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. 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.