**Unit Outline Template**

**Sample Unit Outline**

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| **Unit Title**: Of Mice and Men – A Place to Belong | | |
| **Essential Questions**:   1. What kinds of circumstances are beyond an individual’s control? 2. What is the “American Dream”? 3. What is our responsibility to the friendless? | | |
| **Targeted Indicators** | | **Assessment** |
| 7. Compose writing that conveys a clear main point with logical support. | | Tic Tac Toe |
| 10. Use research skills to locate, gather, evaluate and organize information for different purposes. | | Webquest |
| 12, Use active listening strategies to organize and responds to information presented in different formats for different purposes. | | Interview |
| **Content/ Texts** | | |
| Novel: Of Mice and Men, Steinbeck  Songs: Woody Gutherie Songs  Brother, can you spare a dime? Yip Harburg  To A Mouse, Robert Burns    Dear Mrs. Roosevelt Letters | | |
| **Standards:**  **Benchmark 1-B:** Use comprehension strategies to understand the meaning of text.  **Benchmark IV – A:** Demonstrate proficiency in producing a variety of compositions.  **Benchmark IX – C:**  Use formal or informal, literary or technical language appropriate for the purpose, audience, and context of the communication. | | |
| **Overview** | | |
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| **Day** | **Instructional Focus** | |
| #1 | To a Mouse, Robert Burns  Essential Questions  Reading Schedule  Prior Knowledge  Introduce Vocabulary Chapter 1-3 Attachment 1 | |
| #2 | Discuss:  Exposition  Setting  Conflict  Plot  Theme  Point of View  Chapter 1 – 2(Two is homework) | |
| #3 | Song – Woodie Gutherie Attachment 2  Chapter 3  Look at pictures of migrant farm workers. Attachment 3  You Tube – Talking Dust Bowl Blues, Woodie Gutherie  Exposition Essay Attachment 4 | |
| #4 | Vocabulary Test 1-3 Attachment 5  Interactive Notebook  Chapter 4  WebQuest  <http://www.lifestreamcenter.net/DrB/Lessons/mice-men/index.htm> | |
| #5 | Chapter 5 & 6 (Six is homework)  Introduce Vocabulary Chapter 4-6 Attachment 6  Research Dustbowl, Migrant Farm Workers, and the Great Depression | |
| #6 | Bruce Springsteen Songs  Create Poster Attachment 7 | |
| #7 | Vocabulary Test  Webquest Last Day in Class  <http://www.lifestreamcenter.net/DrB/Lessons/mice-men/index.htm> | |
| #8 | Webquest Turned in  Tic Tac Toe turned in | |
| #9 | MC Test formatted after AP/ACT (Book Test)  Tic Tac Toe | |
| #10 | Tic Tac Toe  Finish Interactive Notebook | |

A Place to Belong

Attachment 4

Prompt for Of Mice and Men

Exposition is the part of the story where character, plot and setting are exposed or introduced. In Chapter One find a passage (a few sentences) that grabs your attention. Fill out the parts of this web that apply to your passage. If one of them does not apply to your passage, leave it blank.

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Setting Irony

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Theme

Then copy the passage at the top of a clean page. Write a TAG paragraph to introduce your book and topic. Then write a body paragraph from the web above. In the concluding paragraph write about how this passage helps you understand the plot or theme of the book. In the end you should have three paragraphs, the first and last paragraphs can be shorter, but the middle body paragraph should be longer and full of supporting details.