6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	(2016-17)
The Power of Voice	

First Trimester	Second Trimester	Third Trimester
Guiding Question: What does it mean to have a voice? What is YOUR voice?	Guiding Question: To which voices will you listen?	Guiding Question: How will I cultivate and express my voice?
[What happens when voices are silenced?]	[Whose voices "matter"? Are all voices equal?]	[How can I join the conversation?]
Historical Content:	Historical Content:	Historical Content:
Sectionalism and Civil War (1848 – 1865) Reconstruction Era (1865 – 1877) Tensions in the West (1865 – 1901) The Rise of Industry (1865 – 1901)	Urbanization and Immigration (1865 – 1896) The Progressive Era (1890 – 1919) The U.S. Becomes a World Power (1872 – 1920) The Roaring 20s and the Great Depression (1920 – 1939)	World War II (1939 – 1945) The Cold War (1945 – 1960) The Civil Rights Era (1954 – 1968) Contemporary American Society (1960 – Present)
Novels:	Novels:	Novels:
Summer Choice  Wonder by R.J. Palacio	Multicultural book clubs Possibilities include: Esperanza Rising Where the Mountain Meets the Moon Sing Down the Moon	Echo Or The War that Saved My Life  I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
Independent Choice 1 - Series book from summer reading	Brown Girl Dreaming Independent Choice 2	Independent Choice 3
Writing Focus: Narrative	Writing Focus: Informational	Writing Focus: Persuasive & Argumentative
Telling a story from multiple	Authentication Research Project	Using your voice to compel

## **Additional Instructional Resources:**

Word Within a Word by Michael Thompson: Word study using Latin and Greek Stems for cumulative quizzes

Sentence Composing/Grammar for Middle School by Jon and Jenny Killgallon