## Big Ideas

**ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:** Cooperation with others is a key to accomplishing personal goals.

**ESSENTIAL QUESTION:** What role does cooperation with others play in accomplishing personal goals?

## Selected Readings of Complex Texts

### ESSENTIAL QUESTION: Which role does cooperation with others play in accomplishing personal goals?

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Research component:
Great Inventions Written Report (T.E. p. 401a)
- Students will choose an invention to research and write a report about on the computer or handwrite it.

Narrative Component:
Write to Entertain Story (T.E. p. 335a)
- After reading *Grandpa Toad’s Secrets* (T.E. p. 196-197), students will write a narrative about someone who finds an interesting way to solve a problem.
- In this project students will describe a field trip.

Opinion Component:
- After listening to *Grandpa Toad’s Secrets* by K. Kasza, students will write an opinion piece about if they think/don’t think Grandpa was a good teacher and why.

Interdisciplinary Connections:

Social Studies:
- U.S. Culture: Animal Mascots T276-277
- Have groups choose an animal for a class mascot, draw the animal, and give reasons for their choice.
- Have a student(s) that plays an instrument to play for the class and/or invite a musician in the community to play an instrument for the class.
- Research an Instrument T377a
- Listen to Sounds T402b
- Great Inventions-Written Report T401a

Science:
- The Electric Zoo [http://netvet.wustl.edu/ssi.htm](http://netvet.wustl.edu/ssi.htm)
- Camouflage Experiment T290a
- Make a Diorama T331a
- Record Sensory Information T336f
- Experiment with Sound T376b
- Sound Wave Experiment T403a

Performance Assessment
Summative:
- Avenues Posttest (Writing included for all levels)
- Diagnostic Phonics Assessment- Phonics Street

Formative (Vocabulary, Grammar, Comprehension/Critical Thinking, High Frequency Words):
- Unit 5
- Unit 6

Writing Focus Assessment (Advanced Level Only):
Avenues Unit 5 Writing Assessment:
- Process of Writing: Revising and Editing
- Written Composition: *Students will write a story about an animal that chases them*

Avenues Unit 6 Writing Assessment:
- Process of Writing: Revising and Editing
- Written Composition: *Students will write a composition to tell how they feel when they hear their favorite sound.*