

**Essential Question:** What can learning about different cultures teach us?

**Unit 3 Week 1**

**Story**

*They Don't Mean It!*

**Genre**

Realistic Fiction

**Story**

"Where Did That Come From?"

**Genre**

Expository Text

**Story**

"A Reluctant Traveler"

**Genre**

Realistic Fiction

**Comprehension Strategy**

summarize

**Comprehension Skill**

theme

**Vocabulary Strategy**

context clues

**Writing Traits**

voice-formal and informal voice

**Grammar**

action verbs

**Other Skills**

fluency: intonation

**Genre**

Realistic Fiction

**SPELLING/  
PHONICS**

open  
syllables

minus  
loser  
humor  
closet  
recent  
student  
equal  
profile  
local  
comet  
vacant  
punish  
cavern  
shiver  
decent  
linen  
legal  
panic  
smoky  
tyrant

**Vocabulary**

**appreciation**- an understanding of the value of something

**blurted**- said suddenly or without thinking

**complimenting**- expressing praise or admiration

**congratulate**- to give good wishes or praise for someone's success or for something nice that has happened

**contradicted**- said the opposite of; disagreed with

**critical**- finding something wrong with things

**cultural**- having to do with the arts, beliefs, and customs of a group of people

**misunderstanding**- the failure to understand or comprehend correctly