Grade 7: Reading Benchmark
Literary Elements

Welcome to Reading with the B.E.S.T.
Amplify ELA Modules for Florida

The Florida Reading Benchmark Modules are projectable instructional resources that provide an introduction to each grade level B.E.S.T. Reading benchmark. They provide students with a foundational understanding of each benchmark and how it supports text analysis through targeted interactive instruction and practice.

Modules are based on a gradual release model and can be used in a variety of ways, including:

- Whole class lessons to introduce and apply benchmark skills and concepts
- Whole class or small group review of benchmark definitions in any lesson where a refresher is needed
- Small group instruction to reinforce and practice skills for struggling students

Within each module, students apply the targeted benchmark to an analysis of passages from texts from the Florida booklists housed in the Amplify Library. Students are given directions on how to access the texts and use the Amplify eReader to highlight and annotate the passages for whole class discussion. The sections in the modules are designed to build upon each other–starting with an introduction to benchmark definitions and culminating with independent practice. This design works best if the modules are approached as a whole, rather than using the sections out of order or skipping parts.

The modules are divided into five sections:

Benchmark Introduction: 5 min.

- Key benchmark definitions, terms, and examples

Benchmark Skill Routine: 10 min.

- Teacher-led introduction to a skill routine for applying the benchmark to text analysis

Benchmark in Action: 10–15 min.

- Teacher-led walkthrough, using a passage from a relevant Florida text to demonstrate how to use the skill routine to analyze a text

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Independent Practice: 10–15 min.

- Directions for student practice, applying the benchmark and skill routine to a second passage from a relevant text

Check for Understanding: 5 min.

- 2–4 key questions students use during whole class discussion to explain their findings and to wrap up the work on each benchmark

In addition, teacher resources in this PDF include:

- **Benchmark Lessons in Amplify ELA:** List of selected lessons where students will encounter and practice the benchmark
- **Benchmark Stack:** List of benchmarks that students are likely to work with while using the spotlight benchmark to analyze a text
- **Possible Responses:** Sample answers for the Check for Understanding section of the module

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Benchmark Lessons in Amplify ELA

List of selected Amplify ELA lessons where students will encounter and practice the benchmark

ELA.7.R.1.1

Literary Elements: Analyze the impact of setting on character development and plot in a literary text.

Benchmark Lessons in Amplify ELA:

7B: Character & Conflict, Sub-unit 2, Lesson 3

7D: Poetry & Poe, Sub-unit 3, Lessons 1 and 2

Benchmark Stack

List of benchmarks that students are likely to work with while using the spotlight benchmark to analyze a text

ELA.7.R.1.1

Literary Elements: Analyze the impact of setting on character development and plot in a literary text.

- **ELA.K12.EE.1.1**
  ELA Expectation: Cite evidence to explain and justify reasoning.
- **ELA.K12.EE.2.1**
  ELA Expectation: Read and comprehend grade-level complex texts proficiently.
- **ELA.7.R.1.2**
  Theme: Compare two or more themes and their development throughout a literary text.

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Possible Responses

1. What details about time, place, and circumstances did you notice?

    - "out of darkness into light; and not only into light, but into the midst of a multitude of singing, dancing, and shouting people, massed together on the river frontage. There was a line of bonfires stretching as far as one could see, up and down the Thames; London Bridge was illuminated; Southwark Bridge likewise; the entire river was aglow with the flash and sheen of coloured lights; and constant explosions of fireworks filled the skies with an intricate commingling of shooting splendours and a thick rain of dazzling sparks that almost turned night into day; everywhere were crowds of revellers; all London seemed to be at large." (par. 57)
    - "forest of legs" and "tossing sea of life" (par. 65)

2. How does the setting affect the characters' emotions? How does it affect the plot?

    - Effect of setting on character: "The Prince's heart was beating high with hopes of escape, now." (par. 58) The prince recognizes that the large crowds and chaotic environment are perfect for his escape; he's hopeful.
    - Effect of setting on plot: The prince slips out of Canty's grip to lose himself in the crowd.

3. How is the effect of the setting in this passage the same or different from the previous passage?

    - This bright setting of celebration allows for the prince's escape from the pauper's father; in the previous setting, the darkness leads the prince deeper toward his fate as a prisoner in the pauper's life.

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