

## Unit Structure

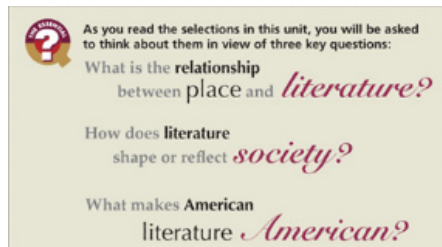
**Introduction** This guide explains the organization of units in Prentice Hall Literature for the American Experience and the British Tradition. It shows how the online lesson activities parallel those in the Student Edition, and it discusses assessment options and student progress monitoring.

**Apply Information to the British Tradition** This guide uses the American Experience materials as an example; however, the topics it discusses apply to the British Tradition. Focus on the purpose of each feature and the activities rather than the content to easily apply what is shown to another program. The lesson activities and teaching resources are similar for every unit.

**Unit Features** Look at the Student Edition table of contents in the Teacher’s Edition. Notice that units explore literature from consecutive periods in history. Each time period focuses on historically relevant themes, such as *Meeting of Cultures*, *The Puritan Influence*, and *A Nation is Born*.

Each theme contains various program features based on the literature selections. Each program feature has a unique purpose. Features include introducing the unit, Comparing Literary Works, Contemporary Connection, Focus On Literary Forms, Informational Text, Author in Depth, and Workshops. The features are organized by theme, so they appear in a different order within each unit.

**Unit Introduction** Each unit begins by introducing the historical context and the literature of the period.



Unit introductions include Snapshot of the Period, Historical Background, Essential Questions of the Literary Period and Contemporary Commentary.

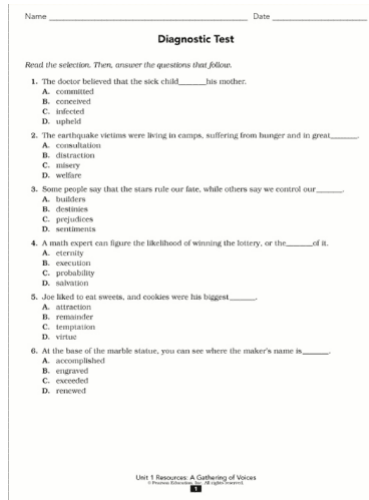
**Comparing Literary Works** Comparing Literary Works supports the study of literary and stylistic elements across a group of selections.

**Contemporary Connection** Contemporary Connection shows relationships between literature and culture.

**Focus on Literary Forms** Focus on Literary Forms helps students develop mastery of genres and literary elements.

<b>Informational Text</b>	The Informational Text feature presents nonfiction forms such as manuals, newspaper articles, and Web sites. Students transfer and apply reading skills and strategies as they read, analyze, and critique primary sources and other real-life readings.
<b>Author in Depth</b>	Author in Depth presents several works of an influential author for comparison to literary works from different historical periods or cultures.
<b>Workshops</b>	The Workshops cover key language arts skills and provide college entrance exam practice. Students also revisit the Essential Questions and select literature for independent reading.
<b>Unit Features on PH Lit Online</b>	<p>After examining the unit organization in the textbook, look at PH Lit Online. Compare the table of contents side by side and notice that the lesson activities are available online.</p> <p>The online activities can be used for whole-class instruction and assigned to students for independent study.</p> <p>Students can interact with the content using tools such as highlighters, notes, and journals. Online selections include the same reading support as provided in the textbook and Reader’s Notebooks.</p>

**Unit Assessments** There are unit diagnostic tests to determine readiness before beginning instruction. Test results help identify each student’s reading ability. With this information, it is possible to personalize instruction with leveled resources.



After reading a group of selections, use the open-book tests and leveled tests to assess comprehension and mastery of literary, reading, and vocabulary skills.

Evenly spaced benchmark tests assess mastery of literary, vocabulary, and grammar skills. The interpretation guide in the unit resources book identifies appropriate reteaching pages in the Reading Kit.

The standardized SAT and ACT test format helps students prepare for high-stakes tests during the Test-Taking Practice Workshops.

Tests taken on PH Lit Online provide immediate feedback and automatically assign reteaching pages for skills not yet mastered.

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**Frequent Progress Monitoring**

Frequent checks for understanding help keep instruction on track for meeting lesson objectives. Checks for understanding occur throughout the unit. The same reading support and comprehension checks can be found on PH Lit Online.

These frequent checks for understanding, along with selection and benchmark tests, make it possible to adjust instruction on the fly and catch small learning problems before they become big ones.

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**Review**

This guide discussed the unit features of Prentice Hall Literature for the American Experience and the British Tradition. It examined the following:

- Units organize literature in consecutive historical time periods with relevant themes.
- Features present classic and contemporary literature selections and nonfiction forms for literary comparison and development of reading skills.
- PH Lit Online provides the same core lesson content in an interactive format.
- Diagnostic tests determine unit readiness. Test results help determine how to personalize instruction with leveled resources.
- Assessments and frequent progress monitoring help adjust instruction to stay on track and meet learner objectives.