

Voluntary Model Curriculum

Materials & Resources include Voluntary Model Curriculum (VMC), incorporating learning progressions, units, lesson plans, and content resources aligned to the Pennsylvania standards in curriculum frameworks for the four major content areas (Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Reading-Writing-Speaking-Listening).

As of December 2009, **Literacy** and **Mathematics** have been added to the site for Grades K-8 and selected courses at the secondary level. Curriculum for additional subject areas is under development.

1. Choose **Materials & Resources** from the Navigation Bar.
2. Click the **Voluntary Model Curriculum (VMC)** tab.
3. Locate the Subject Area **Literacy**, and the Grade Level **7th Grade**.
4. You will see a Unit Plan titled **Figurative Language in Fiction (L-7-2)**. Click on the title to view the plan.
5. The **Objectives** of the unit will appear at the top of the page – briefly read through them, as well as the **Essential Question**. Scroll down to show the alignment to the **Standards, Assessment Anchors** and **Eligible Content**, as well as the **Big Ideas, Concepts**, and **Competencies**.
6. Show the **End of Unit Assessment** near the bottom of the page – to be used when all of the lessons within the unit have been taught.
7. Show the **Related Materials & Resources**. These are suggested resources for teaching the unit.
8. Scroll up to the top of the page to show **Add to My ePortfolio/Send to a Friend/Printer Friendly Version**.
9. Remind participants:
 - **Add to My ePortfolio** – saves the plan as a bookmark in their ePortfolio
 - **Send to a Friend** – allows them to send a link to the plan via email to anyone with a valide email address. Their friend DOES NOT have to have a SAS password, since this content is available on the public side of the SAS portal.
 - **Printer Friendly Version** – sends the plan to the printer.
10. Click on **Add to My ePortfolio**. The **Title** and **URL** fields will already be populated. Have participants enter a **Description** (optional) and then click **Save**. The window will close, and the item will be added to the **ePortfolio**.
11. Click the **Back** button in your browser to return to the **Voluntary Model Curriculum** tab.
12. Locate the Subject Area **Literacy**, and the Grade Level **7th Grade**.
13. Click the **Plus sign (+)** to the left of the Unit Plan titled **Figurative Language in Fiction (L-7-2)** to view **Lessons** available within that Unit:
 - **Focus on Figurative Language (L-7-2-1)**
 - **Focus on Figurative Language in Prose (L-7-2-2)**
 - **Focus on Figurative Language in Prose and Poetry (L-7-2-3)**

Point out that **Focus on Figurative Language in Prose and Poetry (L-7-2-3)** is the same lesson plan that we encountered earlier when performing searches in **Clear Standards** and **Materials & Resources**. **VMC Lesson** and **Unit Plans** will always appear at the top of search results when searching in the **Materials & Resources** section in the portal.

14. Click on the Title **Focus on Figurative Language (L-7-2-1)** to view the lesson plan.
15. Scroll down to show the alignment to the **Standards, Assessment Anchors** and **Eligible Content**, as well as the **Big Ideas, Concepts**, and **Competencies**.
16. The **Objectives** of the unit will appear underneath the Vocabulary field – briefly read through them, as well as the **Essential Question**.
17. Point out the **Duration** and **Materials** fields. The **Instructional Procedure** provides step-by-step instructions for delivering the lesson, and the **Suggested Instructional Strategies** highlights strategies from the WHERE TO instructional design template.
18. The **Formative Assessment** field has suggestions for assessing student understanding, and the **Related Materials & Resources** field contains suggestions for additional materials, when available.
19. Click the **Back** button in your browser to return to the **Voluntary Model Curriculum** tab.
20. Locate the Subject Area **Literacy**, and the Grade Level **7th Grade**. Click the **Plus sign (+)** to the left of the Unit Plan titled **Figurative Language in Fiction (L-7-2)** to view **Lessons** available within that Unit
21. Share the additional **Lesson Plans** if desired. Use the **Back** button in the browser to return to the **Voluntary Model Curriculum** tab, each time locating the Subject Area **Literacy**, and the Grade Level **7th Grade**. **Each time you will need to** click the **Plus sign (+)** to the left of the Unit Plan titled **Figurative Language in Fiction (L-7-2)** to view **Lessons** available within that Unit.
22. Click on the Unit Plan titled **Figurative Language in Fiction (L-7-2)**. Scroll down to remind participants that the End of the Unit Assessment is available within the Unit Plan.
23. If there is time available, allow participants to review additional VMC resources.