

LITERATURE UPDATE

Old Music Finds New Voices

This newspaper article shares the stories of young Latino Americans who share a love of traditional mariachi music.

Making Faces

This first-person account shows why masks are an important part of many cultures. Readers learn the purposes of masks from Greece, Romania, Bali, Bhutan, and Ethiopia.

Wings

This short story tells the tale of Ikarus, the new boy in the neighborhood who has problems fitting in because he wears wings.

Art and Soul

In class we are reading about how people express themselves through art. We are also learning how art can be used to express the beliefs of a culture. In addition, we are learning about the features of different kinds of news articles. We are also learning about why each article was written (purpose) and who it was written for (audience).

Unit 8 Skills Focus

- Vocabulary:** Go Beyond the Literal Meaning (Similes, Metaphors, and Idioms)
- Reading:** Synthesize
- Literary Analysis:** Analyze News Media; Author's Purpose and Tone; Compare Characters; Analyze Plot Events
- Grammar:** Compound and Complex Sentences
- Writing:** Invitations and Thank-You Notes; Response to Literature

ANALYZE NEWS MEDIA

Work with a family member to analyze aspects of the news media.

1. Read a news article. (It can be a newspaper or a magazine article.) List the text features of the article in the chart. (For example, title, byline, photos and captions, and so on.)
2. Tell about other aspects of the article. Write your ideas in the chart.

News Article Features	Intended Audience	Fact or Opinion?	Author's Intended Purpose

3. Read what you wrote together. Discuss how the author's purpose may have affected the tone of the news article you read.
4. Bring the chart to school and share it with your class.