Unit Plan: One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

Grade: 5

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Unit Overview: In the summer of 1968, eleven-year-old Delphine Gaither travels with her sisters from their home in Brooklyn, NY to Oakland, CA to see Cecile, the mother who abandoned them when they were babies. Mature, responsible, and reliable, Delphine acts as a mother towards her sisters and is initially skeptical of both Cecile and Oakland. The girls attend a summer program run by the Black Panthers, and Delphine's awareness of the revolutionary struggles of the time begins to grow. Cecile, a poet who changed her name to Nzila, is prickly and standoffish with her daughters, even refusing to allow them into her kitchen, but eventually shares pieces of her traumatic history with Delphine.

Key Understandings: This unit is designed with repeated exposure to the following conceptual understandings:

- Rather than being static or stable, the roles of parent and child can be fluid as individuals adapt and grow; family can be created through community as well as birth and roles within a family can also change.
- Choosing a new name (for oneself or for another person) can be a revolutionary act, a way to claim or celebrate a new self and identity.
- For an individual forced to grow up too quickly, coming of age may require reclaiming childhood and embracing youth; young people coming of age in a turbulent era may have to reconcile conflicting influences to develop more mature perspectives.
- Poetry can be a way to empower formerly oppressed people or groups; by close reading lots of different poetry, readers are able to access multiple levels of meaning and perspective.

Key Background Knowledge: Below is a list of some of the core knowledge emphasized over the course of the unit. Students will repeatedly interact with these concepts, in addition to other ancillary topics that will strengthen their understanding and analysis of the novel.

Contextual Knowledge

- Social and political changes of the 1960s
- The founding and goals of the Black Panther Party
- Poetry of the Black Arts movement
- The role of representation in media
- The use of comfort objects

Literary Knowledge

- The vocabulary of poetry (e.g., stanza, line, speaker)
- Poetic devices (e.g., alliteration, enjambment, rhyme)
- First-person narration (e.g., tone, irony, reliability)
- Symbolism

Knowledge Organizer: The Knowledge Organizer is a student-facing tool that prioritizes and organizes key knowledge associated with the novel, crucial for students to retain long-term. Students should bring this to class every day, in addition to studying it at home; Retrieval Practice questions will often come from the Knowledge Organizer.

One Crazy Summer Knowledge Organizer

	Political and Social Change of the 1960s
1960	In the 1950s and 1960s, resistance to segregation gathers
	momentum; the struggle for social justice for African Americans is
	known as the Civil Rights Movement.
1963	President John F. Kennedy is assassinated in November of 1963;
	Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson becomes President.
1964	The Civil Rights Act outlaws segregation in public facilities and
	prohibits employment discrimination.
1965	The Vietnam War escalates as Johnson sends combat troops to
	South Vietnam; many protest the war and the draft, the selection
	process used by the military to choose men to serve in the war.
1966	Huey Newton and Bobby Seale co-found the Black Panther Party in
	Oakland, CA.
1967	As many as 100,000 young people, many of them hippies ,
	converge in San Francisco, an event known as the "Summer of
	Love."
1968	Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. is assassinated in
	Memphis; race riots erupt across America. In Oakland, Bobby
	Hutton, the youngest member of the Black Panther Party, is killed in
	a confrontation with police.

	Key Figures and Terms					
Black Arts	An artistic and literary movement affirming Black identity;					
Movement	the poetry of this movement drew on musical forms,					
	vernacular speech, African folklore, and experimentation					
	with sound, spelling, and grammar.					
Black Panther	A revolutionary political organization founded to protect					
Party	African American neighborhoods from police brutality;					
	The organization launched many community programs					
	including the Free Breakfast for Children program aimed					
	at provided social services to underserved areas.					
Malcolm X	Born as "Malcolm Little," the activist changed his name					
	to Malcolm X after joining the Nation of Islam. To him, the					
	"X" symbolized the true African name he would never					
	know.					
Muhammed Ali	After converting to Islam, heavyweight champion Cassius					
	Clay changed his name to Muhammed Ali and was					
	arrested for refusing to fight in the Vietnam War.					
Status quo	The existing situation or the way things currently are,					
	particularly in regard to social or political issues					
Representation	The way in which media, such as television, film and					
	books, portray certain types of people or communities,					
	especially women and minorities.					

Key Literary Terms						
Term	Definition	Example				
Allusion	A reference to a significant literary or	Those Cassius Clay-				
	historical figure or idea	fighting clouds (p. 1)				
Flashback	A scene that interrupts the	Still, flashes of				
	chronological sequence by recalling a	memory popped				
	previous event	before me. (p. 25)				
Irony	The opposite of what's expected.	"You'd think Gwen				
	Verbal irony occurs when a character	Brooks was some kind				
	says one thing but means another.	of genius." (p. 141)				
Narration In a story with a first-person narrator,		Not that I wanted or				
	the narrator is a character in the story.	needed any				
	Reliability refers to the accuracy or	mothering. (p. 40)				
	credibility of the narration.					
Symbolism	When an object, person, or idea in a	I glanced at my trusty				
	text has an additional meaning beyond	Timex. (p. 49)				
	its literal one.					
Tone	The attitude of the author or narrator	There's nothing cute				
	toward story events or characters.	about dropping things				
		carelessly. (p. 15)				

	Poetry Terms				
Alliteration	Multiple words close together that begin with the same				
	consonant sound (e.g., "dark and deep")				
Enjambment	The running-over of a sentence or phrase from one poetic line to				
	the next, without end punctuation				
End-stopped A poetic line ending with punctuation to show the completion					
	a phrase or sentence				
Line A group of words arranged into a row in a poem; the line-brea					
	the end of the line				
Metaphor Figure of speech in which two things are compared without					
	using the words "like" or "as" for symbolic effect; an extended				
metaphor continues over several lines of a poem					
Rhyme The repetition of similar sounds in the final syllable of					
more words; rhyme scheme is the pattern of rhyme at the en					
	each line in poetry, labeled with uppercase letters (e.g., ABAB)				
Repetition	Repeating words, phrases, lines or stanzas; used to emphasize				
	an idea, create rhythm, or develop a sense of urgency				
Speaker	The voice or persona of a poet; the speaker is not the same as				
	the poet (the author of the poem).				
Stanza	A series of lines arranged together (often in a recurring pattern)				
	creating divisions in a poem				

At a Glance: Daily Objectives and Content

Lesson	Novel Pages	Learning Objective: "Students will be able to"	Embedding and Embellishments	Explicit Vocabulary, Literary Terms, or Retrieval Practice	CCSS Alignment
1	"Cassius Clay Clouds" pp. 1-7	Analyze how the narrator reveals her role and potential conflict.	 "A Champ Like No Other" John F. Kennedy Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Vietnam War 	Explicit Vocab • spectacle • turbulent Literary Terms • allusion • characterization • alliteration • foreshadowing	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.3 Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact). Questions: 4, 6, 7, 8 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.6 Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described. Questions: 2, 3, 9
2	"Golden Gate Bridge" pp. 8-12	Contrast what Delphine feels with what she shows others.	 "Winds of Change: 1960-1969" "California Dreamin'" 	Explicit Vocab responsible plain disgrace Literary Terms symbolism first-person narration characterization	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.5.2 Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text. Questions: Do Now 1-2, Student Packet 3, 4 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.6 Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described. Questions: 5, 6, 9

3	"Secret Agent Mother" pp. 13-22	Analyze how Delphine's narration reveals her perspective on Cecile.	MammalsMata Hari	Explicit Vocab	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.6 Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described. Questions: 2, 3, 5 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.3 Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact). Questions: 4, 6, 7, 9
4	"Green Stucco House" and "Mean Lady Ming" pp. 23-37	Analyze the judgments Delphine makes in her narration.	 "For Tommy" by Nikki Giovanni Stucco 	Retrieval Practice Literary Terms characterization first-person narration imagery flashback repetition	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.6 Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described. Questions: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.3 Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact). Questions: 2, 4
5*	"Collect Call" and "For the People" pp. 38-48 Do Now Quiz on Vocabulary	Analyze potential limitations of Delphine's first-person narration.	 Telephone booth "The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution" "What we don't learn about the Black Panther 	Literary Terms • first-person narration reliability • repetition • sentence fragment	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.6 Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described. Questions: 2, 3, 5, 6 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.5.3 Explain the relationships or interactions between two or more

			Party – but should" (HW)		individuals, events, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific information in the text. Questions: 7, 8, 9
6	"Glass of Water" pp. 49-55 Summative Writing	Explore literary references and analyze parallels between texts.	 Excerpt from Peter Pan Excerpt from Island of the Blue Dolphins 	Explicit Vocab reliable indignant Literary Terms symbolism allusion irony	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.9 Compare and contrast stories in the same genre (e.g., mysteries and adventure stories) on their approaches to similar themes and topics. Questions: 5, 6, 7, 8 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.1 Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. Questions: 1, 10, Summative Writing
7	"Inseparable" pp. 56-61	Analyze the role of Fern's doll and its potential symbolism.	Black Panther Breakfast Program "A Firm Grasp on Comfort: Transitional Objects and Attachment in Children"	Explicit Vocab • stigma • inseparable Literary Terms • symbolism	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.5.2 Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text. Questions: Do Now 1-2, Student Packet 5, 6, 7 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.3 Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact). Questions: 2, 3, 9, 10

8	"Breakfast Program" pp. 62-67	Analyze Delphine's perspective on the Black Panthers and racial identity.	 Black Panther Ten- Point Program Go-go boots "How James Brown Made Black Pride a Hit" 	Retrieval Practice Literary Terms irony allusion	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.6 Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described. Questions: 1, 3, 6, 9 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.5.3 Explain the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific information in the text. Questions: 2, 5, 6, 7
9	"Even the Earth is Revolutionary" and "Crazy Mother Mountain" pp. 68-79	Analyze the significance of Cecile's name change.	 Huey Newton Malcolm X Fannie Lou Hamer Che Guevara COINTELPRO Red China 'Shoot them for what?' How Muhammad Ali won his greatest fight 	Explicit Vocabulary revolution envious Literary Terms allusion symbolism	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text. Questions: 5, 7, 9 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.3 Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact). Questions: 2, 3, 8, 9
10	"Still I Rise" Do Now Quiz on Knowledge	Analyze Maya Angelou's "Still I Rise" and consider	Maya Angelou"Still I Rise"	Literary Terms speaker stanza line	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word

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		connections to One Crazy Summer.		rhymerepetitionsimilealliterationmetaphor	relationships, and nuances in word meanings. Questions: 4, 7, 8, 9 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.5 Explain how a series of chapters, scenes, or stanzas fits together to provide the overall structure of a particular story, drama, or poem. Questions: 5, 6, 10
11	"Everyone Knows the King of the Sea" pp. 80-85 Summative Writing	Analyze Delphine's perspective on names and identity.	 Sarah Vaughn Flipper Merriam-Webster Delphi "My First Memory (Of Librarians" – Nikki Giovanni (homework) 	Retrieval Practice Literary Terms tone allusion irony	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.6 Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described. Questions: 1, 6, 8 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text. Questions: 2, 4, 7
12	"Coloring and La- La" and "Counting and Skimming" pp. 86-101	Examine complications in Delphine's relationships and changes in her perspective.	 Bobby Hutton Brenda and the Tabulations 	Explicit Vocabulary Indulgence begrudgingly defiant Literary Terms symbolism idiom	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.3 Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact). Questions: 1, 3, 6, 7 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.5

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13	"Big Red S"	Analyze Nikki	Black Arts	Explicit Vocabulary	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. Questions: 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.2
	pp. 102-110	Giovanni's "Legacies" and consider parallels to the novel.	Movement "Legacies" – Nikki Giovanni "The 1960s: A Decade of Change for Women" (HW)	 legacy dependent Literary Terms speaker symbolism allusion vernacular 	Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text. Questions: 2, 5, 7, 10 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.3 Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact). Questions: 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9
14	"China Who" "Expert Colored Counting" pp. 111-120	Consider the impact of representation on characters in the novel.	 Television in the 1960s Pan-African flag "Representation and Media" Excerpt: Interview with Rita Williams-Garcia "Girl's drive to find 1,000 'black girl books' hits target with outpouring of donations" (HW) 	Retrieval Practice Literary Terms allusion tone	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.5.2 Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text. Questions: Do Now 1, Student Packet 1, 5, 6, 9 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.6 Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described. Questions: 3, 7

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15	"Civic Pride" and "Rally for Bobby" pp. 121-133 Do Now Quiz on Vocabulary	Examine Delphine's evolving perspective on the political climate in Oakland.	 "My First Memory (of Librarians)" – Nikki Giovanni Civics Travel in the South The Supremes Tina Turner The Ikettes 	Literary Terms passive voice flashback allusion irony tone	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.5.6 Analyze multiple accounts of the same event or topic, noting important similarities and differences in the point of view they represent. Questions: 1, 3, 5 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.6 Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described. Questions: 1, 4, 8, 9, 10
16	"Eating Crow" and "Itsy Bitsy Spider" pp. 134-145	Analyze references to poems in the novel and consider possible interpretations.	 "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" - Robert Frost "We Real Cool" - Gwendolyn Brooks Hand stitching Robert Frost Emily Dickinson Countee Cullen William Blake Gwendolyn Brooks 	Explicit Vocabulary Iurk pitiful Literary Terms speaker line stanza rhyme alliteration enjambment end-stopped allusion irony vernacular	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.5 Explain how a series of chapters, scenes, or stanzas fits together to provide the overall structure of a particular story, drama, or poem. Questions: Do Now 3, Student Packet 4, 5, 7 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes. Questions: 1, 2

17	"Movable Type" pp. 146-152	Analyze Cecile's poem "Movable Type" and consider its significance in the novel.	 "History of the Printing Press" Printing Typefaces 	Retrieval Practice Literary Terms Illustration Inspeaker Inspe	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.6 Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described. Questions: 2, 4, 6, 8, 9 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. Questions: 1, 3, 6
18	"San Francisco Treat" and "Wish We Had a Camera" pp. 152-167	Analyze how a change in setting impacts Delphine's perspective.	 Segregation in the Bay Area Hot combs Hippies 	Explicit Vocabulary excursion majestic civilized Literary Terms symbolism setting	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.3 Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact). Questions: 1, 2, 4, 8, 9 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.5 Explain how a series of chapters, scenes, or stanzas fits together to provide the overall structure of a particular story, drama, or poem. Questions: 5, 7, 9
19	"The Clark Sisters" and "I Birthed a Nation" pp. 168-178 Summative Writing	Use Maya Angelou's poem "Alone" as a lens to analyze Delphine's reliance on others.	 "Alone" – Maya Angelou Juvenile Hall 	Retrieval Practice Literary Terms refrain sentence fragment symbolism theme	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text.

20	"Stories of the No Sayers" and "Glorious Hill" pp. 179-191 Do Now Quiz on Knowledge	Examine changes in Delphine and consider her coming-of-age.	 Coming-of-age stories Compass "Does Birth Order Affect Personality?" (HW) 	Explicit Vocabulary • empower • oppress Literary Terms • coming-of-age • symbolism	Questions: Do Now 2-3, Student Packet 4, 5, 6, 8 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.6 Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described. Questions: 4, 7 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.3 Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact). Questions: 2, 5, 6, 8, 9
21	"The Third Thing" pp. 192-199	Analyze Rita Williams- Garcia's use of original poetry in the novel.	 Interview: Rita Williams-Garcia Henry Wadsworth Longfellow 	Explicit Vocabulary atone console Literary Terms enjambment end-stopped speaker allusion line break	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.6 Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described. Questions: 1, 4, 6, 7, 9 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.5 Explain how a series of chapters, scenes, or stanzas fits together to provide the overall structure of a particular story, drama, or poem. Questions: 5, 7
22	"So" and "Be Eleven" pp. 200-210	Consider the effect of Cecile's history on relationships in the novel.	"Mother to Son" – Langston Hughes	Retrieval Practice Literary Terms repetition enjambment end-stopped speaker	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.3 Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact). Questions: 1, 2, 6, 7, 8,

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				• vernacular	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. Questions: 4, 7, 8, 9
23	"Afua" pp. 211-215 Summative Writing	Analyze character changes in the novel's closing.	• Afua	Vocabulary Active Practice (Review) <u>Literary Terms</u> • theme	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text. Questions: 5, 7, 8 CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.3 Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact). Questions: 2, 6
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