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| **English Unit** **Stage 3** |
| Concept Focus: Characterisation | Duration: Term 2 (9 Weeks) |
| Explanation of unit/overview The unit focuses on imaginative, informative and persuasive texts to understand characterisation. It explores different media and how different authors use characterisation of individuals to enhance their understanding of people and events. Characterisation is the act of describing distinctive characteristics or essential features. | **What do I what the students to learn? (Deep knowledge or enduring understanding)**Author’s use of language that enhances the audiences understanding or characters and events in time. Images in text are often used to enhance meaning and often authors use more complex figurative language to disguise images. **Why does the Learning matter?*** By understanding the concept, students will be able to use imagery to -:
* Identify and use rich language forms and features to describe characters, events and places
* Enhance spoken and personal vocabulary in formal and informal situations.
* Comprehend the author’s intended use of imagery.
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| **Resources** |
| **Spoken texts** Bradman (Paul Kelly) **Print texts** The Bridge to Terabithia (Katherine Paterson)**Visual texts** How to Catch a Star (Oliver Jeffers) **Media, multimedia and digital texts** Brave (movie) |
| Outcomes (knowledge, skills and understanding)(Always include a C, D and E Outcome to Support A & B Outcomes. | Assessment overview  |
| EN3-1A  | communicates effectively for a variety of audiences and purposes using increasingly challenging topics, ideas, issues and language forms and features | What do I want the students to do or produce?How well do I expect them to do it? (Explicit quality criteria) |
| EN3-3A | uses an integrated range of skills, strategies and knowledge to read, view and comprehend a wide range of texts in different media and technologies |
| EN3-2A | composes, edits and presents well-structured and coherent texts |
| EN3-6B | uses knowledge of sentence structure, grammar, punctuation and vocabulary to respond to and compose clear and cohesive texts in different media and technologies |
| EN3-5B | discusses how language is used to achieve a widening range of purposes for a widening range of audiences and contexts |
| EN3-7C | thinks imaginatively, creatively, interpretively and critically about information and ideas and identifies connections between texts when responding to and composing texts |
| EN3-8D | identifies and considers how different viewpoints of their world, including aspects of culture, are represented in texts |  |
| EN3-9E | recognises, reflects on and assesses their strengths as a learner |  |

**Program Adjustments**

*Adjustments are measures or actions taken in relation to teaching, learning and assessment that enable a student to access syllabus outcomes and content.*

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| **NAPLAN target area:**Inference: Makes an inference from across the whole of an imaginative text Infers the characteristics of the protagonist Connects information: Interprets use of symbols in an information text | **Quality Teaching Elements:**Higher-order thinkingDeep understandingBackground knowledgeCultural knowledgeConnectednessSubstantive communication |

**Class Organisation**

Appropriate materials and resources to support teaching and learning activities will be available to be used throughout lessons. Teacher consideration of students’ individual communication strategies, including verbal and non-verbal communication systems, to ensure effective understanding of concepts, and content being taught. Teacher ensures a wide range of appropriate learning activities with structured opportunities for guided and independent practice and effective feedback throughout each lesson. Teacher provides all students with a range of different teacher opportunities such as group work, peer or volunteer tutoring, and other individual assistance.

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| **Students with IEPs** | **Students with PLPs** |

| **Outcome and Content** | **Teaching and Learning Activities*****Visual Text: How to Catch a Star*** Ensure the cycle of modelled, guided and independent support strategies is incorporated into the teaching/learning sequence | **Modes of Assessment** |  |
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| * **EN3-7CThinking imaginatively, creatively, interpretively and critically**

think imaginatively when engaging with texts, using [prediction](http://syllabus.bos.nsw.edu.au/glossary/eng/prediction/?ajax), for example, to imagine what happens to characters after the text | What kind of book does this look like? (picture book/ visual text). What book have we read lately that this reminds you of? (**Making Connections**)  |  |  |
| * **EN3-1A** **Speaking and Listening**

use and describe language forms and features of spoken texts appropriate to a range of purposes, audiences and contexts* **EN3-7CThinking imaginatively, creatively, interpretively and critically**

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* What is he going to do?
* How do you think he will go about it?

Read the book and discuss focusing on the character of the boy. |  |  |
| * **EN3-1A** **Speaking and Listening**

participate in and contribute to discussions, clarifying and interrogating ideas, developing and supporting [arguments](http://syllabus.bos.nsw.edu.au/glossary/eng/argument/?ajax), sharing and evaluating information, experiences and opinions (ACELY1709)PSCCCT* **EN3-3A Reading and Viewing 1**

use comprehension strategies to interpret and analyse information and ideas, comparing content from a variety of textual sources including media and digital texts (ACELY1703, ACELY1713)ICTCCT | Revisit the text and discuss the following:* Why did he want to catch a star? How does he look on page 4?
* What do you think he is thinking about?
* What types of places do you like to go to ‘think’ about things? (**Making Connections**)
* What does this tell us about him?
* Have you ever had a time when you have felt the same way? (**Making Connections**)

Review:* What is the most extreme thing the boy does to catch a star? **(Question)**
* Discuss how determined he was to make this happen. **(Question)**
* When have you been that determined to make something happened? (**Making Connections**)
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| **EN3-3A Reading and Viewing 1**analyse and evaluate the way that inference is used in a text to build understanding in imaginative, informative and persuasive texts | Have students complete a sequence chain (p253 GC) to map out the process and lengths he went to ‘Catch a Star’. (**Making Connections**) Discuss how he looked when he finally had the star? How do you think he felt? (**Evaluating**) |  |  |

| **Outcome and Content** | **Chapter** | **Teaching and Learning Activities*****Print Text: Bridge to Terabithia*** Ensure the cycle of modelled, guided and independent support strategies is incorporated into the teaching/learning sequence | **Modes of Assessment** |  |
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* Are you familiar with the author? Who would like to read this type of book (discuss audience)?
* The setting of Bridge to Terabithia is a farming town many miles north of Washington, D.C., during the early 1970s. Discuss how life in a farming community is different from city life. In which place—rural community or big city—are people more likely to accept newcomers who behave in ways they’re not used to? Explain why you think so.
* Discuss friendship. Why is it so important to have friends? How would you define a friend? Are most of your friends of the same gender—that is, do the boys in the group have male friends only? Do the girls in the group have female friends only?

**Brainstorm the following questions:** What risks would you be willing to take to form a friendship with a classmate of the opposite gender?Would the opinions of your classmates influence you? If so, how would they influence you? What risks would you be willing to take to develop goals and aspirations that were quite different from those of your family and your classmates? |  |  |
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2. What does Jessie think about the way Leslie runs?

Chapter 41. Describe Terabithia. Where is it located? Where did its name come from? How do Jesse and Leslie feel about it?
2. At the end of Chapter Four, the change that comes over Jesse when he goes to Terabithia is described (page 46) Why do you think Jessie feels this way? How is Terabithia different from his life at school and his life at home?

**Literary Techniques**personification—speaking of an animal or thing as if it has human qualities1. Copy two similes from this chapter and tell what the comparison means to you, the reader.
2. What is the metaphor used on page 33 to describe a student’s relationship with Mrs. Meyers? What does this metaphor tell you about Mrs. Meyers?
3. On page 39, the author uses personification to describe the trees and sun in the woods. Rewrite this sentence without personification, using instead, realistic adjectives for trees and the sun. How does your rewrite affect the image given in the story?

**Response**Students make connections to themselves with characters and eventsDual Bio Poems (p156, RRR) |  |  |
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2. What do you think Jesse means when he says, "Maybe I got this thing for Janice like you got this thing for killer whales"?

Chapter 61. Why does Jesse feel so out of place and angry with his family?
2. What does the amount of time and thought Jesses goes through trying to find a gift for Leslie indicate about how he feels about her and the Christmas gift?
3. What does he give her for Christmas?
4. What does Leslie get Jesse for Christmas?
5. What do their gifts reflect about their relationship?

**Literary Techniques**An idiom is a way of making a statement without saying exactly what you mean. For example, if you said, ‘Go climb a tree’ you would mean, ‘Leave me alone’.What idiom is used on page 51 to tell something about Janice Avery? What does it mean?Ask students to share other idioms they know of.Create an idiom wall in the classroom. |  |  |
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2. Contrast May Belle's view of God with Leslie's view. how are they different?

**Literary Techniques** simile—a figure of speech which compares two different things using the words ―like‖ or ―as‖What simile is used on page 79 to describe Brenda and Ellie? Do you think this is an appro-priate simile for the girls? Why or why not?Describe how Brenda and Ellie look in their fine Easter clothes. Base your description on the simile found on pages 82–83. |  |  |
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Chapter 121. What does Jesse realize about the way he will be treated at school?
2. Why do you think Jesse is so angry?
3. What were your predictions, questions, observations, and connections as you read?
4. Write about one of them in your journal.
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2. Do you think this was a good way to end the novel? Why or why not?

**Reflection**If I were the Author (p117, Revisit, Reflect, Retell) | Written Retell Assessment (teacher) (p159, RRR)Teacher Assessment – work sample |  |
| **EVALUATION** |