Possible Mini-Lessons to Support Reading, Writing, and Research

The Fire

Taking Notes Efficiently
Thinking about Point of View
Personal Narratives as History
Dialogue in Personal Narratives
Interesting vs. Important
Writing for Young Readers

Rebuilding the City

Types of Maps
Describing the Content of Photographs
Using Specific Examples/Details in Definitions
Synthesizing Information from Multiples Sources

The Haymarket Affair

Thinking about Both Sides of an Argument
The Art of “Spin” in Political Speech and Advertisements
Analyzing Newspaper Editorials
Interviewing: Don’t Ask Yes/No Questions
Use of Facts and Figures to Persuade
Analyzing Political Cartoons

How People Lived

Drawing Conclusions from Census Data
Using Census Data to Support Assertions
Drawing Conclusions from Maps
Using Maps to Support Assertions
Drawing Conclusions from Photographs
Using Photographs to Support Assertions
Comparing Intentions to Outcomes

Research/Technology Mini-Lessons

Primary vs. Secondary Sources
Finding What You Need – Searching for Print Sources
Finding What You Need – Searching for Non-Print and Internet Sources
Judging the Quality of Internet Sources
Taking Notes and Recording Quotations
Avoiding Plagiarism by Paraphrasing
Citing Sources
Using Visual and Audio Sources
The Relationship of Illustrations and Text in Research Reports
Presentations (Power Point, etc.)