

7th Grade ELA Expository Essay Assignment

Perception and Reality Unit (“The People Could Fly”, “Sorry, Wrong Number,” “Heartbeat,” and “Saving the Lost”)

CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE (RACES)

In this unit, we have discussed Perception vs. Reality. Characters have struggled with what they perceive to be true and the reality of the situation.

-Heartbeat, who struggled with how his friends perceived him.

-Mrs. Stevenson, who struggled with how those on the other end of the line perceived her.

-Medical professionals in “Saving the Lost”, who struggled with the perception that people in a “vegetative state” may prove to be conscious in unexpected ways.

Choose **TWO selections** and write a RACES response to the question: ***How can a single action dramatically change someone’s perception?*** You must include both selections you choose and cite from each. Remember the structure (this is ONE paragraph with support, not an essay):

Rephrase the question

Answer the question

Cite textual evidence from one source

Explain your textual evidence

Cite textual evidence from the other source

Explain your textual evidence

Summarize your response

EXTENDED RESPONSE (FIVE PARAGRAPH ESSAY)

In this unit, we have discussed Perception vs. Reality. Folktales like “The People Could Fly” often make readers reflect on the ways we perceive our world. Consider the common saying “Seeing is believing” and its meaning. After reading the texts in this collection, do you believe this saying is true? In this activity, you will draw from “The People Could Fly”, “Heartbeat,” “Sorry Wrong Number,” and “Saving the Lost,” to write an essay that states and supports your opinion.