Getting to the Core

Grade 8 ELA

Common Core Unit of Study

Self-Image

Student Resources
Eighth Grade ELA Unit of Study:

Self-Image:

A Realistic Self-Perception Promotes a Healthy State of Mind.

Unit Overview

The goal of this unit of study is to help students realize that when they realistically evaluate themselves and their own self-worth, the result will be a healthy state of mind. This acceptance of self will allow students to become who they are meant to be. This a Common Core unit of study that engages students in collaborative discussions, close reading, textual analysis, media, and different genres of writing that require students to support claims with textual evidence.

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Dyad Sharing Guidelines

Directions: Please use the following sentences frames to guide the discussion with your partner as you determine whether you agree or disagree with the statements in the Extended Anticipatory Guide.

- Listen carefully to your partner as you will share his/her ideas with the whole class.

Partner A: Statement one says that “...” In my opinion, this is (true/not true), so I (agree/disagree). One reason for my opinion is . . . .

Partner B: I (agree/disagree) with you because I think that . . . . The next statement says that “...” Based on my knowledge, I would say that this statement is (true/not true), so I (agree/disagree). One reason for my opinion is . . . .
Directions for Reading in Four Voices Jigsaw

**Step 1** - Get into groups of four. This is your base group.

**Step 2** - Every member of the group will choose a stanza 1, 2, 3, or 4. Stanza 5 will be read as a group.

**Step 3** - Read the poem once through, with each member reading their portion aloud. When the group gets to stanza five, the entire group should read the stanza together.

**Step 4** - Now students will leave their base groups and find a student from another group that has read the same stanza as they read. For example, a student who read stanza 2 should find another student who read stanza two. The students should then work together to paraphrase their stanza and stanza 5 (Resource 1.4) and define terms in their vocabulary notebook (Resource 1.7).

**Step 5** - Next, students should return to their base groups and share the paraphrased versions of their poems and once again read the poem as a group.

**Step 6** - Finally, as a group of four, students should discuss the questions from Resource 1.4A and write down their answers in the space provided.
| Stanza | Identity  
*by Julio Noboa Polanco* | Paraphrase |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1      | Let them be as flowers, 
always watered, fed, guarded, admired, 
but harnessed to a pot of dirt. |  |
| 2      | I'd rather be a tall, ugly weed, 
clinging on cliffs, like an eagle 
wind-wavering above high, jagged rocks. |  |
| 3      | To have broken through the surface of stone, 
to live, to feel exposed to the madness 
of the vast, eternal sky. 
To be swayed by the breezes of an ancient sea, 
carrying my soul, my seed, 
beyond the mountains of time or into the abyss of the bizarre. |  |
| 4      | I'd rather be unseen, and if 
then shunned by everyone, 
than to be a pleasant-smelling flower, 
growing in clusters in the fertile valley, 
where they're praised, handled, and plucked 
by greedy, human hands. |  |
| 5      | I'd rather smell of musty, green stench 
than of sweet, fragrant lilac. 
If I could stand alone, strong and free, 
I'd rather be a tall, ugly weed. |  |

*admired*- to look up to or have a high opinion of.  
harnessed*- to be fastened to or confined (without possibility of escape)  
exposed*- to be open to danger or harm  
shunned*- to be avoided or put out deliberately (on purpose).  
praised*- expression of approval, admiration or exaltation.


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<td>Identify the comparison the author makes and explain why the author chose this comparison?</td>
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<td>What message, or theme, is the poet trying to convey? How do you know? Provide textual evidence within your response.</td>
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Essential Question
Self-perception is the understanding of how you see yourself. It includes your confidence and your self-esteem. The essential question, though, is what criteria do we, and should we, use to create our self-perception?

Directions
Inside the outline of the speaker’s head, create a presentation that displays the speaker’s self-perception in the poem “Identity”. Your display must include the following:
- Two quotes from the text that reveal the speaker’s self perception
- Two of your own phrases.
- Two drawings that embody the speaker’s beliefs.

Group Roles
Evidence Gatherer:
Copywriter:
Artistic Consultant:
Designer:
Talking Points with Frames

While trying to approach the Essential Question: *What criteria do we, and should we, use to create our self-perception?*, present your understanding of the speaker’s experience in the poem “Identity” based on the Collaborative Mind Mirror your group created. The following topics need to be addressed in your explanation of your Collaborative Mind Mirror. During the conversation, each member of the group will need to speak.

- Decide and explain if the speaker has a positive or negative view of herself.
  - *The speaker has a _____________________________ because...*  
    (Positive/negative)

- Examine the characteristics the speaker believes make a good person.
  - _________ (characteristics) are important to the speaker because...

- Evaluate the validity of the speaker’s message to your own experiences.
  - *The speaker is basically saying __________, which connects to my experience when...*
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### “Identity” by Julio Noboa Polanco

**Do/Say Chart**

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<td><em>Explaining how “them” will be treated and the consequences of that treatment</em></td>
<td>The author is comparing “them” (people) to flowers who are put on display because they are beautiful or possess some other admired quality. They may be lavished with attention, but are also owned by someone and not free.</td>
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<td><em>Describing her preference to “them” and the flowers</em></td>
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<td><em>Emphasizing what her identity gets to do</em></td>
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<td>She would like to be unnoticed, and even ignored, rather than having people cherish and idolize her, than be in a comfortable setting.</td>
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Ban Bossy: I’m not Bossy I’m the Boss

When I was growing up, I was called bossy.

The word bossy is just a squasher.

Being labeled something matters.

By middle school girls are less interested in leadership than boys.

And that is because they worry about being called bossy.

We need to tell them that it is ok to be ambitious.

We need to help them lean in.

Words matter.

Let’s just ban the Word bossy.

And encourage girls to lead.

To be strong and be ambitious.

To listen to your own voice.

There are no limits.

Dare to be you.

You can change the world.

Let’s ban bossy.

Be brave, be you!

Ban bossy.

Join us to Ban Bossy.

I’m not bossy. I’m the boss.

Encourage girls to lead. Take the pledge at BanBossy.com

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6dynbzMICcw

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# Writing an "I Am" Poem

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<td>I am (Name)</td>
<td>I am fun</td>
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<td>I am (personality trait)</td>
<td>I am curious</td>
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<td>I am (personality trait)</td>
<td>I see Atlantis</td>
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<td>I see (an imaginary sight)</td>
<td>I want to go to college</td>
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<td>I want (an actual desire)</td>
<td>I am Jared</td>
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<td>I am (the first line of the poem repeated)</td>
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| **SECOND STANZA** | |
| I am (physical trait) | I am strong |
| I am (physical trait) | I am tall |
| I touch (an imaginary touch) | I touch a summer’s cloud |
| I worry (something that bothers you) | I worry about violence |
| I cry (something that makes you sad) | I cry for my Gram |
| I am (the first line of the poem repeated) | I am Jared |

| **THIRD STANZA** | |
| I believe (something that is true) | I in God |
| I say (something you believe in) | I say children are our future |
| I dream (something you dream about) | I dream for a quiet day |
| I try (something you really make an effort about) | I try to do my best |
| I hope (something you actually hope for) | I hope the success of my children |
| I am (the first line of the poem repeated) | I am Jared |
Word Sift for “Body-Image Pressure Increasingly Affects Boys”

Select words that may relate to the Big Idea, A Realistic Self-Perception Promotes a Healthy State of Mind, and explain why you chose these words.

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Based on these words, what might the text be about? What will the main idea of the text be?

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3 Step Interview

**Circle one:** I am Partner A B C D

My name is:_______________________

**Directions:** Share your response to the ____________ (article, quick write, etc). Listen closely to your partner’s response as you will need to share what they say with the rest of the team.

My partner is A B C D

Their name is ____________________________

My notes while listening to my 1st partner that I will be sharing with others:

My notes while listening to my 2nd partner

My notes while listening to my 3rd partner
Three Step Interview:

How it Works

Step One: A interviews B by asking the quick write question

while

C interviews D

Step Two: B interviews A asking the quick write question

while

D interviews C

Step Three: 1. A reports to the whole group about B

2. B reports to the whole group about A

3. C reports to the whole group about D

4. D reports to the whole group about C
Body-Image Pressure Increasingly Affects Boys

Cultural ideals are becoming an equal opportunity anxiety-inducer, and eating disorders are increasingly common in men. But the symptoms in men and women don't look the same.

JAMIE SANTA CRUZ MAR 10 2014, 9:00 AM ET

Culturally, we’re becoming well attuned to the pressure girls are under to achieve an idealized figure. But researchers say that lately, boys are increasingly feeling the heat.

A new study of a national sample of adolescent boys, published in the January issue of *JAMA Pediatrics*, reveals that nearly 18 percent of boys are highly concerned about their weight and physique. They are also at increased risk for a variety of negative outcomes: Boys in the study who were extremely concerned about weight were more likely to be depressed, and more likely to engage in high-risk behaviors such as binge drinking and drug use.

The trend toward weight obsession among boys is cause for worry, says Dr. Alison Field, an associate professor of pediatrics at Boston Children’s Hospital and the lead author of the study. “You want people to be concerned enough about their weight to make healthy decisions,” she says, “but not so concerned that they’re willing to take whatever means it takes—healthy or unhealthy—to achieve their desired physique.”

Of the boys who were highly concerned with their weight, about half were worried only about gaining more muscle, and approximately a third were concerned with both thinness and muscul arity simultaneously. Meanwhile, less than 15 percent were concerned only with thinness. Those statistics reflect a major difference between boys and girls when it comes to weight concerns: whereas girls typically want to be thinner, boys are as likely to feel pressure to gain weight as to lose it.

“There are some males who do want to be thinner and are focused on thinness,” Field says, “but many more are focused on wanting bigger or at least more toned and defined muscles. That’s a very different physique.”
"The media has become more of an equal opportunity discriminator. Men's bodies are not good enough anymore either."

If boys are increasingly concerned about weight, changing representations of the male form in the media over the last decade or two are at least partly to blame. “We used to really discriminate—and we still do—against women” in terms of media portrayals, says Dr. Raymond Lemberg, a Prescott, Arizona-based clinical psychologist and an expert on male eating disorders. “If you look at the Miss America pageant winners or the Playboy centerfolds or the runway models over the years, there’s been more and more focus on thinness.”

But while the media pressure on women hasn’t abated, the playing field has nevertheless leveled in the last 15 years, as movies and magazines increasingly display bare-chested men with impossibly chiseled physiques and six-pack abs. “The media has become more of an equal opportunity discriminator,” says Lemberg. “Men’s bodies are not good enough anymore either.”

Even toys contribute to the distorted messages youngsters receive about the ideal male form. Take action figures, for example, which Lemberg suggests are the male equivalent of Barbie dolls in terms of the unrealistic body images they set up for young boys. In the last decade or two, action figures have lost a tremendous proportion of fat and added a substantial proportion of muscle. “Only 1 or 2 percent of [males] actually have that body type,” says Lemberg. “We’re presenting men in a way that is unnatural.”

In the face of the ideals they’re bombarded with, it’s no surprise that adolescent boys, like waves of girls before them, are falling prey to a distorted image of themselves and their physical inadequacies: Previous research suggests that up to 25 percent of normal weight males nevertheless perceive themselves to be underweight.

And given their perception of themselves as too small, it’s also no surprise that boys are searching out means to bring their bodies into conformity with the muscular ideal. A 2012 study of adolescents revealed that muscle-enhancing behaviors are pervasive among both middle school and high school-age males: More than a third reported downing protein powders or shakes in an effort to boost their muscularity; in addition, almost 6 percent admitted to using steroids and 10.5 percent acknowledged using some other muscle-enhancing substance.

The negative effects of steroid use can be particularly significant for adolescents.

Pharmaceutical-grade injectable steroids are a definite concern, says Dr. Rebecka Peebles, co-director of the Eating Disorder Assessment and Treatment Program at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, but they’re not the biggest worry, given that they’re difficult to obtain. Of more
concern are the “natural” powders or shakes that teens can pick up at their local GNC. The problem, Peebles says, is that “natural” in this case simply means unregulated. “They actually can include all kinds of things in them,” says Peebles. In some cases powder or shake supplements “are actually anabolic androgens and just packaged as a natural supplement.”

The consequences can be severe: Long-term use of steroids is associated with depression, rage attacks, suicidal tendencies, and cardiomyopathies. And the negative effects can be particularly significant for adolescents, since their bodies are going through a period of major growth and development.

In many cases, of course, weight concerns among young males remain at relatively benign levels, and when teens attempt to control their weight, they often do so in comparatively innocuous ways. But when adolescents demonstrate an extreme focus on physique and begin to engage in potentially dangerous behaviors, it can be a signal of an eating or weight-related disorder—in males just as much as in females.

“The misunderstanding has been the generalization that eating disorders are a woman’s issue,” says Lemberg. “What studies have shown is that, in the last 15 years or so, more men have eating disorders than ever before.” The oft-cited figure is that only about 1 in 10 eating disorders occur in males, but according to Lemberg, newer research suggests that the real ratio is probably closer to 1 in 4.

"Instead of doing something unhealthy to get smaller, they're using unhealthy means to become larger."

Although awareness of the risk of weight disorders among males is growing, there is still a problem with under-recognition, Field says, primarily because of the assumption that the disorders look the same in males as they do in females. Current assessments for eating disorders focus on the classical presentation typical of females, but since young men are often more concerned with gaining muscle than becoming thin, they typically don’t present as underweight, as girls often do. They’re also not as likely to starve themselves, use laxatives or induce vomiting; instead, they’re much more likely to engage in excessive amounts of exercise and steroid abuse. “Instead of wanting to do something unhealthy to get smaller, they’re using unhealthy means to become larger,” Field says.

But though the presentation might be different, excessive worries about weight, especially in combination with high-risk behaviors, are no less concerning in males than in females. According to Field, it’s time to sit up and take note of the boys. “Pediatricians and adolescent
medicine docs and parents [need] to become aware that they should be listening as much to their sons’ conversations about weight as their daughters’.”

**Prospective Associations of Concerns About Physique and the Development of Obesity, Binge Drinking, and Drug Use Among Adolescent Boys and Young Adult Men**
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[+] Author Affiliations
(1) Based on the headline and the first paragraph, what research findings are being reported on in this article?

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(2) What evidence does the reporter include that most strongly demonstrates her claim? Explain how that evidence is supportive of the claim.

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(3) The reporter includes the expert opinion that reads, “The media has become more of an equal opportunity discriminator. Men’s bodies are not good enough anymore either” (Lemberg). What does “discriminator” mean in this context? Explain.

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(4) According to Lemberg, the number of males with weight disorders is on the rise. Explain how evidence from the text supports this claim.

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Essential Question: How can your setting affect your self-perception?
**Found Poem**

Directions:

1. Choose an assortment of words or phrases that connect to the Big Idea: **A realistic self-perception promotes a healthy state of mind** from the article, “Body-Image Pressure Increasingly Affects Boys.”
2. Place those words and phrases in the best order that sounds like a poem and contains meaning. The poem does not need to rhyme or have meter. Repetition is acceptable, and there should be at least 10 lines when complete.
Instructions for How to Write a Found Poem

1. Carefully re-read the prose text you have chosen. Highlight or underline details, words and phrases that you find particularly powerful, moving, or interesting. Pull examples that demonstrate the enduring understanding, “An honest self-perception promotes positive change.”

2. On a separate sheet of paper, make a list of the details, words and phrases you underlined, keeping them in the order that you found them. Feel free to add others that you notice as you go through the prose piece again.

3. Look back over your list and cut out everything that is dull, or unnecessary, or that just doesn’t support the enduring understanding. Try to cut your original list in half.

4. As you look over the shortened list, think about the tone that the details and diction convey. The words should all relate self-perception and change.

5. Make any minor changes necessary to create your poem. You can change punctuation and make little changes to the words to make them fit together (such as change the tenses, possessives, plurals, and capitalizations).

6. When you’re close to an edited down version, if you absolutely need to add a word or two to make the poem flow more smoothly, to make sense, to make a point, you may add up to two words of your own. That’s two (2) and only two!

7. Read back over your edited draft one more time and make any deletions or minor changes.

8. Check the words and choose a title—is there a better title than “Found Poem”? (The answer is yes!)

9. Copy the words and phrases into your journal or type them in a word processor. Space or arrange the words so that they’re poem-like. Pay attention to line breaks, layout, and other elements that will emphasize important words or significant ideas in the poem.

   • Read aloud as you arrange the words! Test the possible line breaks by pausing slightly. If it sounds good, it’s probably right.

   • Arrange the words so that they make a rhythm you like. You can space words out so that they are all alone or all run together.

   • You can also put key words on lines by themselves.

   • You can shape the entire poem so that it’s wide or tall or shaped like an object (say a person or even you?).

   • Emphasize words by playing with boldface and italics, different sizes of letters, and so forth.

10. At the bottom of the poem, tell where the words in the poem came from.

For example, Instructions adapted from “Found and Headline Poems” from Getting the Knack: 20 Poetry Writing Exercises by Stephen Dunning and William Stafford.
“Body-Image Pressure Increasingly Affects Boys”

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Resource 2.5
ACADEMIC SUMMARY TEMPLATE

In the ________________, __________________________________, ("A" Text Type) ____________________________, (title of text) ____________________________________________, the topic of (Full name of author) __________________________________, ("B" Academic Verb) ____________________________________________, S/he ____________________________________________, (topic/issue of text) ____________________________________________, ("C" Academic Verb + “that”) _____________________________________________.

(Author’s main argument/belief on the topic/issue)

Continue the summary by including the author’s main points or the main events/ideas that support the issue written above.

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Ultimately, what ____________________________________________ is trying to convey (through) his/her ____________________________________________, (author) ____________________________________________, (text type) _____________________________________________.

(main point)

A
Types of Texts
essay
editorial
article
research paper
narrative
report
letter
speech
short story
vignette
memoir
poem
novel
movie
drama/play

B
Precise Verbs
addresses
discusses
examines
explores
considers
questions
analyzes
scrutinizes
criticizes
comments on
elaborates on
focuses on
reflects on
argues for
argues against
debates
disputes
opposes
contests

C
Precise
“Verbs + that”
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**DECONSTRUCTION OF AN ACADEMIC SUMMARY RUBRIC**

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| **Content**             | - Addresses all parts of the prompt.  
- Includes a clear and concise topic sentence, sentence with key details paraphrased, and concluding statement that take understanding to a new level.  
- Provides strong evidence/information to express ideas. | - Addresses all parts of the prompt.  
- Topic sentence, key details paraphrased, and concluding sentence clear.  
- Provides sufficient evidence/information, via details/symbols/drawings to express ideas. | - Text does not address part of the prompt.  
- Includes irrelevant information.  
- Insufficient evidence to express ideas. |
| **Language**            | - Uses appropriate and varied words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion.  
- Uses precise language and topic-specific vocabulary.  
- Uses correct Standard English grammar and conventions. | - Uses appropriate words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion.  
- Uses precise language and topic-specific vocabulary.  
- Uses mostly correct Standard English grammar and conventions. | - Does not use appropriate words, phrases, and clauses.  
- Uses mostly casual, conversational language.  
- Frequent miscues in Standard English grammar and conventions. |
| **Format**              | - Neat and organized.  
- Follows guidelines for this work. | - Neat and organized.  
- Follows guidelines for this work. | - Messy and unprofessional.  
- Shows lack of effort |
Dimensions of Depth and Complexity

Language of the Discipline
Details
Patterns
Trends
Rules
Ethics
Big Ideas

Complexity

Over Time
Points of View
Across Disciplines

• Can be used in all disciplines
• Built with levels that take students deeper into the discipline
• Icons are used to prompt each level of depth and complexity
• Over time students will go deeper and gain a greater understanding of the content they are studying
Body-Image Pressure Increasingly Affects Boys
Pre-reading 1-2-3 Sentence Starters

Directions: You’ll be making three predictions based on three pieces of information that you’re about to witness. The first prediction is one sentence long. The next two are at least two sentences.

Previewing based on the title

Because the title is “Smart Cookie,” I predict this story will be about/have/include…

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Previewing and revising based on the image

Before I thought “Smart Cookie would be about/have/include____________________________,
______________________________________________________________________________,
but now I think_________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
because______________________________________________________________________
Looking at the picture, I believe the story may include________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________
because (cite something in the picture)___________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

Previewing and revising based on the background information

When I was looking at the picture, I predicted_________________________________________;
______________________________________________________________________________ however, now I see that
______________________________________________________________________________
Another thing I can predict is_______________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________ because the text says___________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
Directions for Pre-reading 1-2-3:

Step 1 – The title is a clue to the meaning of a text. Write a one-sentence prediction about the story based on the title. Then share your response with a partner. Predictions are reported to the class.

Step 2 – Next, look at the image of Madame Butterfly (Resource 3.2). This time, write two sentences in your prediction. One sentence is a revision, before I believed… but now I think… The second sentence must use evidence from the image to support your prediction. Predictions are again reported to the class.

Step 3 – Read the background paragraphs on page 507 of the Holt Literature Book 2nd Course. Write two sentences, the first sentence will be a revision of the previous predictions, and the second sentence will be an evidenced based prediction. Predictions are again reported to the class.
SAY-MEAN-MATTER

Your purpose in completing this chart is to analyze the “mother” character in “Smart Cookie.” Choose three significant quotes from your reading as evidence from the text that will help to analyze the character and put those quotes in the column labeled “SAY.” Then, explain the quotes in your own words in the center column for “MEAN” that you will be sharing with your group. Finally, after you have shared your quotes, make the connections among the texts in the column for “MATTER.”

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“Break a leg buddy!”
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<td>- There is a strong contrast in that viewers can describe between what was said and what was meant</td>
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**Verbal Irony Comic**

Directions:

Draw a comic that demonstrates the contrast between what the mother was thinking when she said, “I was a smart cookie then,” and what she really meant. You may use thought bubbles, dialogue bubbles, and detailed illustrations to get your point across.
## TEPAC Analytical Paragraph Chart

**Teacher-Posed Question/Prompt:**

**Student Response (Topic sentence/claim):**

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- From this, (I/we) can infer that …
- I interpret this to mean …
- The author (This) suggests/ conveys/ intimates/ implies/ illustrates …
- _____ refers to / represents …
- Possibly/ Maybe the character/speaker is …
- … may suggest (is suggesting) that …
- It seems to me that …
- On a figurative level/ Figuratively speaking, …
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**Language Frames for Connecting to Theme/Claim – “How can you connect the evidence back to your topic sentence/claim?”**
- _____ clearly suggests …
- To sum up/ In summary, …
- As one can see, …
- _____ illustrates/ examines/ demonstrates…
- … connects with/to …
- _____ emphasizes…

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- Clearly suggests
- To sum up
- As one can see
- Illustrate/examine/demonstrate
- Connect (to/with)
- Emphasize

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Deconstruction of an Analytical Paragraph

Typical Text Structure (TEPAC)

Topic Sentence
- Identify the text, author and publisher (if provided) + strong predicate + central idea/theme.

Evidence
- Include specific details from the text to support the topic sentence.

Paraphrase evidence
- Use your own thinking and language to express the author’s ideas.

Analysis of evidence
- Explain the significance (provide an interpretation) of the evidence.

Concluding statement
- Explain how the evidence connects back to the topic sentence/claim.

Typical Language Features
- The Timeless present tense (unless past or future is required)
- Verbs used to express opinions
- Passive verbs are often used
- Signal words/phrases (conjunctions) for
  - Introducing evidence that supports the central idea/claim
  - Paraphrasing information
  - Explaining significance (analyzing evidence)
  - Making connections/Concluding
- Modality used to show strength of feeling (should, must, may)
- Vocabulary specific to the topic
- Strong and effective adjectives

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Summative Assessment for Grade 8 Self Image Unit

Writing Prompt: What advice would someone with a realistic self-perception give to someone with a poor self-image to promote a healthy state of mind?

Writing from the perspective of one of the authors of “Identity” or “Body Image Pressures Increasingly Affect Boys,” write a letter to the school-aged version of the mother from “Smart Cookie” giving her advice that reflects the big idea that a realistic self-perception promotes a healthy state of mind.

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**DO-SAY LETTER PREWRITING**

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<td><em>Define honest realistic self-perception and explain why it’s important</em></td>
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<td><em>Write a plan that explains how to improve life, make good decisions, and promote a healthy state-of-mind</em></td>
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Dear __________________________,

My name is__________________________. I am _______________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________.

I am writing this letter because … (Complete this sentence by explaining your purpose for writing.)
_________________________________________________________________________.
_________________________________________________________________________.
_________________________________________________________________________.
_________________________________________________________________________.

To begin with, it is important to define what is meant by a realistic self-perception. A realistic self-perception is_________________________.
_________________________________________________________________________.

This is important because_______________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________.
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Lastly, I recommend (Explain how you believe her life could be improved by making good decisions and how those decisions will promote a healthy state of mind)
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_________________________________________________________________________.
_________________________________________________________________________.
_________________________________________________________________________.
_________________________________________________________________________.

Sincerely, _________________________________