

# Scope & Sequence:

## Novel Study for *The Graveyard Book*

### "Elements of Story" Focus:

- Exploring similes
- Using rich, descriptive language to create a sense of setting
- Investigating how varying sentence length can propel a reader forward, create tension, and provide emphasis on important moments in the story
- Reflecting on how character motivation can drive a compelling plot

### Literature Projects:

- Using animation to bring a moment from the book to life
- Brainstorming, storyboarding, and completing an animation project

### Grammar Focus:

- Adverbs
- Learning when to use adverbs and when to replace adverbs with stronger verbs and adjectives
- Interjections

### Punctuation Focus:

- Comma and em dash usage with interjections

### Super Secret Notebook Project:

- Descriptive writing
- Epitaphs
- Rhyming couplets

### Social Studies Tie-Ins:

- Graveyards and cemeteries
- Exploring the ethics around the investigation and excavation of burial sites
- The origins of vampire and werewolf lore
- The Danse Macabre theme in art and music, including the composition by Camille Saint-Saëns
- Mapping the story (making a map of Nobody's graveyard home)

### Additional Topics Explored:

- Bildungsroman (a novel about the education and "coming of age" of the protagonist)
- Gothic Literature
- The works of Edgar Allan Poe

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