

# Scope & Sequence:

## Novel Study for *The Blackbird Girls*

### "Elements of Story" Focus:

- Historical fiction
- Exploring the use of multiple settings and timelines to weave a story together and reveal the themes
- Investigating how the use of multiple narrative voices can support the themes of a novel
- Uncovering the theme and using evidence from the text to support your assessment

### Literature Projects:

- Choosing a historical event and researching it
- Telling a story through multiple narrative voices
- Crafting an original, miniature work of historical fiction

### Grammar Focus:

- Conjunctions: coordinating conjunctions, correlative conjunctions, and subordinating conjunctions

### Punctuation Focus:

- Comma usage with conjunctions
- Colons

### Super Secret Notebook Project:

- Researching a historical event
- Note-taking strategies
- Creating an informative multimedia PowerPoint presentation
- Creating a works cited page

### Social Studies Tie-Ins:

- The Chernobyl disaster
- Censorship and propaganda
- The Babi Yar / Babyn Yar Massacre
- Muslims who helped protect Jewish people during World War II

### Additional Topics Explored:

- Author Anne Blankman
- Nuclear Energy
- Radiation
- Foods featured in the novel
- Mapping the journey of the characters

To see a longer sample from another Level 6 novel study, please click on one of the links below:

The First Rule of Punk: <https://blossomandroot.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/First-Rule-of-Punk-SAMPLE.pdf>

One Crazy Summer: <https://blossomandroot.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/One-Crazy-Summer-Sample.pdf>

A Kind of Spark: <https://blossomandroot.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/AKindofSparkSample.pdf>

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