

Scope & Sequence:

Novel Study for *Root Magic*

"Elements of Story" Focus:

- Parts of a plot
- Foreshadowing
- The Southern Gothic genre

Literature Projects:

- Creating a story collage poster to map the plot

Grammar Focus:

- Phrases
- Prepositional phrases
- Appositive phrases
- Gerund phrases
- Infinitive phrases
- Participle phrases

Punctuation Focus:

- Using commas properly with various phrases

Super Secret Notebook Project:

- Fictional world-building exercises
- Character-building exercises
- Playing with themes and symbols in fictional writing
- Generating ideas for longer fiction writing

Social Studies Tie-Ins:

- The Gullah Geechee people
- Gullah Geechee cuisine
- South Carolina salt marshes
- The Brown v. Board of Education decision
- The presidency of John F. Kennedy

Additional Topics Explored:

- Author Eden Royce
- Exploring poetry and music from the text
- Gullah Geechee sweetgrass baskets
- The Tuskegee Airmen
- Juggling boards
- Rootwork