

Units of Study Virtual Teaching Resources Reviewer's Guide

Introduction

Thank you for reviewing the *Units of Study Virtual Teaching Resources*. This Guide will help you navigate Heinemann resources to help you understand:

- What's included in each subscription
- How teachers and students will use these resources in blended and virtual classrooms
- How to plan your order to make sure teachers have all they need to teach Units of Study in the year ahead

These resources are designed to support teachers in schools that will continue with virtual or blended learning in the 2020-21 school year. Lucy and her TCRWP colleagues have recorded minilesson videos for a selection of units they are suggesting for each grade level across the 2020-21 school year. Teachers may introduce these lessons as co-taught virtual lessons, setting their kids up to receive some of their teaching from a TCRWP staff developer. The sole purpose of these minilesson videos is to make teachers' work easier, so they have more time for the heart of reading, writing, and phonics workshops: the live conversations, conferring, small group work, and shares they'll manage with their students.

The minilessons in the *Units of Study Virtual Teaching Resources* have been adapted to be even more fluid, fast-paced, intimate, and engaging than they were written to be in the print sets of the units. Lucy and her colleagues paid special attention to figuring out how to inspire kids to go off and try the work. They had to rethink what the link (or send-off) of lessons would look like, so that they could offer choice and flexibility for work time, knowing that students were working in their own homes.

Lucy and her colleagues also thought hard about what small-group work and conferring would be especially helpful when kids are working virtually. In videos recorded for the teacher, they make recommendations about predictable ways to support kids in conferences and small groups. These recommendations will allow teachers to spend less time planning and more time responding to students and the work they do.

Because virtual learning is such a community endeavor, the *Units of Study Virtual Teaching Resources* also include a video in each unit for parents/caregivers as well. This was one of the great lessons of virtual learning—that reaching parents/caregivers virtually lets teachers connect to families in new ways. The goal of these videos for families is to help caregivers understand the work that students will be doing, its aims and its impact, as well as ways they can support their child.

A Step-by-Step Guide to Reviewing the *Units of Study Virtual Teaching Resources*

Step 1: Review the webpage and the “Resources to Support Units of Study in Blended or Virtual Classrooms” Brochure

Find the link to the brochure on the webpage and download it.

Review the brochure taking special note of:

- Components list – page 3
- Link to the TCRWP 2020-21 Suggested Sequence – page 3
- Units included for each grade level and series
 - K-2 – page 4
 - 3-5 – page 5
 - 6-8 – page 6
- Units offering minilesson videos in both English and Spanish – page 7
- Ordering information – pages 9-10 (including downloadable order forms)
 - Order form Excel sheet
link: <http://www.unitsofstudy.com/resourcecenter/id/656>
 - Order form PDF link: <http://www.unitsofstudy.com/resourcecenter/id/658>

Step 2: View the Platform Demonstration Video

To understand what teachers and students will see when they login to their resources, view the Platform Demonstration Video on the webpage.

Step 3: Explore *Units of Study Virtual Teaching Resources* Videos

Go to the webpage to review sample videos for students, teacher, and parent/caregivers. You'll find the following sample videos:

Sample Videos – Reading

Student-Facing Minilessons

- Grade K Reading, *Emergent Reading: Looking Closely at Familiar Texts*, Session 3
- Grade 5 Reading, *Tackling Complexity*, Session 6
- Grade 6 Reading, *A Deep Study of Character*, Session 3

Teacher Support

- Grade 3 Reading, *Building a Reading Life*, Introduction for Teachers
- Grade 3 Reading, *Building a Reading Life*, Session 1 Teacher Video

Parent/Caregiver Support

- Grade 8 Reading, *Dystopian Book Clubs*, Parent/Caregiver Video

Sample Videos – Writing

Student-Facing Minilessons

- Grade K Writing, *Show and Tell*, session 8
- Grade 3 Writing, *Art of Information Writing*, Session 2
- Grade 7 Writing, *Writing Realistic Fiction*, Session 4

Teacher Support

- Grade 5 Writing, *Up the Ladder Writing: Information*, Introduction for Teachers
- Grade 5 Writing, *Up the Ladder Writing: Information*, Session 1 Teacher Video: Conferring and Small Group Work

Parent/Caregiver Support

- Grade 5 Writing, *Narrative Craft*, Parent/Caregiver Video

Sample Videos – Phonics

Student-Facing Minilessons

- Grade K Phonics, *Making Friends with Letters*, Session 2
- Grade 1 and Grade 2 Phonics, *Marvelous Bloopers*, Session 2, Extension 2

Teacher Support

- Grade 1 Phonics, *Playing with Phonics*, Introduction for Teachers

Parent/Caregiver Support

- Grade 2 Phonics, *Growing Into Second-Grade Phonics*, Parent/Caregiver Video

Sample Video – Spanish Language

- Spanish Minilesson Sample: Grade 1 Reading, *Becoming Avid Readers*, Session 1 (available in Spanish and English)
- Spanish Minilesson Sample: Grade 4 Reading, *Up the Ladder Reading: Nonfiction*, Session 1 (available in Spanish and English)
- Spanish Minilesson Sample: Grade 6 Writing, *Personal Narrative*, Session 1 (available in Spanish and English)

Step 4: Plan your order

When you are ready to plan your order, you'll want to consider each of the following categories in the list below.

- **Units of Study Virtual Teaching Resources Subscriptions:** Order subscriptions to correspond with the print Units of Study your teachers have. Find the link to download the order form on the webpage under the Ordering Information heading. Note that all orders must be submitted by email to custserv@heinemann.com.

- **Additional Units:** Review the units included in the *Units of Study Virtual Teaching Resources* for each grade level and series and be sure to order the freestanding print units that you don't already have. Consult the order form for necessary resources for each grade level.
- **Trade Books:** Review the list of Required Trade Books needed to teach the sequence of units in the *Units of Study Virtual Teaching Resources* and check your classroom libraries to determine what additional books your teachers will need. Note that these additional trade books will not be available from Heinemann, but will should be ordered from your favorite distributor. This information can be found under the Ordering Information heading.