Analyzing fiction (English/Spanish) (DVD) [81117]

Investigates the different stylistic choices an author can make and looks at mood, tone, and point of view to see how they can each shape understanding of events and characters in a story. Shows how figurative language can help readers appreciate both the power of language and its beauty. 23 min.

Analyzing nonfiction (English/Spanish) (DVD) [81118]

Explores nonfiction, from primary and secondary sources to a survey of the many different types of nonfiction writing. Students will learn that an awareness of common features and formats is helpful when looking for specific information. They will also learn that there are a variety of factors to consider when evaluating a work of nonfiction, such as the author's purpose and if the information provided is accurate, verifiable, and up-to-date. 23 min.

Elements of fiction (English/Spanish) (DVD) [81115]

Whether it is a fantasy, mystery, short story, or novel, there are a few key elements that are found across all works of fiction: setting, character, plot, and theme. Students will discover the characteristics of each element and how these elements can work together and influence each other. 23 min.

Genres of fiction (English/Spanish) (DVD) [81116]

Investigates some of fiction's most popular genres: contemporary realistic fiction, historical fiction, science fiction, fantasy, mystery, and horror. The characteristics, common themes, and popular subgenres of each genre are highlighted. Students will discover that while some texts clearly fit into one genre, others are not easy to categorize. 23 min.

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How consumers decide: feelings and the hidden mind (DVD) [81152] Explores marketing techniques, discussing how consumers make their buying decisions based on advertisements that appeal to their emotions and the concept of branding. Includes teacher's guide. 23 min.

Kate Sessions (Kit) [50480]

Introduces local San Diego history through Kate Sessions and her contribution to San Diego and Balboa Park. Contains five (5) historical photographs, two (2) books and one (1) The gardens of Balboa Park map. THE TREE LADY: THE TRUE STORY OF HOW ONE TREE-LOVING WOMAN CHANGED A CITY FOREVER, by Joseph Hopkins: Tells the true story of Katherine Olivia Sessions, the first woman to graduate from the University of California with a degree in science, who brought trees to San Diego and helped create what eventually became Balboa Park. Nominated for 2015-

BALBOA PARK, by Joy Raab Charming: Illustrations and simple text allows readers young and old to appreciate a woman instrumental in the development of one of the

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Setting and achieving goals (Michael Pritchard) (DVD) [81330]

Comedian/counselor Michael Pritchard leads teens in a discussion of the benefits of learning to set and achieve goals, and helps them to distinguish between actual goals and mere wishes. Includes teacher's guide. 30 min.

(Michael Pritchard) (DVD) [81329]

Comedian/counselor Michael Pritchard engages groups of teens in problem-solving sessions. This overview program gives viewers a basis for choices and actions as they reach toward adulthood. The three "R's stand for taking responsibility, doing the right thing, and respecting ourselves. Includes teacher's guide. 30 min.