

Grade 7 English Language Arts

Week of February 1 – February 5

Lesson 2: Making Connections

It is important to make connections when you read. Active reading is a process the reader uses to engage with the text being read. This is a good reading strategy to use to better understand the text and the task being assigned to you. It is important to read text while thinking critically about the material and asking relevant questions as you read. Active reading also involves understanding what is expected of you.

"ACTIVE" reading stands for **A**sking questions, **M**aking connections, **T**racking down important information, **I**nferring/predicting, **V**isualizing and **E**valuating and synthesizing.

For example, consider what it means to be resilient? To set the stage for reading your novel and connecting to a main idea, take a moment to listen to the TedTalk by Monique Gray Smith, the author of *Tilly*, one of the novels on your suggested reading list. She discusses what facilitates resiliency in people.

Complete the following activity, Blankets of Resilience, while you watch the video.



Resilience and the Power of One: <https://youtu.be/edMcljKndEQ>

In this unit, you will be challenged to:

- **use your reading strategies**
- **apply appropriate strategies to comprehend written, oral and visual texts, guide inquiry, and extend thinking**
- **think critically, creatively, reflectively to explore ideas within, between, and beyond texts**
- **recognize and appreciate the role of story, narrative, and oral tradition in expressing First Peoples' perspectives, values, beliefs, and points of view**

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5.1 Four Blankets of Resilience

Monique Gray Smith identifies what she calls 4 Blankets of resilience. Please list each one. Provide an explanation in your own words and an example for each as you actively listen to her presentation.

Name of blanket	Description	Example

Return to the online lesson book.