

Grade Level: 4	Unit/Theme: Unit two, lesson 9: “Weaving a California Tradition”
Topic/Content: ELA	Time Frame: One Week

Essential Framework Standards:
See lesson 8

Essential Questions: What questions point to the identified themes, skills and understandings? What questions provide a broader intellectual focus to the work?
Why is it important to understand how people performed their work in the past? What are the distinguishing features of expository non-fiction?

Focus Skills	Focus Strategies
Author’s purpose and perspective T196,197, 230, 230, 231, 253, 260,	Summarize T232, 233, 255

Instructional Techniques that further content understanding, interpretation, application, and perception. What should small group instruction look like in this theme/unit? <i>Small group instruction should take place once to twice per week, at a minimum.</i>
Small Group: Main and Paired selection T239-257 Literacy Centers: T266, Leveled sets: 224-225 Whole Group: Spelling T266,267, Grammar T268-269 Vocabulary T235-236 Background 228-234

Six Traits Emphasis – Which components of Six Traits (from both the ELA program and the Six Traits kits) should be emphasized in this unit? <i>One lesson from the Six Traits student workbook should be taught every week.</i>
Six traits; Organization lesson 6 Storytown: Organization; time order words T270-271 Writers Companion Lesson p56 Review Writers Craft

Writing Form
Explanatory paragraph T270-271 Write Directions to a favorite place Family tradition; Write and explain directions Personal narrative

Grammar Emphasis

Clauses and Phrases; Complex sentences 268,269

Assessment: What evidence will show that the students understand the Essential Questions?

Describe how students will be assessed to demonstrate understanding of the key theme, skills and strategies in this unit.

Spelling test, weekly test, publish one piece of writing using a rubric

Relevant Tradebooks

Eagle's Shadow (about the Tlinglit people)
The Cherokee: Native Basket Weavers (DeAngelis)
Sierra (Siebert)
Celebrating Pow-Wow (Kalman)

Interdisciplinary Connections

Native Americans; What tribes live in this area, What are their traditions (T249)
Science: Native Plants T243
Math Word Problems T247
Art: Impermanent Art Sand Castles, Ice Sculptures, Sidewalk Sam, Orange Gates by Christo and Jean Claude in New York City's Central Park

Technology Options

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