# iLit | Year Overview

## Essential Question

**UNIT 1**
- How are living things interdependent?

**UNIT 2**
- What can we learn by studying relationships?

**UNIT 3**
- What is the connection between resources and settlement?

**UNIT 4**
- How can other perspectives help us understand the world?

**UNIT 5**
- How do decisions impact people and environments?

## Benchmark

**Theme**
- Social Studies
- Science
- SEL
- Technology

**Text Type**
- Informational Text
- Literature Text
- Visualization

**Metacognitive Strategy**
- Asking & Answering Questions
- Visualization
- Determine Text Importance
- Recognizing Author’s Point of View
- Making Inferences & Predictions
- Summarizing & Synthesizing

## Social Studies

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| **Government**
  - The Constitution established the U.S. Government
  - The three branches and their functions in the U.S. government.
  - The Bill of Rights and its role within the Constitution
| **Government**
  - Diversity of the various Native American nations in the U.S.
  - The unique experiences of the Native Americans before European exploration
  - Impact of the Native Americans on American society
| **Geography**
  - Causes and consequences associated with the exploration and settlement of North America
  - Competing interests of European nations and the Native American counterparts
| **History**
  - Impact of slavery on the development of the colonies
  - Concept of the Middle Passage
  - How the colonies began to develop
| **Technology’s Impact on Society**
  - Distinct qualities of the colonies
  - How marked regional, political, social, and economic differences shaped the individuality of the colonies

## Science

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| **Life Science**
  - Ecosystem is all the living and nonliving things that interact in an area
  - Role of producers and consumers in an ecosystem
| **Life Science**
  - Role of decomposers in an ecosystem
  - How matter and energy move in and ecosystem
  - What makes an ecosystem healthy or unhealthy
| **Life Science**
  - How ecosystems change
| **Earth and Space Systems**
  - Earth’s four systems.
  - How Earth’s systems produce weather and climate
  - How Earth’s systems change Earth’s surface
| **Earth and Space Systems**
  - Human’s impact on Earth’s systems

## SEL

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  - Empowered Learner
  - Digital Citizen
| Relationship Skills
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  - Digital Citizen
  - Creative Communicator
| Social Awareness
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  - Knowledge Constructor
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  - Knowledge Constructor
| Responsible Decision-Making
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- **History**
  - How the ideas of Enlightenment influenced the colonists
  - Why the colonies protested against British rule

- **History**
  - The colonists who argued for and against independence from Britain
  - The Declaration of Independence led to the Revolutionary War

- **History**
  - How America won the Revolutionary war
  - Effects of the revolution on the homefront, and the global context of the American Revolution

- **Economy**
  - Why the Articles of Confederation were not sufficient and why they changed
  - Historical context behind the Constitution and why it was needed

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- **Earth and Space Systems**
  - Effect of gravity on objects
  - Distance affects how bright a light appears.
  - Cause of the day and night sky.

- **Earth and Space Systems**
  - How shadows change during the day
  - Stars appear to move during the night and year
  - The moon appears to move and change shape
  - Tools are used to observe space

- **Physical Science**
  - Properties and structure of matter
  - When two or more different substances are mixed, a new substance with different properties may be formed

- **Physical Science**
  - What causes substances to change and how it affects their weight
  - How engineers improve materials

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