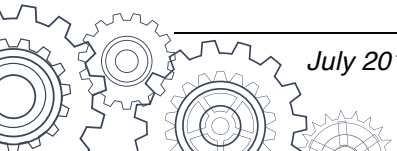
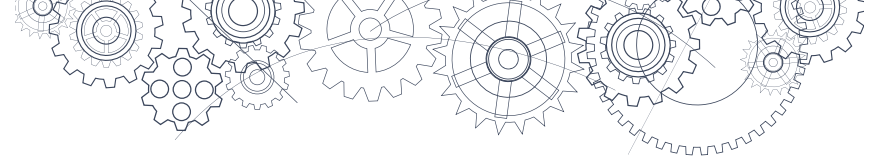


American Sign Language 5-12 – Big Ideas

Grade			
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viewing with intent helps us understand a message. Non-verbal cues contribute meaning in language. Reciprocal communication is possible with gestures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stories help us to acquire language. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We can explore our identity through a new language. Each culture has traditions and ways of celebrating.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viewing with intent helps us acquire a new language. Non-verbal cues help us construct and understand meaning in language. Reciprocal communication is possible using mime and gestures to clarify meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stories help us to acquire language and understand the world around us. (Grades 6-7, Introductory 11) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning about ASL language and Deaf communities helps us to develop cultural awareness of the D/deaf experience.
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viewing with intent helps us understand a variety of messages. Non-verbal cues are integral to communicating meaning. (Grade 7, Introductory 11) Reciprocal interactions help us understand and acquire knowledge. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowing about Deaf and other diverse communities helps us develop cultural awareness.
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viewing with intent strengthens our acquisition and understanding of a new language. We can express ourselves and discuss the world around us in a new language. With increased fluency, we can participate actively in reciprocal interactions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We can share our experiences and perspectives through stories. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative works are an expression of language and culture. Acquiring a new language and learning about another culture deepens our understanding of our own language and of Deaf language and culture.
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viewing with intent supports our acquisition and understanding of a new language. (Grades 9-10) Conversing about things we care about can motivate our learning of a new language. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative works allow us to experience Deaf culture and appreciate cultural diversity. Acquiring a new language allows us to explore our own identity and culture from a new perspective.





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10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viewing with intent supports our acquisition and understanding of a new language. (Grades 9-10) Expressing ourselves and engaging in conversation in a new language requires courage, risk taking and perseverance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stories give us unique ways to understand and reflect on meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural expression can take many different forms. Acquiring a new language provides a unique opportunity to interact with Deaf communities and the Deaf world.
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viewing and expressing with intent supports our acquisition of a new language. The communicative context determines how we express ourselves. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language and culture are interconnected and shape our perspective, identity, and voice. Exploring diverse forms of cultural expression promotes greater understanding of our own cultural identity. Developing proficiency in a new language provides unique opportunities for careers, travel, personal growth, and study abroad.
Introductory 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viewing with intent helps us understand and acquire a new language. Non-verbal cues are integral to communicating meaning. (Grade 7, Introductory 11) Expressing ourselves in a new language requires courage, risk taking, and perseverance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stories help us to acquire language and understand the world around us. (Grades 6-7, Introductory 11) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring Deaf culture and diverse forms of cultural expression allows us to appreciate cultural diversity. Acquiring ASL provides a unique opportunity to interact with Deaf communities and the Deaf world.
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language learning is a lifelong process. With increased language proficiency, we can discuss and justify opinions with nuance and clarity. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing our feelings, opinions, and beliefs in a new language contributes to our identity. Exploring diverse forms of cultural expression promotes greater understanding and appreciation of cultures worldwide. Becoming more proficient in a new language enables us to explore global issues.

