

Table of Contents

Teacher’s Introduction. iii

Critical Reading

LESSON 1: Main Idea and Supporting Details 5
LESSON 2: Summarizing and Paraphrasing.11
LESSON 3: Cause and Effect 17
LESSON 4: Sequencing 21
LESSON 5: Author’s Purpose 27
LESSON 6: Making Inferences 33
LESSON 7: Distinguishing Fact from Opinion 39
LESSON 8: Denotative and Connotative Meanings. . 45
LESSON 9: Interpreting Connotative Language. . . . 53
LESSON 10: Recognizing Prefixes 61
LESSON 11: Analyzing Suffixes 69
LESSON 12: Word Associations 77
LESSON 13: Restatement and Example Clues 85
LESSON 14: Explanation and Contrast Clues 93

Writing

LESSON 15: Commas, Semicolons, and Colons . . . 101
LESSON 16: Subject-Verb Agreement 109
LESSON 17: Placement of Modifiers. 115
LESSON 18: Expressing Ideas Clearly. 123
LESSON 19: Sequence of Ideas and Transitions . . . 131
LESSON 20: Improving Word Choice 139
LESSON 21: Parallelism. 147
LESSON 22: Writing a Persuasive Essay 153
LESSON 23: Minding Your Audience. 159
LESSON 24: Supporting Evidence 167
LESSON 25: Evaluating an Introduction. 175
LESSON 26: Evaluating a Conclusion 183
LESSON 27: Evaluating a Paragraph. 191
LESSON 28: Sentence Integrity 199

Appendix A1