

## Unit 1 Week 1

Genre Study 1

Expository Text

### Key Concept

Take Action

Essential Question:

*HOW DO PEOPLE RESPOND  
TO NATURAL DISASTERS?*

### Anchor Text

*Earthquakes*

### Shared Read

*"A World of Change"*

### Strategy

read

### Skill

compare and contrast

### Fluency

intonation

### Text Features

diagrams and headings

### Vocabulary Strategy

multiple meaning words, homographs

### Grammar

sentences

### Writing

personal narrative: expert model,  
plan, draft

### SPELLING/ PHONICS

short vowels

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flat  
cash  
band  
bell  
left  
shelf  
wealth  
grim  
mill  
hint  
plot  
dock  
blot  
odd  
sum  
plum  
bluff  
crunch  
build  
gym  
snack  
stop  
pond  
heavy  
shovel

## Vocabulary

alter- to make different; to change

collapse- to fall down; cave in

crisis- a dangerous or difficult situation for a period  
of time

destruction- serious damage or ruin

hazard- something that can cause danger or harm

severe- dangerous or serious

substantial- large or considerable in amount

unpredictable- not behaving in a way that is  
expected