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| ***IMPORTANT CONCEPTS YOUR STUDENT SHOULD KNOW AND ACTIVITIES TO DO AT HOME*** |
|  **Books: Ice to Steam and The Westing Game** **Writing: Sentence Composing and Informational Writing Compare/Contrast** |
|  **Important Concepts Addressed in this Unit** |
| \*I can determine the theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in a text.\*I can compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama.\*I can explain how a series of chapters, scenes,or stanzas fit together.\*I can describe how a narrator’s point of view influences how events are described.\*I can use capitalization, punctuation, and spelling correctly when writing.\*I can interpret the meaning of figurative language.\*I can use context clues to determine the meaning of words.\*I can use text evidence to support my answer. \*I can determine the meaning of words based on Greek and Latin affixes and roots. | **\***I can make inferences based on what I have read.\*I can identify the main idea and details of an informational text.\*I can read and understand informational text.\*I can write an informational text.\*I can develop a topic with facts related to a topic.\*I can use conjunctions to expand sentences.\*I can use prepositions to expand sentences and add more detail.\*I can explain the function of an interjection in a sentence.\*I can write an opinion piece on a topic based on text evidence.\*I can use reference materials to determine the meaning of a word, along with synonyms and antonyms. |
| **Key Words To Know** | **How You Can Help Your Student** |
| **Ice to Steam**List 1: solid, liquid, gas, precipitation, evaporation, condensation **The Westing Game**List 1: luxurious, motive, obituary, heir, inherit, executor List 2: defiantly, suspicion, alibi, coincidence, timid, paralyzeList 3: restraining, resemblance, irony, tension, plot thickness, shareList 4: deliberately, astounded, “Played right into the man’s hands”, foreshadow, resolution, financier List 5: witness, confessed, accomplice, charred, crossroads | **Flashcards:** Monday’s homework each week will be to create flashcards for the vocabulary words.**Agendas:** Check for homework and sign each night. |

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| **Sample Problems** |
| Select the correctly spelled word.1. luxurious lucerious luxereous luxurous

Sunset Towers was the most luxurious building on Lake Michigan.(fill in the blank - recall)\*\*\* Be able to use different forms of each word in sentences and for fill in the blank questions. Examples: luxuriously, ironic, motives, defied, etc. |