

# UNIT 3: WEEK 5

## Genre Study 3:

### Argumentative Text

- Nonfiction stating the author's opinion on a topic
- Provides facts and examples to persuade the reader to agree with the author's opinion

### Comprehension Skill: Author's Point of View

- Author's point of view is the author's attitude or position on a topic.
- Authors give reasons and evidence to support their points.
- Ask yourself: "What is the author's position on this topic? What clues in the text reveal this position?"

### Vocabulary Strategy: Greek Roots

- Knowing the meaning of common Greek roots can help you find the meanings of unfamiliar words.
- Examples: *gen* = "race, kind"    *phys* = "nature"  
*chron* = "time"

### Vocabulary Words:

1. advancements—improvements that move an idea ahead
2. agriculture—the science and business of raising crops and farm animals
3. characteristics—qualities that belong to and help to identify a person or thing
4. concern—a worried interest in something
5. disagreed—had a different opinion
6. inherit—to receive from one's parent or parents
7. prevalent—commonly accepted, used, or widespread
8. resistance—the act of fighting against or overcoming something

### Essential Question:

In what ways can advances in science be helpful or harmful?

### Spelling Words

1. fishbowl
2. desktop
3. waterproof
4. snowstorm
5. bedroom
6. bedspread
7. clothesline
8. lookout
9. campfire
10. grandparent
11. loudspeaker
12. blindfold
13. yourself
14. undertake
15. yardstick
16. overhead
17. railroad
18. bookcase
19. newborn
20. overdo