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Vocabulary Central Grade 6 by Pearson Education, Inc. (free)
Vocabulary Central Grade 7 by Pearson Education, Inc. (free)
Vocabulary Central Grade 8 by Pearson Education, Inc. (free)

CCLS Standards Addressed:

Reading Literature 4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in text, including figurative and connotative meanings, analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.

Language 5: Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

Language 6: Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Website/Location of apps:

Vocabulary Central Grade 6: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/vocabulary-central-grade-6/id392125447?mt=8>

Vocabulary Central Grade 7: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/vocabulary-central-grade-7/id392126774?mt=8>

Vocabulary Central Grade 8: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/vocabulary-central-grade-8/id392127370?mt=8>

Description: Vocabulary Central Grades 6, 7, and 8 are designed to help students learn vocabulary words related to reading literature. The app is divided into six units of study: Unit 1: Fiction and Nonfiction, Unit 2: Short Stories, Unit 3: Types of Nonfiction, Unit 4: Poetry, Unit 5: Drama, Unit 6: Themes in the Oral Tradition. Each unit has three activities: Flashcards, BQ Tunes, and Vocab Trivia. The first activity is Flashcards. Each flashcard gives an explanation of the word, a model sentence, a supporting image, synonyms and antonyms, word families, and background information, all with accompanying audio. After practicing, students can earn points in the Quiz mode. Once all flashcards are reviewed within a Unit, students can access the BQ Tunes and Vocab Trivia activities. BQ Tune provides videos featuring scrolling lyrics that provide musical and contextual clues to help students discover the meaning of the target vocabulary words highlighted in blue. In Vocab Trivia, students read each question, and then choose the best answer. The faster they can answer a question, the higher their score will be. If the students wait too long to respond, the incorrect answers start to disappear. When they vanish, so does their chance to score more points. Vocabulary Central is also available for Grades 9 – 12.

Incorporation explanation: This app is designed so that students can work at their own pace to build their vocabulary. I would use this app for reinforcement of skills and a parent resource.