

## Grade 7: Module 2: Epidemics—Summary of Changes

EL Education completed an update to Grade 7: Module 2: Epidemics in March 2021 in response to a revision of the central text, *Patient Zero*, and made necessary changes addressing how to discuss the topic of epidemics with students and families as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Below is a summary of the changes.

### Changes to *Patient Zero*

The publisher of *Patient Zero* revised the text to add a new chapter about the COVID-19 pandemic (Chapter 8: A Wakeup Call to the World: COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020–21). They also took the opportunity to make updates to the overall design of the book, including color scheme and illustrations, and made changes to the text throughout with the intention of improving pacing and reader engagement. As a result of the changes to the text, the Lexile® rating went down slightly from 1120 to 1080. The revision also meant EL Education needed to make significant updates to the curriculum materials for this module to reflect changes to the wording and organization of the book.

### Changes to the Curriculum Materials

Changes to the curriculum materials are concentrated in Unit 1, where students spend time reading three chapters of *Patient Zero* to learn about three historical epidemics: The Great Plague of London, 1665; The Soho Cholera Outbreak, 1854; and Typhoid in New York, 1906. The content focus of the unit has not changed, nor have the standards addressed or nature of the lessons, and students still study the same chapters and the same epidemics. Because of this, the majority of the changes to the curriculum materials are superficial, involving changes to page number references or slight shifts in wording. There are exceptions, however, where changes to the wording of the text had significant effects on the curriculum materials (e.g., vocabulary words that were removed or close-read passages that were rewritten or replaced).

- Rewritten Materials (names reflect new page numbers)
  - Unit 1: Mid-Unit 1 Assessment: Analyze Structure: *Patient Zero*, Pages 38–41
  - Unit 1: Lesson 1: Entrance Ticket
  - Unit 1: Lesson 2: Text Guide: *Patient Zero*
  - Unit 1: Lesson 2: Gists: *Patient Zero*
  - Unit 1: Lesson 3: Close Reading Guide: *Patient Zero*: Pages 18, 20, and 23
  - Unit 1: Lesson 3: Close Reading Guide: *Patient Zero*: Pages 18, 20, and 23 Note-Catcher
  - Unit 1: Lesson 4: Entrance Ticket
  - Unit 1: Lesson 5: Entrance Ticket
  - Unit 1: Lessons 6–7: Language Dive Guide: *Patient Zero*: Page 39
  - Unit 1: Lesson 11: Synopsis: *Patient Zero*, Pages 79–83
  - Unit 1: Homework: Analyze Interactions: *Patient Zero*, Pages 79–83
  - ELL: Unit 1: Lessons 12–13: Synopsis: *Patient Zero*, Pages 83–88
- Line Edited Materials
  - Teacher Guide: Unit 1: Lessons 1–14
  - Teacher Guide: Unit 2: Lesson 3
  - Teacher Guide: Unit 3: Lessons 5–6

- Supporting Materials: Unit 1: End of Unit Assessment: Analyze Individuals, Events, and Ideas: *Patient Zero*, Chapter 4
- Supporting Materials: Unit 1: Lessons 1–14
- Supporting Materials: Unit 1: Homework
- Supporting Materials: Unit 2: Lesson 8: Model Pair Informative Essay
- Supporting Materials: Unit 3: Homework
- ELL: Teacher Guide: Unit 1: Lessons 1–14
- ELL: Unit 1: Lesson 3: Close Reading: *Patient Zero*, Pages 18, 20, and 23 Note-Catcher
- ELL: Unit 1: Lesson 4: *Patient Zero* Lesson 4 Note-Catcher
- ELL: Unit 1: Lesson 5: *Patient Zero* Lesson 5 Note-Catcher
- ELL: Unit 1: Lesson 8: 5-Minute Mini Language Dive Guide
- ELL: Unit 1: Lesson 8: 5-Minute Mini Language Dive Guide Note-Catcher
- ELL: Unit 1: Lesson 10: Solve *Patient Zero*, Chapter 4 Note-Catcher
- ELL: Unit 1: Lesson 11: Discussion Prompts: *Patient Zero*, Pages 79–83
- ELL: Unit 1: Lesson 14: Discussion Prompts: *Patient Zero*, Pages 83–88
  
- Materials Removed
  - Unit 1: Lessons 12–13: Language Dive: *Patient Zero*, Page 89
    - This Language Dive and all associated materials were removed. The sentence used to create it has been altered, and no other sentence providing similar opportunities for analysis could be found in this section of the book.
  - ELL: Unit 1: Lesson 11: 5-Minute Mini Language Dive
    - This Mini Language Dive was removed for the same reasons as the Language Dive above.
  
- Teacher Guide Resources
  - Module, Unit, Assessment, and Homework Overviews
    - Guidance for how the topic of epidemics should be presented to students was updated given the wide familiarity with this topic due to current events as well as heightened social and emotional concerns.
    - Family-facing guidance in the Homework Overviews was updated to address the same concerns.
    - Page number references were updated.
  - Curriculum Map and Curriculum Plan
    - The ISBN for *Patient Zero* was updated for the new edition.
    - Page number references were updated.
  
- New Resources
  - Grade 7: Module 2: Epidemics Crosswalk
    - A crosswalk detailing the changes in the curriculum materials has been created for curriculum users who have the existing version of the module materials and want to transition to using the new edition of *Patient Zero*.