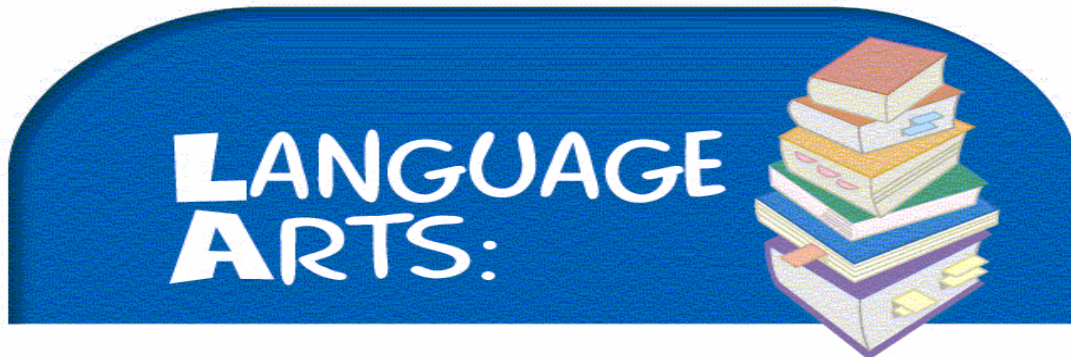


## Glencoe Curriculum Portfolio Activities—Unit 8



### Language Arts 1

#### Create a database of words.

Do you ever think about the words you use to speak, to write, to read? What do they mean? Where did they come from? What part of speech are they? In “A Dictionary of Japanese-American Terms” in *Glencoe Literature: The Reader’s Choice*, the author defines many of the Japanese words she learned while growing up. Your family might have special words it uses. Maybe they are words from another country, like the words in this story. Create a database of words your family uses. Include columns for the word, the part of speech, the respelling, the language of origin, and the definition. Use a dictionary to help you find the information you need.

Key the database into a word processor. Follow the formatting guidelines presented in your textbook. Spell-check and proofread the information in your database.

Resources:

Dictionaries

*Glencoe Literature: The Reader’s Choice*

Theme: No Place Like Home

Title: “A Dictionary of Japanese-American Terms,” pp. 27-34