



English/Language Arts Department
Grade 9 - English I Honors

Overarching Question: Who am I and what do I believe in?

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Scope and Sequence

Month	Reading Workshop	Writing Workshop
Early September	Unit 0: Freshmen Seminar - How to actively read, discuss, and make inferences	
Mid September to mid October	Unit 1: Thinking About Literature	
Mid October to Nov 7		Unit 2: Writing a Literary Analysis
November 8 to mid- Dec	Unit 3: Identity and Society	
mid-Dec to January 24		Unit 4: Writing a Personal Narrative
January 25 to early March	Unit 5: Reading Rhetoric and Argument	
mid-March to April 10		Unit 6: Writing an Argument
April 11 to Early May	Unit 7: Ethics	

mid-May to June 15	Unit 8: Writing an Exposition
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Unit 0	
Freshman Seminar: How to Actively Read, Discuss, and Make Inferences	
Summary and Rationale	
<p>Reading for understanding and analysis requires foundational skills of active reading, annotating, active listening, and discussions. Readers make inferences about the world and themselves through multimodal texts as reading is everywhere in daily life (videos, short stories, poems, and longer texts). Finding meaning from texts requires us to analyze multiple perspectives, literary reading skills, and revised thinking processes. Skilled readers refine their perspectives through discussions to challenge ideas and build upon initial viewpoints. In doing so, this will help students to develop their ideas in literature to better understand themselves, the world, and ultimately, what it means to be a human.</p>	
Recommended Pacing	
2 Weeks	
Standards	
Reading Domain	
RL.CR.9-10.1	Cite a range of thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections to strongly support analysis of multiple aspects of what a literary text says explicitly and inferentially, as well as including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
RL.CI.9-10.2	Determine one or more themes of a literary text and analyze how it is developed and refined over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.
RL.IT.9-10.3	Analyze how an author unfolds and develops ideas throughout a text, including how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
Writing Domain	

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Speaking and Listening Domain	
SL.PE.9-10.1	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with peers on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
Social Justice	
DI.9-12.6	I interact comfortably and respectfully with all people, whether they are similar to or different from me.
Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills	
9.2.12.CAP.3	Investigate how continuing education contributes to one's career and personal growth.
9.2.12.CAP.4	Evaluate different careers and develop various plans.
9.2.12.CAP.8	Determine job entrance criteria (e.g., education credentials, math/writing/reading comprehension tests, drug tests) used by employers in various industry sectors.
9.4.12.CI.1	Demonstrate the ability to reflect, analyze, and use creative skills and ideas.
9.4.12.CI.2	Identify career pathways that highlight personal talents, skills, and abilities.
9.4.12.CI.3	Investigate new challenges and opportunities for personal growth, advancement, and transition.
9.4.12.CT.1	Identify problem-solving strategies used in the development of an innovative product or practice.
9.4.12.CT.2	Explain the potential benefits of collaborating to enhance critical thinking and problem solving.
9.4.12.TL.1	Assess digital tools based on features such as accessibility options, capacities, and utility for accomplishing a specific task.
9.4.12.TL.3	Analyze the effectiveness of the process and quality of a collaborative environment
Instructional Focus	
Enduring Understandings:	Essential Questions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Readers expand their definition of reading texts and why we read them to understand the world. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are readers surrounded by texts on a daily basis and how does it affect our understanding of the world?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Readers actively read to understand the text and make meaning of it through annotations to track their thinking and avoid plagiarism. ● Readers engage in meaningful discussions about the text by asking effective discussion questions, supporting ideas with evidence, and providing multiple perspectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How can readers actively read and engage with the text to understand its meaning and avoid plagiarism? ● How can readers discuss the text to share and learn multiple perspectives by asking questions and supporting with evidence?
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Evidence of Learning (Assessments)

Pre-Assessment (Summer Reading)

Post Assessment - Student selects a Pixar Short or Short Story

Objectives (SLO)

<p>Students will know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Readers become aware and reflect that the act of reading is around us every day which shapes how we see the world (people, articles, images, stories, books, television shows, and films). 	<p>Students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expand the definition of “reading” and “texts” to address that reading is multi-modal and around us every day which shapes our thinking. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Anything that must be read to be understood counts as a text.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Print ■ Visual ■ Comics ■ Film ■ People ● Considering each type of text, the features of each text, and why we read it or hope to gain from that text. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Example: Text - Email from band teacher; Description of Feature - Five sentences with bullet points and links to a calendar. It was sent to the whole class; Why You Read It - To know upcoming performances ○ Looking at these texts, consider which are required for you to read, how to categorize them, which ones to skim or actively read, and consider the various purposes of them.
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- Readers learn to actively read through annotating, asking questions, make predictions, to read for understanding and make inferences.
- Differentiate the purpose of reading for understanding/comprehension or interpretation/analysis.
 - Understanding/Comprehension: What is the text literally (explicitly) stating? What information is it communicating? Students can identify the main idea of the text and summarize the most significant ideas.
 - Interpretation/Analysis: What ideas give the text significance? What perspectives are present in the text? What is the theme, meaning, and purpose?
 - Students actively read and interact with the text by annotating to understand and analyze the text.
 - Active reading is engaging with the text to understand the overall meaning and various perspectives in a text.
 - Active readers ask questions: when confused, noting patterns, making previous connections
 - Reader reactions: text to text, text to self, text to world connections. Make predictions.
 - Mark moments that seem important to understanding the text's main idea.
 - When actively reading, it isn't highlighting each line of the text, readers:
 - Consider the type of text, its features, and why we are reading it (purpose)
 - Find a note-taking strategy to organize your thoughts (tables, color-coding, headers/subheaders, symbols)
 - In the strategy - expand your thinking to explain why it was highlighted or marked as important.
 - what information does this moment glean about meaning/ purpose? (Inferences)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readers discuss with fellow readers to learn new perspectives through listening for challenging ideas and built upon ideas to revise their initial idea of the text and themselves. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readers will identify the elements of a thought-provoking discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ After finding the element - what does this look like? What does this sound like? • Readers will be able to identify effective or ineffective discussion questions. • Readers will be able to write effective discussion questions to propel the conversation to better understand the text, the world, and themselves. • Readers will learn how to challenge ideas and build upon ideas with evidence and revised thinking. • Readers will self-reflect on their discussion to find ways to actively improve on how to revise their initial ideas of the text, the world, and themselves.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readers understand the differences between intentional and unintentional plagiarism and how to avoid it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plagiarism is passing anyone’s work (words, ideas, research) as your own, even if it wasn’t formally published. • Unintentional plagiarism includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Direct quote from the text missing the quotation marks ○ Paraphrased text that is too close to the original text • Readers can avoid plagiarism by acknowledging the source any time you use actual words, ideas, examples, or evidence from someone else. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Direct quotations ○ Facts through research ○ Judgment or opinions made by others ○ Statistics or data ○ Visual images like charts, graphs, or tables from a source

Please note: The teaching points above may be taught to the whole class, small groups, or individual students. They do not have to be taught in order. Teachers should utilize the pre-assessment and formative assessments in class to inform their instructional planning. They should be taught in Minilessons, Conferences, Strategy Groups, Shared Reading, Interactive Read Aloud, or Shared Writing.

NOTES FOR DIFFERENTIATION: These suggestions can be used to support students who need accommodations, modifications, and/or extensions.

If these objectives are utilized as whole class lessons, students do not have to all be in the same place as readers. The teacher should provide a whole class, mini-lesson, and then invite students to continue working on reading at their own

pace. Some students might apply this lesson to their reading work on the same day, but the others may be in different places in their instruction so they should work on what they need. If need be, the teacher may have to pull small groups and/or confer with readers depending on where they are in the process. These lessons can be recycled or provided for a second time to support students in small groups that might need additional practice or guidance. Additionally, readers who are ready for challenges, should be provided with additional instruction in small groups

Suggested Resources/Technology Tools

Context/Test Resources:

Disney Plus:

- Loop
- Float
- Out
- Bao
- Wind
- LOU

Other Short Films:

- In a Heartbeat
- Hair Love
- Let's Eat

Short Stories:

- Two Drops of Oil by Paulo Coelho
- "Mouse" by Saki

Excerpts:

- Foundations of Language Textbook (pg. 79-87)

Pedagogical Resources:

- How to Annotate Sticky Notes with Bookmark (Handout)
- Introduction to Annotation Mini Lesson (Google Slides)
- Annotation - Specific Handout and Rubric
- Effective Discussions (What it Looks Like and Sounds Like)
- How to make effective discussions Mini Lesson (Google Slides)
- Discussion Stems
- Discussion Rubric
- Post Discussion Self-Reflection

Tier 1 Modifications and Accommodations

Including special education students, Multilingual Language Learners (MLLs), students at risk of school failure, gifted and talented students, and students with 504 plans

Universal classroom strategies to support all students (many overlap as Special Education/504 modifications):

- Give written directions to supplement verbal directions
- Provide due date on written assignments

- Provide clear, concise directions and concrete examples for assignments
- Make class notes, slides, and materials available to all on Schoology
- Provide opportunities for movement/activity change
- Use checklists/agendas to help the students get organized
- Reinforce students for appropriate behaviors
- Allow students to make corrections on returned tests for additional credit (as appropriate - modify as per individual IEP, 504, etc.)
- Allow student to edit a 'first draft' on essay questions and grade final edited copy
- Modify the content of the test (as appropriate - modify as per individual IEP, 504, etc.)
- Improve font/spatial organization of formative and summative assessments
- Use cooperative learning techniques
- Provide graphic organizers and outlines for writing assignments (also show students how to make their own graphic organizers for future assignments based on task, prompt, etc.)
- Add extended time of test as needed (as appropriate - modify as per individual IEP, 504, etc.)
- Allow additional time to complete work (as appropriate - modify as per individual IEP, 504, etc.)

Assessments (incorporate additional modifications for Special Education and 504 students as per their individual documents):

- Students should be given the option to give answers to formative and summative assessments orally, visually, on paper, and/or typed (as appropriate).
 - **Oral** submissions: students may use Google Docs to record voice to text, Flipgrid to record a voice only recording, etc as appropriate. Submissions must be appropriate to the task and purpose of the assessment.
 - **Visual** submissions: students may use Flipgrid, Google Slides, Prezi, social media posts (Instagram, TikTok, etc.), and other visual creations/applications as appropriate. Submissions must be appropriate to the task and purpose of the assessment.
 - On **paper** (handwritten): students may use notebook entries, Post-Its, print outs, etc. Handwritten responses can be especially useful for formative assessments (see this article for more information about the scientific benefits of handwriting). Submissions must be appropriate to the task and purpose of the assessment.
 - **Typed**: students should be encouraged to use Google Docs (students may need additional instruction in Google Docs - formatting, tools, etc.), especially for summative writing assessments. Submissions must be appropriate to the task and purpose of the assessment.
- Students may be assessed on specific parts of the assignment rubric (e.g. choice columns), modified rubrics (e.g. one point rubrics), etc.

English Language Learners (ELL):

- Sheltered instruction strategies:
 - Contextualize Key Vocabulary
 - Review the content—select key vocabulary terms that are critical to understanding the concept being taught.
 - Introduce and define terms simply and concretely.
 - Demonstrate how terms are used in context, and explain through the use of synonyms or cognates to clarify meaning.
 - Scaffolding
 - Verbal Scaffolding—restating a student response to model correct English usage and grammar.
 - Model critical thinking by using “Think Aloud” strategies.
 - Reinforce contextual definitions by restating a term and giving its context or definition.

- Procedural scaffolding—building a student’s independent knowledge of concepts and language to move a student from explicit teaching – to modeling – to practicing – to application.
- Such practices should include grouping of students to build skills and increase independence.
- Questioning
 - Use a variety of question types.
 - Ask open-ended questions that require true communication from and between students.
- Interaction
 - Allow student discussion and interaction to provide peer support and opportunities to practice language.
 - Vary student groupings day-to-day and even within a lesson (partners, teams, triads).
- Wait Time
 - Many English language learners need more time to formulate answers and should be given ample wait time (up to 20 seconds).
- Clarifying Key Concepts in First Language
 - English language learners need to be allowed to confer in their primary language about subject matter and their own thinking—with each other or with the teacher.
- Application of Content and Language Knowledge
 - “Discussing and doing” make abstract concepts more concrete to students and allow students to practice English in a safe environment.

Gifted and Talented:

- **Tiered Assignments:**
 - Assignments that are graduated or tiered by level of **difficulty** or **completeness**. Creating an assignment in this manner allows the teacher to present content at varying levels of **complexity** as well as allows students to present their knowledge in varying **ways** of complexity.
- Open-Ended Assignments - **Extended** Thinking:
 - Student choice as to **how far** they take their **own** learning-making them both **responsible** and **accountable** for their own education. Students can be given a choice of both assignment content and product delivery. The ability to present their knowledge in a unique way allows for the potential of the further depth and breadth needed for gifted learners. Students can also extend their thinking based on the open-ended prompts to incorporate other disciplines, interest areas, etc. (while still staying on task).
- **Enrichment** (Independent Study, Independent Research, Sophistication of Projects):
 - Adding disciplines or areas of learning not normally found in the regular curriculum. Focus on the upper levels of Bloom’s Taxonomy: analysis, synthesis and evaluation-in their learning. Independent study falls under the category of enrichment along with **individually chosen projects** to match the interests of the gifted student. The introduction of research skills and critical thinking skills along with multidisciplinary connections are often taught as a way to enrich the program for gifted learners.
- **Acceleration** (Telescoping, Compacting, Ability or Need Grouping)
 - Educating the student at their level of ability rather than grade level expectations. They can also accelerate through the rate at which they are learning: commonly referred to as telescoping. There is extensive research that shows that gifted learners benefit greatly from interaction with their intellectual peers, which makes grouping by ability a viable accommodation from both an academic and social perspective.

Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills Practices (June 2020)

- Act as a responsible and contributing community members and employee.
- Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.
- Use technology to enhance productivity increase collaboration and communicate effectively.
- Work productively in teams while using cultural/global competence

Unit 1

Thinking About Literature

Summary and Rationale

In this introductory unit, students gain a bit of perspective on the role of literacy in the world, along with the importance of analysis - making observations, identifying patterns, and drawing conclusions - as the fundamental process humans use to make sense of the world around them, whether that means understanding a scientific principle or investigating a poem, graphic novel, or short story.

Additionally, students will tackle skills related to literary analysis and close reading by shifting how they think from the literal to the metaphorical. There is a build on the familiar process of analyzing the elements of literature - setting, character, plot, point of view, etc. - and a move toward an analysis of theme: the meaning of the work as a whole. Ultimately, students will apply the analysis process to uncover theme in all of the major genres of literature - novels, poetry, short stories, and drama.

Recommended Pacing

6-7 Weeks

Standards

Reading Domain

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	the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.
RL.IT.9-10.3	Analyze how an author unfolds and develops ideas throughout a text, including how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
RL.TS.9-10.4	Analyze how an author’s choices concerning the structure of a text, order of the events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulation of time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create specific effects (e.g., mystery, tension, or surprise).
RL.PP.9-10.5	Determine an author’s lens in a text (including cultural experience reflected in a work of literature from outside the United States, drawing on a wide reading of world literature) and analyze how an author uses rhetorical devices to advance a point of view.
RL.MF.9-10.6	Analyze integrate, and evaluate multiple interpretations (e.g., recorded or live production of a play or recorded novel or poetry) of a single text or text/s presented in different formats (visually, quantitatively).
RL.CT.9-10.8	Analyze and reflect on (e.g., practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) how an author draws on, develops, or transforms source material historical and literary significance (e.g., how a modern author treats a theme or topic from mythology or a religious text) and how they relate in terms of themes and significant concepts..
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SL.PE.9-10.1	<p>Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with peers on <i>grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues</i>, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. B. Collaborate with peers to set rules for discussions (e.g. informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views); develop clear goals and assessment criteria (e.g. student developed rubric) and assign individual roles as needed. C. Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions. D. Respond thoughtfully to various perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and justify own views. Make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

SL.PI.9-10.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically. The content, organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
SL.AS.9-10.6	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English.
Language Domain	
L.VL.9-10.3	<p>Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>grades 9–10 reading and content</i>, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.</p> <p>A. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</p> <p>B. Identify and correctly use patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech (e.g., <i>analyze, analysis, analytical; advocate, advocacy</i>).</p> <p>C. Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, its part of speech, or its etymology.</p> <p>D. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).</p>
L.VI.9-10.4	<p>Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.</p> <p>A. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., euphemism, oxymoron) in context and analyze their role in the text.</p> <p>B. Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.</p>
Interdisciplinary Connections	
Learning for Justice	
DI.9-12.6	I interact comfortably and respectfully with all people, whether they are similar to or different from me.
DI.9-12.7	I have the language and knowledge to accurately and respectfully describe how people (including myself) are both similar to and different from each other and others in their identity groups.
DI.9-12.8	I respectfully express curiosity about the history and lived experiences of others and exchange ideas and beliefs in an open-minded way.
DI.9-12.9	I relate to and build connections with other people by showing them empathy, respect and understanding, regardless of our similarities or differences.
Social Studies	

6.2	All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically and systematically about how past interactions of people, cultures, and the environment affect issues across time and cultures. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions as socially and ethically responsible world citizens in the 21st century.
Integration of Technology	
8.1	Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.
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Enduring Understandings:	Essential Questions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Readers utilize the analysis process - making observations, identifying patterns, and drawing conclusions - to analyze texts and make connections between them and their world. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do readers apply the analysis process to make sense of challenging texts and the world around them? What are the key literary elements and how can knowledge of these elements

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Readers review key literary elements - characterization, setting, point of view, symbol, and plot - to explain how these elements can contribute to a work’s overall meaning. ● Readers recognize that stylistic elements like diction, syntax, imagery, and figurative language can impact theme. 	<p>contribute to the overall meaning of a literary work?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What are the key stylistic elements and how can knowledge of these elements relate to theme?
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Core Reading Enduring Understandings and Essential Questions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Readers utilize the analysis process - making observations, identifying patterns, and drawing conclusions - to analyze texts and make connections between them and their world. ● Readers listen and collaborate to understand others’ thinking by participating in whole-class or small-group conversations to challenge and clarify their own thoughts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How do readers apply the analysis process to make sense of challenging texts and the world around them? ● How is my understanding of a text expanded, explained, or challenged by my conversation with others?
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Evidence of Learning (Assessments)

Pre: Summer Reading Analysis Process questions

During: Applying the Analysis Process to various short texts; multiple choice and open-ended questions aligned to texts; whole-class discussions, small-group/book club conversations.

Post: Applying analysis process to a fresh text

Objectives (SLO)

<p>Students will know (Goals):</p>	<p>Students will be able to (Teaching Points):</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Readers utilize the analysis process - making observations, identifying patterns, and drawing conclusions - to analyze texts and make connections between them and their world. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Readers start by making focused observations about what they are reading. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ask yourself - what do you notice about your subject? ● Readers then begin identifying patterns about the text. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What aspects of your subject are repeated? ○ What is different from what you expected or from similar subjects? ○ What connections can you make? ● Readers consider the context in which characters/events are framed in a text. ● Readers draw a conclusion about the text. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What conclusion or judgment can you make about your subject?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Readers review key literary elements - characterization, setting, point of view, symbol, and plot - to explain how these elements can contribute to a work's overall meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Readers analyze how literary elements impact understanding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Characterization - direct and indirect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Speech ■ Thoughts ■ Effect on others ■ Actions ■ Looks (descriptions) ○ Setting (values, belief systems, time, place, atmosphere) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Readers develop ideas about how setting impacts a character (characterization, development, growth, choices) ○ Symbolism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Motif ○ Conflict (Plot) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Readers develop ideas about how conflict reveals characterization. ○ POV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Reliability (or lack thereof) of a narrator ■ How the story is being told (in real time, as a reflection, etc.) ● Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students will analyze how all of the aforementioned literary elements provide a better understanding of the theme
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Readers recognize that stylistic elements like diction, syntax, and figurative language can relate to tone and theme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Readers will analyze how the author's specific word choice (words with positive or negative connotations; archaic words; complex or simple words) impact the overall meaning ● Syntax <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Readers will explore how word order can impact the meaning of a sentence or phrase (especially useful in the analysis of poetry) ● Tone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If necessary, teachers can review the difference between tone and mood with the students in the form of a mini-lesson.

- Readers propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

- Readers collaborate through discussion to gather multiple viewpoints and perspectives from peers to expand my own thinking/ understanding.
 - When appropriate, teachers can teach into Learning for Justice Standard DI.9-12.6 as an important component of whole class and small group/book club conversations.
 - Readers will discuss topics to consider other stances on the topic.
 - Strategy: Expand, explain, challenge...
 - Readers will discuss topics to uncover multiple perspectives.
 - Teachers may want to use this opportunity to connect to Learning for Justice Standards DI.9-12.7, 8, & 9, which speak to describing similarities and differences in identity groups, expressing curiosity about the lived experiences of others, and relating to and building connections with other people by showing them empathy and understanding.
 - If necessary, teachers can show the students videos (using resources like YouTube) of readers having effective book club conversations to model accountable talk.
 - If necessary, teachers can begin using Socratic Seminars and transition to several book club conversations to model academic conversations.
 - If necessary, teachers can provide verbal prompts and post sentence stems to help students lead their own conversations.
 - If necessary, teachers can use alternative tools to promote conversation, including blogs and digital discussions using Google Docs.

- Readers will understand how to draw on a source(s) as evidence in support of an argument.
 - If necessary, the teachers can review the various (differentiated) formats that students can use to take notes to reference textual evidence in discussions. The students will ultimately choose their format for their notes.
 - If necessary, teachers can model how students can add and edit their notes over time.
 - Teachers can prompt students to add to their notes while they circulate during conversation to guide students to track their thinking.

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Unit 2

Writing: Literary Analysis

Summary and Rationale

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Interdisciplinary Connections	
Social Studies	
6.2	All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically and systematically about how past interactions of people, cultures, and the environment affect issues across time and cultures. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions as socially and ethically responsible world citizens in the 21st century.
Integration of Technology	
8.1	Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.
8.1.12.D.1	Demonstrate appropriate application of copyright, fair use and/or Creative Commons to an original work.

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Instructional Focus	
Enduring Understandings:	Essential Questions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writers analyze the use of literary and/or stylistic elements in a text to explain the connection to theme by studying mentor texts and applying different techniques exercised by many authors. Writers use relevant and appropriate evidence by choosing textual evidence that spans the entirety of the text which also directly relates to the thesis. Writers effectively structure and organize their pieces using transitions and providing context to meet the audience's needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do writers effectively present the author's use of literary and/or stylistic elements in connection to thematic understanding? How do writers collect and connect evidence and use it to support their thesis and create cohesion? How do writers structure and organize literary analysis to best address the audience?

Core Writing Enduring Understandings and Essential Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writers understand that Standard English grammar and mechanics is essential to effective written and oral communication. Writers need to understand who their audience is so they can make specific stylistic choices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does a writer’s command of English grammar, mechanics, and usage contribute to effective written communication? How can specific awareness of an audience affect stylistic and mechanical choices?
Evidence of Learning (Assessments)	
<p>Pre-assessment: Teachers may utilize the post-assessment from Unit 1 as a pre-assessment for Unit 2.</p> <p>During: submission of snapshot pieces, peer and teacher conferences</p> <p>Post-assessment</p>	
Objectives (SLO)	
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Unit 3

Identity and Society

Summary and Rationale

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RL.PP.9-10.5	Determine an author's lens in a text (including cultural experience reflected in a work of literature from outside the United States, drawing on a wide reading of world literature) and analyze how an author uses rhetorical devices to advance a point of view.
RL.MF.9-10.6	Analyze integrate, and evaluate multiple interpretations (e.g., recorded or live production of a play or recorded novel or poetry) of a single text or text/s presented in different formats (visually, quantitatively).
RL.CT.9-10.8	Analyze and reflect on (e.g., practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) how an author draws on, develops, or transforms source material historical and literary significance (e.g., how a modern author treats a theme or topic from mythology or a religious text) and how they relate in terms of themes and significant concepts..

Writing Domain	
W.RW.9-10.7	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
Speaking and Listening Domain	
SL.PE.9-10.1	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with peers on <i>grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues</i> , building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively
SL.ES.9-10.3	Evaluate a speaker’s point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, identifying any false reasoning or distorted evidence.
SL.II.9-10.2.	SL.II.9-10.2. Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, qualitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.
Language Domain	
L.VL.9-10.3	<p>Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>grades 9–10 reading and content</i>, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.</p> <p>A. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</p> <p>B. Identify and correctly use patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech (e.g., <i>analyze, analysis, analytical; advocate, advocacy</i>).</p> <p>C. Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, its part of speech, or its etymology.</p> <p>D. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).</p>
L.VI.9-10.4	<p>Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.</p> <p>A. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., euphemism, oxymoron) in context and analyze their role in the text.</p> <p>B. Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.</p>
Interdisciplinary Connections	
Social Studies	

6.2	All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically and systematically about how past interactions of people, cultures, and the environment affect issues across time and cultures. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions as socially and ethically responsible world citizens in the 21st century.
Integration of Technology	
8.1	Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.
Learning for Justice	
I.D.9-12.1	I have a positive view of myself, including an awareness of and comfort with my membership in multiple groups in society
I.D.9-12.2	I know my family history and cultural background and can describe how my own identity is informed and shaped by my membership in multiple identity groups.
I.D.9-12.3	I know that all my group identities and the intersection of those identities create unique aspects of who I am and that this is true for other people too.
I.D.9-12.4	I express pride and confidence in my identity without perceiving or treating anyone else as inferior.
I.D.9-12.5	I recognize traits of the dominant culture, my home culture and other cultures, and I am conscious of how I express my identity as I move between those spaces.
D.I.9-12.6	I interact comfortably and respectfully with all people, whether they are similar to or different from me.
Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills	
9.2.12.CAP.3	Investigate how continuing education contributes to one's career and personal growth.
9.2.12.CAP.4	Evaluate different careers and develop various plans.
9.2.12.CAP.8	Determine job entrance criteria (e.g., education credentials, math/writing/reading comprehension tests, drug tests) used by employers in various industry sectors.
9.4.12.CI.1	Demonstrate the ability to reflect, analyze, and use creative skills and ideas.
9.4.12.CI.2	Identify career pathways that highlight personal talents, skills, and abilities.
9.4.12.CI.3	Investigate new challenges and opportunities for personal growth, advancement, and transition.

9.4.12.CT.1	Identify problem-solving strategies used in the development of an innovative product or practice.
9.4.12.CT.2	Explain the potential benefits of collaborating to enhance critical thinking and problem solving.
9.4.12.TL.1	Assess digital tools based on features such as accessibility options, capacities, and utility for accomplishing a specific task.
9.4.12.TL.3	Analyze the effectiveness of the process and quality of a collaborative environment
Enduring Understandings:	
Essential Questions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readers attempt to define “identity” in order to explore its meaning as an abstract concept and apply those ideas to their own lives and the lives of the characters in the texts they read. • Readers explore myriad different texts in order to connect how a person’s background influences how identity is formed. • Readers identify different powerful institutions (school, government, family, media, peer groups, religion) in order to analyze how they often emphasize conformity at the expense of the individual. • Readers analyze the effects of the author’s choice of point of view and how that choice helps develop the theme of the text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is identity? • How is one’s identity formed (personal experiences, family life, location, socioeconomics, religion, etc)? • To what extent do institutions emphasize conformity at the expense of individuality? • How can an author’s choice of point of view help clarify the theme of a text?
Core Reading Enduring Understandings and Essential Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readers utilize the analysis process - making observations, identifying patterns, and drawing conclusions - to analyze texts and make connections between them and their world. • Readers listen and collaborate to understand others’ thinking by participating in whole-class or small-group conversations to challenge and clarify their own thoughts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do readers apply the analysis process to make sense of challenging texts and the world around them? • How is my understanding of a text expanded, explained, or challenged by my conversation with others?
Evidence of Learning (Assessments)	
Pre-Assessment: from <i>The Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth</i> - multiple choice and open-ended questions	
During: Multiple choice quizzes, open-ended questions, group quote analysis tasks, book club conversations, whole-class discussions on various texts	
Post-Assessment	

Objectives (SLO)

Students will know (Goals):

- Readers will attempt to define “identity” in order to explore its meaning as an abstract concept and apply those ideas to their own lives and the lives of the characters in the texts they read.

Students will be able to (Teaching Points):

- Denotative vs. connotative definition of “identity”
- How do each of the following factors affect how you view yourself and how you think others view you?
 - Gender
 - Age
 - Race, culture and/or religion
 - Socioeconomic status
 - Readers have a positive view of themselves, including an awareness of and comfort with their membership in multiple groups in society (DI.9-12.1)
 - Readers know their family history and cultural background and can describe how their own identity is informed and shaped by their membership in multiple identity groups (DI.9-12.2)
- How do personal attributes or experiences that you have had make you feel unique?
 - Physical traits
 - Clothing/jewelry, etc.
 - Interests
 - Experiences
 - Family/friends
 - Readers know that all their group identities and the intersection of those identities create unique aspects of who they are and that this is true for other people too (DI.9-12.3)
- What are the inner and outer forces that have shaped your identity?
 - Focus especially on the role of society (including school, city, geographical area, religion, etc.)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Readers explore myriad different texts in order to connect how a person’s background influences how identity is formed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Considering how the historical context and author’s biography impacts an author’s (and reader’s) experience with a text. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What’s happening in the world at the time of publication? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ E.g. for <i>Of Mice and Men</i>, there’s the Great Depression, migration west, migrant workers looking for jobs, specific ideas about gender and people with disabilities, masculinity, etc. ○ Where does the author grow up? ○ What is the author’s home life like? ○ How would the social and political climate of the time period in which the author grew up and (if applicable) the time of publication impact the portrayal of societal norms and expectations?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Readers identify different powerful institutions (school, government, family, media, peer groups) in order to analyze how they often emphasize conformity at the expense of the individual. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What are different types of institutions that control how we see ourselves? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Laws created ■ Laws enforced or not enforced ○ School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Friend groups ■ Cliques ■ Sports and other activities ○ Family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Expectations ■ Sibling rivalry ○ Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Proliferation of social media ■ Expectations of beauty ■ Masculinity/femininity ● Students will explore how facets within each of these institutions can extend out to every aspect of our lives and impact how we see ourselves and one another. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is an opportunity to connect to JU.9-12.3, which speaks to readers

explaining the impact of biased words and behaviors and unjust practices, laws, and institutions that limit the rights and freedoms of people based on their identity groups.

Please note: The teaching points above may be taught to the whole class, small groups, or individual students. They do not have to be taught in order. Teachers should utilize the pre-assessment and formative assessments in class to inform their instructional planning. They should be taught in Minilessons, Conferences, Strategy Groups, Shared Reading, Interactive Read Aloud, or Shared Writing.

NOTES FOR DIFFERENTIATION: These suggestions can be used to support students who need accommodations, modifications, and/or extensions.

If these objectives are utilized as whole class lessons, students do not have to all be in the same place as readers. The teacher should provide a whole class, mini-lesson, and then invite students to continue working on reading at their own pace. Some students might apply this lesson to their reading work on the same day, but the others may be in different places in their instruction so they should work on what they need. If need be, the teacher may have to pull small groups and/or confer with readers depending on where they are in the process. These lessons can be recycled or provided for a second time to support students in small groups that might need additional practice or guidance. Additionally, readers who are ready for challenges, should be provided with additional instruction in small groups.

Suggested Resources/Technology Tools

Foundations of Language and Literature: For Honors and Pre-AP English Courses text by Renee H. Shea, John Golden, Tracy Scholz, et. al

Advanced Language and Literature: For Honors and Pre-AP English Courses text by Renee H. Shea, John Golden, Lance Balla, et. al.

Personal and Social Identity Wheel Activities

- Personal identity wheel handout
 - Link: <https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/inclusive-teaching/personal-identity-wheel/>
- Social identity wheel handout
 - Link: <https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/inclusive-teaching/social-identity-wheel/>

Book Club Short Texts:

- “The Devil’s Thumb” by Jon Krakauer
- “Shooting an Elephant” by George Orwell
- “La Gringuita” by Julia Alvarez
- “By Any Other Name” by Santa Rama Rau
- “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings” by Maya Angelou
- “Hunger Makes Me a Modern Girl” by Carrie Brownstein

Whole Class Text:

The Color of Water by James McBride

*teacher should have discretion to change the title of the whole class text in a given year

Tier 1 Modifications and Accommodations

Including special education students, Multilingual Language Learners (MLLs), students at risk of school failure, gifted and talented students, and students with 504 plans

Universal classroom strategies to support all students (many overlap as Special Education/504 modifications):

- Give written directions to supplement verbal directions
- Provide due date on written assignments
- Provide clear, concise directions and concrete examples for assignments
- Make class notes, slides, and materials available to all on Schoology
- Provide opportunities for movement/activity change
- Use checklists/agendas to help the students get organized
- Reinforce students for appropriate behaviors
- Allow students to make corrections on returned tests for additional credit (as appropriate - modify as per individual IEP, 504, etc.)
- Allow student to edit a 'first draft' on essay questions and grade final edited copy
- Modify the content of the test (as appropriate - modify as per individual IEP, 504, etc.)
- Improve font/spatial organization of formative and summative assessments
- Use cooperative learning techniques
- Provide graphic organizers and outlines for writing assignments (also show students how to make their own graphic organizers for future assignments based on task, prompt, etc.)
- Add extended time of test as needed (as appropriate - modify as per individual IEP, 504, etc.)
- Allow additional time to complete work (as appropriate - modify as per individual IEP, 504, etc.)

Assessments (incorporate additional modifications for Special Education and 504 students as per their individual documents):

- Students should be given the option to give answers to formative and summative assessments orally, visually, on paper, and/or typed (as appropriate).
 - **Oral** submissions: students may use Google Docs to record voice to text, Flipgrid to record a voice only recording, etc as appropriate. Submissions must be appropriate to the task and purpose of the assessment.
 - **Visual** submissions: students may use Flipgrid, Google Slides, Prezi, social media posts (Instagram, TikTok, etc.), and other visual creations/applications as appropriate. Submissions must be appropriate to the task and purpose of the assessment.
 - On **paper** (handwritten): students may use notebook entries, Post-Its, print outs, etc. Handwritten responses can be especially useful for formative assessments (see this article for more information about the scientific benefits of handwriting). Submissions must be appropriate to the task and purpose of the assessment.
 - **Typed**: students should be encouraged to use Google Docs (students may need additional instruction in Google Docs - formatting, tools, etc.), especially for summative writing assessments. Submissions must be appropriate to the task and purpose of the assessment.
- Students may be assessed on specific parts of the assignment rubric (e.g. choice columns), modified rubrics (e.g. one point rubrics), etc.

English Language Learners (ELL):

- Sheltered instruction strategies:

- Contextualize Key Vocabulary
 - Review the content—select key vocabulary terms that are critical to understanding the concept being taught.
 - Introduce and define terms simply and concretely.
 - Demonstrate how terms are used in context, and explain through the use of synonyms or cognates to clarify meaning.
- Scaffolding
 - Verbal Scaffolding—restating a student response to model correct English usage and grammar.
 - Model critical thinking by using “Think Aloud” strategies.
 - Reinforce contextual definitions by restating a term and giving its context or definition.
 - Procedural scaffolding—building a student’s independent knowledge of concepts and language to move a student from explicit teaching – to modeling – to practicing – to application.
 - Such practices should include grouping of students to build skills and increase independence.
- Questioning
 - Use a variety of question types.
 - Ask open-ended questions that require true communication from and between students.
- Interaction
 - Allow student discussion and interaction to provide peer support and opportunities to practice language.
 - Vary student groupings day-to-day and even within a lesson (partners, teams, triads).
- Wait Time
 - Many English language learners need more time to formulate answers and should be given ample wait time (up to 20 seconds).
- Clarifying Key Concepts in First Language
 - English language learners need to be allowed to confer in their primary language about subject matter and their own thinking—with each other or with the teacher.
- Application of Content and Language Knowledge
 - “Discussing and doing” make abstract concepts more concrete to students and allow students to practice English in a safe environment.

Gifted and Talented:

- **Tiered Assignments:**
 - Assignments that are graduated or tiered by level of **difficulty** or **completeness**. Creating an assignment in this manner allows the teacher to present content at varying levels of **complexity** as well as allows students to present their knowledge in varying **ways** of complexity.
- **Open-Ended Assignments - Extended Thinking:**
 - Student choice as to **how far** they take their **own** learning-making them both **responsible** and **accountable** for their own education. Students can be given a choice of both assignment content and product delivery. The ability to present their knowledge in a unique way allows for the potential of the further depth and breadth needed for gifted learners. Students can also extend their thinking based on the open-ended prompts to incorporate other disciplines, interest areas, etc. (while still staying on task).
- **Enrichment** (Independent Study, Independent Research, Sophistication of Projects):
 - Adding disciplines or areas of learning not normally found in the regular curriculum. Focus on the upper levels of Bloom’s Taxonomy: analysis, synthesis and evaluation-in their learning. Independent study

falls under the category of enrichment along with **individually chosen projects** to match the interests of the gifted student. The introduction of research skills and critical thinking skills along with multidisciplinary connections are often taught as a way to enrich the program for gifted learners.

- **Acceleration** (Telescoping, Compacting, Ability or Need Grouping)
 - Educating the student at their level of ability rather than grade level expectations. They can also accelerate through the rate at which they are learning: commonly referred to as telescoping. There is extensive research that shows that gifted learners benefit greatly from interaction with their intellectual peers, which makes grouping by ability a viable accommodation from both an academic and social perspective.

Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills Practices (June 2020)

- Act as a responsible and contributing community members and employee.
- Attend to financial well-being.
- Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
- Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.
- Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.
- Use technology to enhance productivity increase collaboration and communicate effectively.
- Work productively in teams while using cultural/global competence

Unit 4

Writing a Personal Narrative

Summary and Rationale

In this unit, students will be exposed to various mentor texts as they examine the characteristics of personal narrative. They will evaluate how writers structure personal narratives in order to reveal something significant about the narrator to the reader. Throughout the unit, students will learn from mentor writers and experiment with varied techniques as they create their own personal narratives. Ultimately, writers will capture a compelling story about themselves and communicate why that story matters.

Recommended Pacing

3-4 weeks

Standards

Reading Domain

RL.CI.9-10.2

Determine one or more themes of a literary text and analyze how it is developed and refined over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.

RL.TS.9-10.4

Analyze how an author's choices concerning the structure of a text, order of the events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulation of time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create specific effects (e.g., mystery, tension, or surprise).

Writing

W.NW.9-10.3

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

- A. Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation,

	<p>establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create a smooth progression of experiences or events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● B. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters. ● C. Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole. ● D. Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters. ● E. Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.
W.WP.9-10.4	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, trying a new approach; sustaining effort to complete complex writing tasks; seeking out feedback and reflecting on personal writing progress; consulting a style manual (such as MLA or APA Style), focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
W.WR.9-10.5	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
W.RW.9-10.7	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
Speaking and Listening Domain	
SL.PE.9-10.1	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with peers on <i>grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues</i> , building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
Language Domain	
L.SS.9-10.1.	<p>Demonstrate command of the system and structure of the English language when writing or speaking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Use parallel structure. B. Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, adverbial, participial, prepositional, absolute) and clauses (independent, dependent; noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
L.KL.9-10.2	<p>Apply knowledge of language to make effective choices for meaning, or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading, writing, speaking or listening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Vary word choice and sentence structure to demonstrate an understanding of the influence of language.

L.VI.9-10.4	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. A. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., euphemism, oxymoron) in context and analyze their role in the text. B. Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.
Interdisciplinary Connections	
Social Studies	
6.2	All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically and systematically about how past interactions of people, cultures, and the environment affect issues across time and cultures. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions as socially and ethically responsible world citizens in the 21st century.
Integration of Technology	
8.1	Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.
8.1.12.D.1	Demonstrate appropriate application of copyright, fair use and/or Creative Commons to an original work.
Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills	
9.2.12.CAP.3	Investigate how continuing education contributes to one's career and personal growth.
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9.4.12.TL.3	Analyze the effectiveness of the process and quality of a collaborative environment	
Instructional Focus		
Enduring Understandings:		Essential Questions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Writers will be inspired by personal narrative mentor texts to inform the structure of their own writing. ● Writers choose stories that matter and capture those stories with compelling details. ● Writers develop a unique voice by emulating a variety of different stylistic techniques to capture the interest of the reader. ● Writers revise their work by immersing themselves, generating ideas, drafting, refining, and understanding the various elements of narrative writing. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How can studying different personal narrative mentor texts help a writer create their own story? ● How do we choose which stories to tell and how do we capture those stories? ● How do authors use the elements of personal narrative to tell a compelling story and capture interest of the reader? ● How can the revision process help to clarify the overall message of a story?
Core Writing Enduring Understandings and Essential Questions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Writers understand that Standard English grammar and mechanics is essential to effective written and oral communication. ● Writers need to understand who their audience is so they can make specific stylistic choices. ● Writers refine their work for the purpose of sharing with their intended audience, and determine the most appropriate technology to do so. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How does a writer’s command of English grammar, mechanics, and usage contribute to effective written communication? ● How can specific awareness of an audience affect stylistic and mechanical choices? ● How can one most effectively utilize technology to produce, refine, publish and share writing?
Evidence of Learning (Assessments)		
<p>Pre-assessment</p> <p>During: Various check-ins and conferences during the drafting stages; submissions of small pieces/excerpts</p> <p>Post-assessment</p>		
Objectives (SLO)		
<p>Students will know: (Goals)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Writers identify/analyze characteristics of personal narrative and apply varied techniques to their own writing. 	<p>Student will be able to: (Teaching Points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Writers study mentor texts to determine the key characteristics of personal narrative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If necessary, teachers can guide students to review mentor texts according to their reading levels and interests. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Writers collect several anecdotes and vignettes and look back over these to investigate patterns or themes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If necessary, teachers can review the ways in which students can make annotations on their mentor texts to track patterns and theme
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Writers generate ideas of which of their personal stories need to be told and why. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Writers choose people/moments to write about and identify the purpose for writing each story. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Writers ask themselves: Who am I writing about/for and why? ○ They consider writing to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Gain clarity, perspective, or awareness ■ Relive a moment ■ Teach a lesson ■ Build empathy ● Writers generate anecdotes—small moment stories—that capture the tensions in their lives, that show pivotal points, and life themes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If they feel stuck for ideas, writers rely on what they already know. One way to do this is by listing out the strategies they’ve learned for collecting small moments (first times, last times, important people, places, things, issues) in a notebook and then using one of them to quickly develop new topics to write about.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Writers create a story arc that shows the most important events in their life, considering impact. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Writers study mentor texts to uncover varied ways to begin personal narrative stories and they try several out to determine which might be best.* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Setting lead ○ Background lead ○ Flashback ○ Honing in on a small moment ● Writers generate different ideas for story entry points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Indelible moment in time ■ Moments of impact ■ Sense memory

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Writers study mentor texts to uncover how writers provide a resolution or reflection of events to conclude narrative nonfiction stories:* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Logical progression from beginning to end <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Full circle ending ○ Thoughtful reflection/realization on what was experienced, observed, and/or resolved ○ A symbolic action or defining moment ● Writers study mentor texts to determine specific ways to structure personal narrative stories.* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chronological/linear ○ Bookend ○ Jumping back and forth in time ○ Parallel plotlines ○ Multiple/alternating points of view
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Writers use narrative elements to create the world of the story (narration, realistic dialogue, internal thinking, description...). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Writers study mentor texts to uncover multiple narrative techniques and ways to develop stories:* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dialogue ○ Pacing ○ Description ○ Reflection ○ Multiple plot lines ○ Transitions ● Writers study mentor texts to examine syntax and details to highlight emotions and experiences:* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sentence structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Varied sentence lengths ■ Varied sentence types ○ Punctuation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hyphens ■ Dashes ■ Colons ■ Ellipses ○ Diction/Mood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Imagery ■ Figurative Language (simile, metaphor, personification, hyperbole, etc.)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Writers utilize sensory details and imagery in order to communicate the emotional significance of the events they write about. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If necessary, teachers can conduct mini-lessons about sensory details and imagery to assist students in communicating emotional significance in their writing. ● Writers decide how to choose and structure events to create meaning and impact. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If necessary, teachers can guide students to analyze mentor texts to help them choose a structure for their writing.
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- Use technology to enhance productivity, increase collaboration and communicate effectively.
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Unit 5

Reading Rhetoric and Argument

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Recommended Pacing

5-6 weeks

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Writing Domain	
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	<p>function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</p> <p>B. Identify and correctly use patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech (e.g., <i>analyze, analysis, analytical; advocate, advocacy</i>).</p> <p>C. Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, its part of speech, or its etymology.</p> <p>D. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).</p>
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Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills	
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9.2.12.CAP.8	Determine job entrance criteria (e.g., education credentials, math/writing/reading comprehension tests, drug tests) used by employers in various industry sectors.
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9.4.12.CI.2	Identify career pathways that highlight personal talents, skills, and abilities.
9.4.12.CI.3	Investigate new challenges and opportunities for personal growth, advancement, and transition.
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Instructional Focus

Enduring Understandings:

- Readers understand the different components of rhetoric and argument: rhetorical situation, rhetorical appeals, use of evidence, elements of style.
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- Readers begin to make deliberate choices about how to use the tools of rhetoric and argument in their own writing.

Essential Questions:

- What are the basic components of rhetoric and argument?
- How do readers analyze the components of rhetoric and argument?
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- How might readers begin to make choices about how they might eventually use the tools of rhetoric in their own writing?

Core Reading Enduring Understandings and Essential Questions

- Readers utilize the analysis process - making observations, identifying patterns, and drawing conclusions - to analyze texts and make connections between them and their world.
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- How is my understanding of a text expanded, explained, or challenged by my conversation with others?

Evidence of Learning (Assessments)	
<p>Pre</p> <p>During: formative assessments measuring student comprehension of key unit skills, whole-class, small group, individual skills-based activities</p> <p>Post</p>	
Objectives (SLO)	
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Unit 6

Writing an Argument

Summary and Rationale

In this unit, students will apply knowledge of the characteristics and conventions of rhetoric and argument in order to write their own arguments. Students learned about various elements of argument in Unit 5, including rhetorical situation, claims, evidence, appeals, and style. They had the opportunity to apply their understanding of these elements to various argumentative texts. Ultimately, students will put their knowledge of rhetoric and argument to work by crafting their own written arguments, utilizing authentic argumentative mentor texts for support.

Recommended Pacing	
3-4 weeks	
Standards	
Reading Domain	
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RI.AA.9-10.7	Describe and evaluate the argument and specific claims in an informational text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and reasoning.
Writing Domain	
W.AW.9-10.1	<p>Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> F. Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence. G. Develop claim(s) and counterclaims avoiding common logical fallacies, propaganda devices, and using sound reasoning, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience’s knowledge level and concerns. H. Use transitions (e.g. words, phrases, clauses) to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims. I. Establish and maintain a style and tone appropriate to the audience and purpose (e.g. formal and objective for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

	J. Provide a concluding paragraph or section that supports the argument presented.
W.WP.9-10.4	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, trying a new approach; sustaining effort to complete complex writing tasks; seeking out feedback and reflecting on personal writing progress; consulting a style manual (such as MLA or APA Style), focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
W.WR.9-10.5	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
W.SE.9-10.6	Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation (MLA or APA Style Manuals).
Speaking and Listening Domain	
SL.II.9-10.2.	Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, qualitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.
SL.PI.9-10.4	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically. The content, organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
Language Domain	
L.SS.9-10.1	Demonstrate command of the system and structure of the English language when writing or speaking..
L.KL.9-10.2	Apply knowledge of language to make effective choices for meaning, or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading, writing, speaking or listening. A. Vary word choice and sentence structure to demonstrate an understanding of the influence of language.
Interdisciplinary Connections	
Social Studies	
6.2	All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically and systematically about how past interactions of people, cultures, and the environment affect issues across time and cultures. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions as socially and ethically responsible world citizens in the 21st century.
Integration of Technology	

8.1	Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.
8.1.12.D.1	Demonstrate appropriate application of copyright, fair use and/or Creative Commons to an original work.
Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills	
9.2.12.CAP.3	Investigate how continuing education contributes to one's career and personal growth.
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9.4.12.CI.1	Demonstrate the ability to reflect, analyze, and use creative skills and ideas.
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9.4.12.TL.1	Assess digital tools based on features such as accessibility options, capacities, and utility for accomplishing a specific task.
9.4.12.TL.3	Analyze the effectiveness of the process and quality of a collaborative environment
Instructional Focus	
Enduring Understandings:	
Essential Questions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writers of argument choose topics they are interested in, craft debatable claims, and determine their audience's concerns and values. Writers of argument support their claims with strong points and evidence, as well as all three rhetorical appeals. Writers of argument not only raise counterarguments, but also address them in a respectful way. Writers of argument craft introductions that engage the readers and provide enough context for them to understand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do writers of argument choose engaging topics, craft an effective claim, and demonstrate knowledge of their audience? How do writers of argument support their claim? How do writers of argument address the ideas of those who think differently than them?

<p>the claim, and conclusions that give the readers a reason why their argument and position truly matters.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How do writers of argument effectively open and close their pieces?
<p>Core Writing Enduring Understandings and Essential Questions</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Writers understand that Standard English grammar and mechanics is essential to effective written and oral communication. ● Writers need to understand who their audience is so they can make specific stylistic choices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How does a writer’s command of English grammar, mechanics, and usage contribute to effective written communication? ● How can specific awareness of an audience affect stylistic and mechanical choices?
<p>Evidence of Learning (Assessments)</p>	
<p>Pre During: activities on individual skills, small (snapshot) pieces of various components of argument, conferences Post</p>	
<p>Objectives (SLO)</p>	
<p>Students will know (Goals):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Writers of argument choose topics they are interested in, craft debatable claims, and determine their audience’s concerns and values. 	<p>Students will be able to (Teaching Points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choose a topic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are you passionate about? ○ What do you have an interest in? ○ Using umbrella topics for brainstorming (i.e. politics, health and science, ethics, education, pop culture, history, etc.) ○ Choose an issue from brainstorming and write a brief explanation about why you care about the topic - why is it an important one to you, your family, your community, the country, or the world? ● Craft a claim <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must be debatable - something that reasonable people might disagree about ○ Look at examples of claims from mentor texts ○ Claims should include the author’s position and give us a

sense of what actions the writer wants us to take

- Write a claim and meet with a partner to ensure it is debatable - are there multiple sides and perspectives? Would reasonable people disagree on the issue based on credible facts and evidence?
- Conduct brief research on the topic to see if there are multiple perspectives on the issue

- Determine who your audience is

- What are their concerns and values?
- Why might they think differently about the issue than you do?
- Keep audience in mind as you plan the points you want to cover, the possible objections they might have, the evidence you want to present, and the tone you want to use
- Look at mentor texts for concrete examples of how argument writers address their audience
- Understanding and appealing to your audience is your primary consideration as you plan your argument. It informs ALL of your decisions.

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- Writers of arguments make a series of points, including addressing the possible objections of the reader
 - For each point, the writer needs to provide evidence
 - The writer must then explain how that evidence proves the point
 - Look at mentor texts for concrete examples of how writers craft points to prove their overall claim
 - Lead and finish with most powerful points - lead with a

strong point to get your reader's attention, and finish with a strong point because the last thing they read is the thing they're most likely to remember

- Provide evidence for every point you make
 - A point without evidence is called an unsupported **assertion** and it's a very common weakness in arguments
 - Always try to ask yourself about every point you make, "how do I know this?"
 - Identify and give examples of the most common types of evidence
 - Concrete details and examples
 - Research and expert opinion
 - Data and statistics
 - Personal experience and anecdotes
- Argument writers work to develop all three rhetorical appeals - ethos, logos, and pathos
 - Purpose of ethos is to convince your audience that you have credibility to speak on the topic, and that you share their values and concerns
 - Logos is the core of your argument, because it is what you appeal to when you prove your points
 - Pathos is used to stir emotions and grab the reader's attention. It is the most powerful of the appeals, but it is often used to manipulate and frequently abused
 - Look at mentor texts to find examples of argument writers utilizing all three appeals
 - Think about your strategy for appealing to each type of appeal

- Writers of argument not only raise counterarguments, but also address them in a respectful way.

- Look at mentor texts to see how argument writers raise opposing views and then refute them (concede and refute)
 - If they cannot refute entirely, explain why the objection is not a strong one
- Use sentence frames to introduce the opposing side:
 - Some will say that _____ is not true because _____.
 - Opponents of _____ will argue that...
 - While it is true that _____, my concern is _____.
- When you concede and refute, you might use such sentence starters as:
 - Yes, _____, but _____.
 - While there is some truth to this, is it most important to keep in mind that _____.
 - It's a good point, but it fails to take into account _____.
- Try drafting a sentence or two that raises and refutes a counterargument to your claim, using the sentence frames above if they are useful. If you have trouble doing either part of this, be sure to conduct additional research on your topic.

- Writers of argument craft introductions that engage the readers and provide enough context for them to understand the claim, and conclusions that give the readers a reason why their argument and position truly matters.

- Look at argumentative mentor texts to unlock several ways writers hook their readers in their introductions:
 - Personal anecdote - engages readers on a human level
 - Dramatic facts - puts the audience at attention
- Introductions need to provide context for the argument as well as a statement of your claim.

- Draft an introduction for the topic you've been working on using either personal anecdote or dramatic facts. Try to engage the readers and then provide context for them to understand your claim.
- Look at argumentative mentor texts to find strategies for writing an effective conclusion:
 - A challenging question - will make readers think about the lasting implications
 - Extension - extending beyond just that topic, broadening to a larger ethical question
 - Emotional plea - urge the audience to action
- Try sketching out a conclusion to your argument, using one or more of the approaches demonstrated above. Be sure to answer the question "so what?" Give your reader a reason why your argument and position truly matters.

Please note: The teaching points above may be taught to the whole class, small groups, or individual students. They do not have to be taught in order. Teachers should utilize the pre-assessment and formative assessments in class to inform their instructional planning. They should be taught in Minilessons, Conferences, Strategy Groups, Shared Reading, Interactive Read Aloud, or Shared Writing.

*If these objectives are utilized as whole class lessons, students do not have to all be in the same place in the writing process. The teacher should provide a whole class, mini-lesson, and then invite students to continue working on their writing at their own pace: some might be generating ideas, others might be drafting in different places, and some might be studying mentor texts. Some students might apply this lesson to their writing on the same day, but the others may be in different places in their instruction so they should work on what they need. If need be, the teacher may have to pull small groups and/or confer with writers depending on where they are in the process. These lesson can be recycled or provided for a second time to support students in small groups that might need additional practice or guidance.

Suggested Resources/Technology Tools

Advanced Language and Literature: For Honors and Pre-AP English Courses text by Renee H. Shea, John Golden, Lance Balla, et. al.

Foundations of Language and Literature: For Honors and Pre-AP English Courses text by Renee H. Shea, John Golden, Tracy Scholz, et. al

Writing with Mentors by Allison Marchetti and Rebekah O'Dell

Beyond Literary Analysis by Allison Marchetti and Rebekah O'Dell

Argumentative Mentor Texts:

“Is It Immoral to Watch the Super Bowl?”
 “Labeling the Danger in Soda”
 “Why School Should Start Later in the Day”
 “Letter from Delano”
 “Why Was Harambe the Gorilla in a Zoo in the First Place?”
 “Let’s Kill all the Mosquitoes”
 “History Shows the Folly of Disarming Lawful People”
 “What’s Wrong with Cinderella?”
 “End the Gun Epidemic in America”
 “The Paranoid Style of American Policing”
 “Hiroshima Speech” - Barack Obama
 “September 13, 2001 - Hatred is Unworthy of Us”
 “Policing Systems Were Founded on the Preservation of the Slavery System” (Instagram - “Impact” account)

*most of the above mentor texts are located in Chapter 6 of the *Foundations of Language and Literature* textbook. Teachers are encouraged to seek out additional argumentative mentor texts.

Tier 1 Modifications and Accommodations

Including special education students, Multilingual Language Learners (MLLs), students at risk of school failure, gifted and talented students, and students with 504 plans

Universal classroom strategies to support all students (many overlap as Special Education/504 modifications):

- Give written directions to supplement verbal directions
- Provide due date on written assignments
- Provide clear, concise directions and concrete examples for assignments
- Make class notes, slides, and materials available to all on Schoology
- Provide opportunities for movement/activity change
- Use checklists/agendas to help the students get organized
- Reinforce students for appropriate behaviors
- Allow students to make corrections on returned tests for additional credit (as appropriate - modify as per individual IEP, 504, etc.)
- Allow student to edit a 'first draft' on essay questions and grade final edited copy
- Modify the content of the test (as appropriate - modify as per individual IEP, 504, etc.)
- Improve font/spatial organization of formative and summative assessments
- Use cooperative learning techniques
- Provide graphic organizers and outlines for writing assignments (also show students how to make their own graphic organizers for future assignments based on task, prompt, etc.)
- Add extended time of test as needed (as appropriate - modify as per individual IEP, 504, etc.)
- Allow additional time to complete work (as appropriate - modify as per individual IEP, 504, etc.)

Assessments (incorporate additional modifications for Special Education and 504 students as per their individual documents):

- Students should be given the option to give answers to formative and summative assessments orally, visually, on paper, and/or typed (as appropriate).
 - **Oral** submissions: students may use Google Docs to record voice to text, Flipgrid to record a voice only recording, etc as appropriate. Submissions must be appropriate to the task and purpose of the assessment.

- **Visual** submissions: students may use Flipgrid, Google Slides, Prezi, social media posts (Instagram, TikTok, etc.), and other visual creations/applications as appropriate. Submissions must be appropriate to the task and purpose of the assessment.
- On **paper** (handwritten): students may use notebook entries, Post-Its, print outs, etc. Handwritten responses can be especially useful for formative assessments (see this article for more information about the scientific benefits of handwriting). Submissions must be appropriate to the task and purpose of the assessment.
- **Typed**: students should be encouraged to use Google Docs (students may need additional instruction in Google Docs - formatting, tools, etc.), especially for summative writing assessments. Submissions must be appropriate to the task and purpose of the assessment.
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English Language Learners (ELL):

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 - Introduce and define terms simply and concretely.
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 - Scaffolding
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 - Model critical thinking by using “Think Aloud” strategies.
 - Reinforce contextual definitions by restating a term and giving its context or definition.
 - Procedural scaffolding—building a student’s independent knowledge of concepts and language to move a student from explicit teaching – to modeling – to practicing – to application.
 - Such practices should include grouping of students to build skills and increase independence.
 - Questioning
 - Use a variety of question types.
 - Ask open-ended questions that require true communication from and between students.
 - Interaction
 - Allow student discussion and interaction to provide peer support and opportunities to practice language.
 - Vary student groupings day-to-day and even within a lesson (partners, teams, triads).
 - Wait Time
 - Many English language learners need more time to formulate answers and should be given ample wait time (up to 20 seconds).
 - Clarifying Key Concepts in First Language
 - English language learners need to be allowed to confer in their primary language about subject matter and their own thinking—with each other or with the teacher.
 - Application of Content and Language Knowledge
 - “Discussing and doing” make abstract concepts more concrete to students and allow students to practice English in a safe environment.

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Unit 7

Reading: Ethics

Summary and Rationale

This unit will give students a few of the basic underpinnings of ethics and morality. As a branch of philosophy, ethics tries to articulate the reasons that some actions are considered “right” and others “wrong.” Through reading/viewing of a whole-class narrative nonfiction text, essays, short stories, and film/video, students will begin to recognize that different cultures, religions, and nations not only have different customs, laws, and practices, but also different ethical codes. While engaging in these whole-class and book club reading experiences, students can begin to draw conclusions about whether or not there can be a universal understanding of what is “right” and “wrong,” which factors affect our ethical decisions, and whose needs should be most important - the individual’s, other people’s, or the larger society’s? Ultimately, students will gain a sense that most ethical issues exist somewhere in a metaphorical “gray” area.

Recommended Pacing

5-6 weeks

Standards

Reading Domain

RL.CR.9-10.1	Cite a range of thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections to strongly support analysis of multiple aspects of what a literary text says explicitly and inferentially, as well as including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
RL.CI.9-10.2	Determine one or more themes of a literary text and analyze how it is developed and refined over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.
RL.IT.9-10.3	Analyze how an author unfolds and develops ideas throughout a text, including how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
RL.TS.9-10.4	Analyze how an author’s choices concerning the structure of a text, order of the events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulation of time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create specific effects (e.g., mystery, tension, or surprise).
RL.PP.9-10.5	Determine an author’s lens in a text (including cultural experience reflected in a work of literature from outside the United States, drawing on a wide reading of world literature) and analyze how an author uses rhetorical devices to advance a point of view.
RL.MF.9-10.6	Analyze integrate, and evaluate multiple interpretations (e.g., recorded or live production of a play or recorded novel or poetry) of a single text or text/s presented in different formats (visually, quantitatively).
RL.CT.9-10.8	Analyze and reflect on (e.g., practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) how an author draws on, develops, or transforms source material historical and literary

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RI.CT.9-10.8.	Analyze and reflect on (e.g., practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) seminal and informational text of historical and scientific significance, including how they relate in terms of themes and significant concepts..
Writing Domain	
W.RW.9-10.7	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
Speaking and Listening Domain	
SL.PE.9-10.1	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with peers on <i>grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues</i> , building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

SL.ES.9-10.3.	Evaluate a speaker’s point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, identifying any false reasoning or distorted evidence.
SL.PI.9-10.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically. The content, organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
Language Domain	
L.VL.9-10.3	<p>Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>grades 9–10 reading and content</i>, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.</p> <p>A. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</p> <p>B. Identify and correctly use patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech (e.g., <i>analyze, analysis, analytical; advocate, advocacy</i>).</p> <p>C. Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, its part of speech, or its etymology.</p> <p>D. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).</p>
L.VI.9-10.4	<p>Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.</p> <p>A. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., euphemism, oxymoron) in context and analyze their role in the text.</p> <p>B. Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.</p>
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Integration of Technology	
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Learning for Justice	

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Instructional Focus	
Enduring Understandings:	Essential Questions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readers understand that there are some things that all people, regardless of culture, ought to be able to agree are right or wrong in some situations, but there are other situations that are more ethically ambiguous. • Readers examine how much age, culture, gender, socioeconomics, etc. impact our ethical decisions • Readers evaluate how different ethical scenarios prioritize the needs of some people over others. • Readers utilize the analysis process when they see the writer making language, stylistic, or structural choices, in order to draw a conclusion about the theme of a story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we tell “right” from “wrong” and can there be a universal understanding of what is “right” or “wrong”? • To what extent do age, culture, and other factors affect our ethical decisions? • When making ethical decisions, whose needs should be most important? The individual’s, other people’s, or the larger society’s? • How can a reader analyze the writer’s use of language, style, and structure in order to better understand the theme of a story?

Core Reading Enduring Understandings and Essential Questions	
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Evidence of Learning (Assessments)	
<p>Pre: Short ethics text from Advanced Language & Literature with accompanying multiple choice and short answer questions</p> <p>During: Whole-Class Discussions, Book Club Conversations, Quizzes, Group/Partner/Individual responses to short answer questions</p> <p>Post: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qxQz2F4ftUOJnadYzXAivn2RXX7cgubBHJC8JjwwNQc/edit?usp=sharing</p>	
Objectives (SLO)	
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	<p>articulate how this may impact their perception of “right” and “wrong” (JU.9-12.14)</p>
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<p>Suggested Resources/Technology Tools</p>	
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<p>Whole Class Texts: “Cell One” by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie</p>	

Excerpts from *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

The Good Place - "Chapter 19 - The Trolley Problem" - NBC/Universal

Book Club Novel Options:

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Night

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To Kill a Mockingbird

Of Mice and Men

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Fahrenheit 451

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- **Enrichment** (Independent Study, Independent Research, Sophistication of Projects):
 - Adding disciplines or areas of learning not normally found in the regular curriculum. Focus on the upper levels of Bloom’s Taxonomy: analysis, synthesis and evaluation-in their learning. Independent study falls under the category of enrichment along with **individually chosen projects** to match the interests of the gifted student. The introduction of research skills and critical thinking skills along with multidisciplinary connections are often taught as a way to enrich the program for gifted learners.
- **Acceleration** (Telescoping, Compacting, Ability or Need Grouping)
 - Educating the student at their level of ability rather than grade level expectations. They can also accelerate through the rate at which they are learning: commonly referred to as telescoping. There is extensive research that shows that gifted learners benefit greatly from interaction with their intellectual peers, which makes grouping by ability a viable accommodation from both an academic and social perspective.

Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills Practices (June 2020)

- Act as a responsible and contributing community members and employee.
- Attend to financial well-being.
- Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
- Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.
- Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.
- Use technology to enhance productivity increase collaboration and communicate effectively.
- Work productively in teams while using cultural/global competence

Unit 8

Writing an Exposition

Summary and Rationale

This unit introduces students to expository writing, which is how we explore ideas and explain things. While exposition may include compilations of facts and data, or a summary of a topic, it more importantly seeks to explain a concept or topic in a clear, compelling way that engages the reader. Students will learn the various elements of exposition through exposure to a variety of expository texts. Ultimately, students will consider not only how authors structurally organize information to achieve their purposes, but how they can incorporate those methods in their own writing.

Recommended Pacing

3-4 weeks

Standards

Reading Domain	
RI.CR.9-10.1.	Cite a range and thorough textual evidence and make clear and relevant connections, to strongly support an analysis of multiple aspects of what an informational text says explicitly and inferentially, as well as interpretations of the text.
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RI.TS.9-10.4.	Analyze in detail the author’s choices concerning the structure of ideas or claims of a text, and how they are developed and refined by particular sentences, paragraphs, or larger portions of a text (e.g., a section or chapter).
RI.PP.9-10.5.	Determine an author’s purpose in a text (including cultural experience and knowledge reflected in text originating outside the United States) and analyze how an author uses rhetorical devices to advance that purpose.
RI.MF.9-10.6.	Analyze, integrate, and evaluate multiple interpretations (e.g., charts, graphs, diagrams, videos) of a single text or text/s presented in different formats (visually, quantitatively) as well as in words in order to address a question or solve a problem.
RI.AA.9-10.7.	Describe and evaluate the argument and specific claims in an informational text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and reasoning.
RI.CT.9-10.8.	Analyze and reflect on (e.g., practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) seminal and informational text of historical and scientific significance, including how they relate in terms of themes and significant concepts..
Writing Domain	
W.IW.9-10.2	<p>Write informative/explanatory texts (including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.</p> <p>A. Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</p> <p>B. Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience’s knowledge of the topic.</p> <p>C. Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.</p> <p>D. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.</p>

	<p>E. Establish and maintain a style and tone appropriate to the audience and purpose (e.g. formal and objective for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.</p> <p>F. Provide a concluding paragraph or section that supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).</p>
W.WP.9-10.4	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, trying a new approach; sustaining effort to complete complex writing tasks; seeking out feedback and reflecting on personal writing progress; consulting a style manual (such as MLA or APA Style), focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
W.WR.9-10.5	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
W.SE.9-10.6	Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation (MLA or APA Style Manuals).
Speaking and Listening Domain	
SL.II.9-10.2.	Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, qualitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.
SL.PI.9-10.4	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically. The content, organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
Language Domain	
L.SS.9-10.1	Demonstrate command of the system and structure of the English language when writing or speaking..
L.KL.9-10.2	<p>Apply knowledge of language to make effective choices for meaning, or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading, writing, speaking or listening.</p> <p>A. Vary word choice and sentence structure to demonstrate an understanding of the influence of language.</p>
Interdisciplinary Connections	
Social Studies	
6.2	All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically and systematically about how past interactions of people, cultures, and the environment affect issues across time and

	cultures. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions as socially and ethically responsible world citizens in the 21st century.
Integration of Technology	
8.1	Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.
8.1.12.D.1	Demonstrate appropriate application of copyright, fair use and/or Creative Commons to an original work.
Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills	
9.2.12.CAP.3	Investigate how continuing education contributes to one's career and personal growth.
9.2.12.CAP.4	Evaluate different careers and develop various plans.
9.2.12.CAP.8	Determine job entrance criteria (e.g., education credentials, math/writing/reading comprehension tests, drug tests) used by employers in various industry sectors.
9.4.12.CI.1	Demonstrate the ability to reflect, analyze, and use creative skills and ideas.
9.4.12.CI.2	Identify career pathways that highlight personal talents, skills, and abilities.
9.4.12.CI.3	Investigate new challenges and opportunities for personal growth, advancement, and transition.
9.4.12.CT.1	Identify problem-solving strategies used in the development of an innovative product or practice.
9.4.12.CT.2	Explain the potential benefits of collaborating to enhance critical thinking and problem solving.
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Instructional Focus	
Enduring Understandings:	Essential Questions:
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Evidence of Learning (Assessments)	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Specialized vocabulary ■ Graphics and illustrations
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- Chronological
- Classification
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 - What do you want to say to your audience?
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 - Assignments that are graduated or tiered by level of **difficulty** or **completeness**. Creating an assignment in this manner allows the teacher to present content at varying levels of **complexity** as well as allows students to present their knowledge in varying **ways** of complexity.

- Open-Ended Assignments - **Extended Thinking**:
 - Student choice as to **how far** they take their **own** learning-making them both **responsible** and **accountable** for their own education. Students can be given a choice of both assignment content and product delivery. The ability to present their knowledge in a unique way allows for the potential of the further depth and breadth needed for gifted learners. Students can also extend their thinking based on the open-ended prompts to incorporate other disciplines, interest areas, etc. (while still staying on task).
- **Enrichment** (Independent Study, Independent Research, Sophistication of Projects):
 - Adding disciplines or areas of learning not normally found in the regular curriculum. Focus on the upper levels of Bloom’s Taxonomy: analysis, synthesis and evaluation-in their learning. Independent study falls under the category of enrichment along with **individually chosen projects** to match the interests of the gifted student. The introduction of research skills and critical thinking skills along with multidisciplinary connections are often taught as a way to enrich the program for gifted learners.
- **Acceleration** (Telescoping, Compacting, Ability or Need Grouping)
 - Educating the student at their level of ability rather than grade level expectations. They can also accelerate through the rate at which they are learning: commonly referred to as telescoping. There is extensive research that shows that gifted learners benefit greatly from interaction with their intellectual peers, which makes grouping by ability a viable accommodation from both an academic and social perspective.

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- Act as a responsible and contributing community members and employee.
- Attend to financial well-being.
- Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
- Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.
- Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.
- Use technology to enhance productivity increase collaboration and communicate effectively.
- Work productively in teams while using cultural/global competence