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Unit	Essential Questions	Goals	Assessments
Fiction	How do literary elements and author's style work to create literature? What are the literary devices and stylistic techniques authors use to create literature?	To analyze the literary devices in short stories and novels to show an understanding of how these elements and author's style create meaning in literature.	• Fiction benchmark • Oral and written questions and answers • Short story analysis • Flash fiction writing
Nonfiction	What makes a reliable source? How do writers effectively organize writing to ensure a clear, concise, and compelling message?	To analyze pieces of nonfiction writing in terms of style and organization To evaluate sources' reliability, credibility, relevance, and purpose	• Nonfiction benchmark • Source evaluation in an extended research project • Analysis of nonfiction pieces • Write and revise informational pieces
Poetry	How are literary devices and language used to create meaning in poetry? What are the essential features of a poem?	To analyze the literary devices in a poem and their effect on meaning To write original poems that reflect voice and style and show an understanding of how literary devices are used intentionally to create meaning	• Poetry Benchmark • Poetry Anthology • Literary Devices Assessment

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Drama	How are literary devices and language used to create meaning in poetry? What are the essential features of a poem? How is language used to create meaning?	To analyze point of view and cultural experience reflected in literature outside the United States. To analyze characterization, conflicting motivations of complex characters, and major themes in a classic Greek and/or Shakespearean drama To analyze the argument structure of a classic drama To understand complex language and its structure, as well as how it impacts the meaning of a text	• Drama Benchmark • Comprehension tests on reading of texts • Interpretation of an act within a drama • Written analysis
Speech	How do speakers structure an argument to meet audience needs? How do rhetorical strategies function in a speech? What are the essential features of a speech?	To analyze rhetorical strategies in professional speeches. To understand how speakers meet audience needs by following structure conventions. To write original speeches for a variety of purposes.	• Speech Benchmark • Written speeches for a variety of purposes. • Written analysis of different speeches. • Written use of rhetorical strategies.