# **English 10 POR**

Content Area: Language Arts
Course(s): English 10 POR
Time Period: One Academic Year
Not Published

## **Statement Of Purpose**

The English 10 POR curriculum is intended for tenth grade Special Education students enrolled in a Pull Out Resource classroom setting. Students will begin the curriculum with a unit that focuses on reinforcing necessary skills with a specific focus on literary devices. Students will then apply these skills in future units as they analyze various text types including novels, drama, nonfiction, and poetry. In addition to honing students' analytical skills with reading, the curriculum also focuses on writing skills. Students will use RACE and the writing process to produce short writing responses throughout, as well as complete larger written assessments such as a personal sonnet, a formal research paper, argumentative writing, and narrative writing. Additionally, this curriculum will allow students to broaden their thought process about big ideas such as discrimination, equality, betrayal, jealousy, and various social issues.

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# **Unit 1: Reinforcing Skills through Literary Text**

Content Area: Language Arts
Course(s): English 10 POR
Time Period: Academic Year
Length: 6-8 weeks
Status: Not Published

## **Summary of the Unit**

In this unit, students will study literary text, specifically short stories, to reinforce skills necessary to be successful in the English classroom. Students will (re)learn the literary elements/devices of plot through the use of a plot diagram, conflict, perspective, characterization, how to make inferences, theme, mood, and tone. An emphasis will also be placed on annotation, close reading, and text-rooted responses as students will (re) learn to write concisely with purpose and audience in mind. Students will utilize the writing process of prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing to produce various writing pieces as well as use the RACE (restate, answer, cite, explain) strategy to respond to text-based questions.

## **Enduring Understandings**

Close reading, text-rooted responses, identifying literary elements/devices, determining plot and theme, analyzing for mood and tone, making inferences, utilizing the writing process and RACE strategy. The skills taught in this unit form a foundation for later units.

## **Essential Questions**

- How do readers reflect and respond?
- Why is annotation a valuable reading strategy?
- What are the strategies that readers use to connect to and understand text?
- Why is it important to utilize the writing process? Why is RACE a valuable writing response strategy?
- How do authors use literary elements/devices to enhance their writing? How do they contribute to purpose and audience?

#### **Summative Assessment and/or Summative Criteria**

- 1. Literary Terms Presentation: Students will be required to create a literary terms presentation where they will define the term, give an example from either literature or media, and their own example. This assignment will require students to research the terms using the Internet which will strengthen their understanding. Terms should include, but are not limited to: plot, setting, mood, tone, foreshadowing, protagonist, antagonist, conflict, point of view, theme, irony, suspense, compare/contrast, and inference.
- 2. "Teenage Wasteland" Perspective Essay: Students will utilize the writing process to produce an essay which requires them to rewrite the story from a different character's perspective. Requirements include an appropriate tone based on what is known about the characters, and reference to 2-3 major plot elements.

#### Resources

#### **Short Stories:**

- "The Interlopers" by Saki or "Flowers" by Alice Walker
- "Fish Cheeks" by Amy Tan
- "The Cask of Amontillado" by Edgar Allan Poe
- "The Story of an Hour" by Kate Chopin
- "The Hitchhiker" by Roald Dahl
- "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry
- "Teenage Wasteland" by Anne Tyler

## Poems:

- "Eating Together" by Li-Young Lee "A Poison Tree" by William Blake

## Media:

• Ted-Ed videos for irony

| Topic/Selection<br>Timeframe          | General Objectives   | Instructional Activities   | Benchmarks/<br>Assessments  | Standards  |
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| Introduction (1 week)                 | 1. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language and literary devices.  3. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products.  5. Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with peers on grade 10 topics.  7. Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically. The content, organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. | 1. Review short story literary elements and devices and their purpose (why writers use them) through the use of a presentation. Teachers can further review by utilizing an online platform (i.e. Kahoot!, Quizizz, etc.)  2. To show their understanding, students will be required to create a literary terms presentation where they will define the term, give an example from either literature or media, and their own example. This assignment will require students to research the terms using the Internet which will strengthen their understanding. Terms should include, but are not limited to: plot, setting, mood, tone, foreshadowing, protagonist, antagonist, conflict, point of view, theme, irony, suspense, compare/contrast, and inference.  3. The teacher can choose to give students a quiz on literary terms. | 1. Literary terms presentation  2. Literary Terms quiz (optional) | L.SS.9-10.1<br>L.VI.9-10.4<br>W.RW.9-10.7<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>SL.PI.9-10.4<br>SL.AS.9-10.6                  |
| "The<br>Interlopers" by<br>Saki<br>OR | 1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says.  | 1. Review the elements of plot (exposition, rising action, conflict, climax, falling action, resolution) and review the structure of a plot diagram. Teacher can use a common fairy tale that  | 1. Completed plot diagram   | RL.CR.9-10.1<br>RL.CI.9-10.2<br>RL.IT.9-10.3<br>RL.TS.9-10.4<br>W.RW.9-10.7<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>L.KL.9-10.2 |

| 2. Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its   | most students would know to do a quick example diagram   |  |   |
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| course of<br>the text, including how it<br>emerges and is shaped<br>and refined by specific<br>details and provide an<br>objective<br>summary of the text.   | 2. Read "The Interlopers" by<br>Saki or "Flowers" by Alice<br>Walker as a class paying<br>close attention to plot<br>elements. Discuss meaning<br>and explain as needed.   |  |   |
| 3. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.  | 3. Students will create a plot diagram to show their understanding of plot elements in the story. This can be done on paper or via Google Docs.  |  |   |
| 4. Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with peers on grade 10 topics and texts.   |  |  |   |
| 1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferentially, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain. | 1. Teach mini-lesson on how to annotate (circle unfamiliar words; underline important sentences/ phrases; bracket several lines/ paragraphs; write a question mark for confusing passages, highlight, take notes) a text using a short fiction piece of the teacher's choice.  | <ol> <li>Annotations</li> <li>Written response</li> </ol>  | RL.CR.9-10.1<br>RL.IT.9-10.3<br>RL.TS.9-10.4<br>W.WR.9-10.5<br>W.RW.9-10.7<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>L.KL.9-10.2<br>L.VI.9-10.4  |
| 2. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and                         | 2. Students will read "Fish Cheeks" by Amy Tan and annotate. Encourage students to make at least three annotations while reading. When finished, have students elaborate on what they annotated and why.   |  |   |
| tone.  3. Analyze how an   | 3. Teach mini-lesson on tone. After the lesson, have students reread "Fish Cheeks" and make additional   |  |   |
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|   | create specific effects (e.g. mystery, tension, or surprise).  4. Analyze a particular point of view or cultural experience reflected in a work of literature from outside the United States, drawing on a wide reading of world literature.  5. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.  6. Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with peers on grade 10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.  7. Apply knowledge of language to make effective choices for meaning, or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading, writing, speaking or listening. | attention to the language she uses to describe being Chinese and American. Students will share their annotations. Teacher will write various tones on the board and discuss.  4. Read "Eating Together" by Li-Young Lee (Link: https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/eating-together). Discuss the tone and the language Lee uses.  5. Review the RACE strategy (Restate, Answer, Cite, Explain).  6. Students will use the RACE strategy to construct a written response that addresses the following: What significance do family meals have in "Fish Cheeks" and "Eating Together"? Compare the family dynamics in the two texts. How do the authors' word choices affect their tone toward their family and their culture? |                                      |   |
| "The Cask of<br>Amontillado"<br>by Edgar Allan<br>Poe<br>(1 week) | 1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferentially, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain  2. Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of  | 1. Teach mini-lesson on making inferences. Teacher can use <i>The New York Times</i> daily "What is Going On in This Picture?" and have students infer what is happening. Go over clues we use to make inferences about characters in literature: appearance, speech, actions/thoughts, what others say.  2. Read "The Cask of Amontillado" by Edgar Allan Poe. During reading, students will keep an   | Inference chart  2. Written response | RL.CR.9-10.1<br>RL.CI.9-10.2<br>RL.IT.9-10.3<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>W.RW.9-10.7<br>L.KL.9-10.2<br>L.VI.9-10.4 |

| "A Poison<br>Tree" by<br>William Blake           | the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details and provide an objective summary of the text.  3. Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.  4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.  5. Apply knowledge of language to make effective choices for meaning, or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading, writing, speaking or listening. | inference chart in their notebooks, paying close attention to the relationship between the narrator and Fortunato. After completing the story, students will share their inferences with a peer and compare. Students will share with the class.  3. Discuss the possible themes in the story.  4. Read "A Poison Tree" by William Blake (Link: https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/a-poison-tree) to make connections to "The Cask of Amontillado."  5. Written response: Discuss the themes of hatred and revenge in both texts. Why do both speakers want revenge? How has their hatred affected their choices toward their enemies? (Students should use the RACE strategy). |                      |   |
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| "The Story of<br>an Hour" by<br>Kate Chopin      | 1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferentially, including determining   | 1. Mini-lesson on suspense. Explain how conflict and pacing are necessary elements of suspense, in addition to discussing foreshadowing. Teacher can show famous movie clips which display elements of  | 1. Graphic organizer | RL.CR.9-10.1<br>RL.IT.9-10.3<br>RL.TS.9-10.4<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>W.RW.9-10.7<br>L.KL.9-10.2<br>L.VI.9-10.4 |
|  | where the text leaves matters uncertain.  | suspense to strengthen understanding.   | 2. Written response  |   |
| "The<br>Hitchhiker" by<br>Roald Dahl<br>(1 week) | 2. Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulate time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create specific effects (e.g. mystery, tension, or surprise).  | 2. Read "The Story of an Hour" by Kate Chopin or "The Hitchhiker" by Roald Dahl. While reading, students will fill out a graphic organizer where they will identify elements of suspense. Additionally, the teacher will stop at certain points in the story for students to make predictions   | -                    |   |

|   | 3. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.  4. 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.  5. Apply knowledge of language to make effective choices for meaning, or style, and to comprehend more fully when  | based on the foreshadowing in the story.  3. Mini-lesson on mood. Students will identify how they felt at certain points in the story. Discuss.  3. Writing response: How does the author's use of suspense and foreshadowing in "The Story of an Hour" or "The Hitchhiker" affect mood? (Students should use the RACE strategy).   |                           |   |
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| "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry (1 week) | reading, writing, speaking or listening.  1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferentially, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.  2. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone). | 1. Teach mini-lesson on three types of irony: situational, verbal, and dramatic.  Teacher can show the following Ted-Ed videos to strengthen understanding:  a. Verbal: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liR-bnCHIYo  b. Situational: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqg6RO8c_WOUTUBE.COM/watch?v=tqg6RO8c_WOUTUBE.COM/watch?v=RZFYuX84n1U  2. Read "Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry. Complete a graphic organizer, identifying examples of each type of irony in the story.  3. To assess their understanding of irony, students will create a comic | 1. Comic strip assignment | RL.CR.9-10.1<br>RL.IT.9-10.3<br>RL.TS.9-10.4<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>W.RW.9-10.7<br>L.KL.9-10.2<br>L.VI.9-10.4 |

|  | 3 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.  4. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.  5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.   | strip where each frame is titled with one of the three types of irony. Students must come up with their own examples (including image and description) for each type. Examples can come from real life, literature, TV, etc. This assignment can be done on paper or using Storyboard That.   |   |  |
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| "Teenage<br>Wasteland" by<br>Anne Tyler<br>(2 weeks) | 1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferentially, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.  2. Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.  3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well chosen details, and | 1. Mini-lesson on point of view: first person, second person, third person limited, third person objective, and third person omniscient.  2. Read "Teenage Wasteland" by Anne Tyler and answer comprehension questions to assess understanding.  3. Students will work in pairs to identify the point of view in the story, citing three examples of textual evidence. Discuss as a class. Explain to students that it is limited omniscient due to the fact that the narrator tells the story from a multiple third person perspective, but we mostly get Daisy's perspective throughout the story.  4. Perspective Essay: Students will utilize the | 1.Comprehension questions  2. Perspective Essay | RL.CR.9-10.1<br>RL.IT.9-10.3<br>RL.TS.9-10.4<br>W.NW.9-10.3<br>W.WP.9-10.7<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>L.SS.9-10.1<br>L.KL.9-10.2 |

|  | well-structured event sequences.  4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.  5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, trying a new approach, or consulting a style manual (such as MLA or APA Style), focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.  6. Apply knowledge of language to make effective choices for meaning, or style, and to comprehend more fully | writing process to produce an essay which requires them to rewrite the story from a different character's perspective. Requirements include an appropriate tone based on what is known about the characters, and reference to 2-3 major plot elements.  5. Mini-lesson on MLA Format (heading, font, spacing, etc.) |  |  |
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|  | language to make effective choices for   |   |  |  |
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## Suggested Modifications for Special Education, ELL and Gifted Students

Consistent with individual plans, when appropriate.

- Modifications for any individual student's IEP plan must be met.
- Alter assignment lengths if necessary.
- Provide additional examples of annotation and the signposts.
- Allow additional time when in full class discussing for processing and discussion.
- Students should be provided with graphic organizers during annotations and discussions.
- Check for understanding by conferencing with the teacher.
- Students may choose a partner or teacher may choose a partner to work that student is comfortable with.
- Repeat and clarify any directions given.
- Allow for preferential seating within groups and the whole class.
- Modify the amount of vocabulary words used.
- Read chapter tests aloud/test orally.

- Student Chromebooks
- StudySync Platform
- Google Classroom/OnCourse Classroom
- Padlet or similar websites
- Use of Google Translate as needed
- Skill Reinforcement: Kahoot, Blooket, etc.
- Research Databases (Ebsco, Facts of File, Fact Cite etc.)
- Peer-editing tools

- 9.4.12.CI.1: Demonstrate the ability to reflect, analyze, and use creative skills and ideas (e.g.,1.1.12prof.CR3a).
- 9.4.12.CI.3: Investigate new challenges and opportunities for personal growth, advancement, and transition (e.g., 2.1.12.PGD.1).
- 9.4.12.CT.1: Identify problem-solving strategies used in the development of an innovative product or practice (e.g., 1.1.12acc.C1b, 2.2.12.PF.3).
- 9.4.12.CT.2: Explain the potential benefits of collaborating to enhance critical thinking and problem solving (e.g., 1.3E.12profCR3.a).
- 9.4.12.CT.3: Enlist input from a variety of stakeholders (e.g., community members, experts in the field) to design a service learning
- 9.4.12.DC.1 Explain the beneficial and harmful effects that intellectual property laws can have on the creation and sharing of content (e.g., 6.1.12.CivicsPR.16.a).
- 9.4.12.IML.1: Compare search browsers and recognize features that allow for filtering of information.
- 9.4.12.IML.2: Evaluate digital sources for timeliness, accuracy, perspective, credibility of the source, and relevance of information, in media, data, or other resources (e.g., NJSLSA.W8, Social Studies Practice: Gathering and Evaluating Sources.
- 9.4.12.IML.3: Analyze data using tools and models to make valid and reliable claims, or to determine optimal design solutions (e.g., S-ID.B.6a., 8.1.12.DA.5, 7.1.IH.IPRET.8)
- 9.4.12.IML.4: Assess and critique the appropriateness and impact of existing data visualizations for an intended audience (e.g., S-ID.B.6b, HS-LS2-4).
- 9.4.12.IML.8: Evaluate media sources for point of view, bias, and motivations (e.g., NJSLSA.R6, 7.1.AL.IPRET.6).
- 9.4.12.TL.1: Assess digital tools based on features such as accessibility options, capacities, and utility for accomplishing a specified task (e.g., W.11-12.6.).
- 9.4.12.TL.3: Analyze the effectiveness of the process and quality of collaborative environments.

# Unit 2: Analyzing Poetry for Meaning and Understanding

Content Area: Language Arts
Course(s): English 10 POR
Time Period: Academic Year
Length: 3-4 weeks
Status: Not Published

## **Summary of the Unit**

In this unit, students will learn the difference between prose and poetry and the features of each. The specific focus of the unit is for students to learn how to conduct an analysis of poetry, paying particular attention to the use of poetic devices, structure, and rhyme. Emphasis will be placed on annotation, close reading, and text-rooted response as students learn to write concisely and with the purpose and audience in mind. Additionally, students will apply what they learned by producing their own sonnet. While the assignment fosters creativity, students must display their knowledge of rhyme scheme and structure.

## **Enduring Understandings**

- Poetry delves into universal experiences, emotions, and attributes of the human condition in a symbolic and literal way.
- Poetry provides mirrors in which students can see themselves, allowing them to reflect on their experiences, values, and life situations.
- Effective writers employ a variety of figurative and poetic devices to engage readers and to create meaning.

## **Essential Questions**

- What is the difference between poetry and prose?
- What is the effect of using poetic devices?
- How is tone conveyed in poetry?
- How do poets convey messages about themselves, society, and the human condition?
- What makes a poem a sonnet?

#### **Summative Assessment and/or Summative Criteria**

1. Sonnet Writing Assignment: To show their understanding of poetic devices and rhyme schemes, students will use the writing process to write their very own sonnet. Students will write about a topic of their choice, but the focus should be on something the students love, as most of Shakespeare's sonnets focused around this sentiment. Students must follow the structure of a sonnet with the exception of iambic pentameter (teacher can choose to incorporate this for more advanced students in the POR setting). Elements include: 14 lines, 3 quatrains and a rhyming couplet, ABAB rhyme scheme, use of metaphors).

#### Resources

## Poetry

- "Introduction to Poetry" by Billy Collins
- "The Tropics of New York" by Claude McKay
- "Annabelle Lee" by Edgar Allen Poe
- "The Hill We Climb" by Amanda Gorman
- "Sonnet 18" by William Shakespeare

#### Media

- Edgar Allan Poe TEDEd video: <a href="https://youtu.be/8lgg-pVjOok">https://youtu.be/8lgg-pVjOok</a>
- Sonnet Background Information: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDpW1sHrBaU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDpW1sHrBaU</a>

| Topic/Selection<br>Timeframe | General Objectives  | Instructional Activities  | Benchmarks/<br>Assessments   | Standards   |
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| Introduction (2-3 days)      | 1. Demonstrate understanding of poetic devices.  2. Write routinely over shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes.  3. Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with peers on grade 10 topics. | 1. Teach a mini-lesson on the difference between poetry and prose before delving into poetry. The teacher should provide examples of each to foster understanding.  2. Students will define given list of poetry terminology in preparation for poetry analysis: stanza, verse, imagery, diction, syntax, tone, alliteration, euphony, cacophony, repetition, internal rhyme, end rhyme, couplet, sight rhyme, onomatopoeia.  3. Have students complete a journal prompt answering the question: how do you feel about poetry? Discuss and record some of the words and phrases that they use on the board. Next, have students write metaphors or similes that illustrate their feelings about the genre: (Studying poetry is like Poetry is)  4. Read and discuss the poem, "Introduction to Poetry" by Billy Collins. After, ask students to read it again and identify the poetic devices used by Collins. Have them do a turn-and-talk to someone beside them to discuss what they've found.  5. Class discussion of poetic devices found in the poem "Introduction to Poetry," as well as the tone shift in the last two stanzas. | 1. Journal prompt  2. Informal observations during class discussions | RL.CR.9-10.1<br>RL.CI.9-10.2<br>W.RW.9-10.7<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>L.VL.9-10.3<br>L.VI.9-10.4 |

| "The Tropics of<br>New York" by<br>Claude McKay<br>(2-3 days) | 1. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.  2. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including words with multiple meanings or language that is particularly fresh, engaging, or beautiful.  | 1. Read "The Tropics of New York" by Claude McKay aloud. Give students time to reread the poem silently while looking for examples of poetic devices.  2. Have a class discussion of the poem and poetic devices found (focus should be on rhyme scheme, alliteration, consonance, assonance, and imagery).  3. Students will draw a picture to artistically represent one example of imagery from "The Tropics of New York."   | 1. Imagery assignment  | RL.CR.9-10.1<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>SL.AS.9-10.6<br>L.VI.9-10.4   |
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| "Annabelle<br>Lee" by Edgar<br>Allan Poe<br>(2-3 days)        | 1. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.  2. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including words with multiple meanings or language that is particularly fresh, engaging, or beautiful.  3. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style | 1. Read "Annabelle Lee" by Edgar Allan Poe aloud. Give students time to reread the poem silently while looking for examples of poetic devices.  2. Have a class discussion of the poem focusing on rhyme, theme, the symbolism of the sea, and the relationship between the speaker and Annabell Lee.  3. Watch the TEDEd video about Edgar Allan Poe. After watching the video, ask students what new understandings and questions they have about the poem. https://youtu.be/8lgg-pVjOok  4. Students will respond to the following literary analysis question using the RACE method:  • Poe uses a structure that is both rhythmic and repetitious. What is the theme, | 1. Informal observations during class discussions  2. Response to a literary analysis question using the RACE method | RL.CR.9-10.1<br>RL.CI.9-10.2<br>RL.TS.9-10.4<br>W.WP.9-10.7<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>SL.II.9-10.2<br>L.SS.9-10.1<br>L.VI.9-10.4 |

|   | are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.   | and how does the structure contribute to the overall meaning of the poem?  |  |   |
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| "The Hill We Climb" by Amanda Gorman (2 days) | 1. Write routinely over shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes.  2. Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with peers on grade 10 topics.  3. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. | 1. Ask students to reflect on Amanda Gorman's quote from The New York Times about her intentions in writing her inaugural poem, "The Hill We Climb":  • "What I really aspire to do in the poem is to be able to use my words to envision a way in which our country can still come together and can still healIt's doing that in a way that is not erasing or neglecting the harsh truths I think America needs to reconcile with." — Amanda Gorman  2. Watch Amanda Gorman perform "The Hill We Climb." Re-read the transcript out loud, marking lines that stand out to students. What do they connect with? What do they question? What surprises them?  3. After discussing the poem as a class, students will respond to the following question using the RACE method:  • What words does Gorman use to point toward the future? How does she start to answer the question she poses in the first lines of the poem, "Where can we find light in this never-ending shade?" | 1. Informal observations during class discussions  2. Response to a literary analysis question using the RACE method | RL.CR.9-10.1<br>RL.CI.9-10.2<br>W.WP.9-10.4<br>W.RW.9-10.7<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>L.SS.9-10.1 |
| "Sonnet 18" by<br>William<br>Shakespeare      | Determine the     meaning of words and     phrases as they are used   | Give brief background information on Shakespeare (more extensive background)   | 1. Annotations   | RL.CR.9-10.1<br>RL.TS.9-10.4<br>RL.MF.9-10.6  |

|             | in the text, including                                | is given in the Shakespeare     |               | SL.PE.9-10.1 |
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|             | figurative and  | unit. Therefore, this lesson    | 2. Graphic    | L.VL.9-10.3  |
|             | connotative meanings;                                 | will serve as a good            | organizer     | L.VI.9-10.4  |
|             | analyze the cumulative                                | precursor).                     |               | W.RW.9-10.7  |
|             | impact of specific word                               | 1                               |               |              |
|             | choices on meaning and                                | 2. Go over features and         | 3. Informal   |              |
|             | tone.   | structure of sonnets (i.e. 14   | observations  |              |
|             |   | lines, ABAB CDCD EFEF           | during class  |              |
|             | 2. Analyze how an                                     | GG rhyme scheme,                | discussions   |              |
|             | author's choices                                      | quatrains, rhyming couplets,    | aiscussions   |              |
|             | concerning how to                                     | iambic pentameter). Teacher     |               |              |
|             | structure a text, order                               | can choose to show clips        |               |              |
|             | events within it.                                     | from the following video to     |               |              |
|             | events within it.                                     | support their introduction      |               |              |
|             | 4 Initiate and participate                            | (Link:                          |               |              |
|             | 4. Initiate and participate effectively in a range of | https://www.youtube.com/wa      |               |              |
|             | , ,   |                                 |               |              |
|             | collaborative discussions                             | tch?v=bDpW1sHrBaU).             |               |              |
|             | (one-on-one, in groups,                               | 2 December 400                  |               |              |
|             | and teacher-led) with                                 | 3. Pass out "Sonnet 18" so      |               |              |
|             | peers on grade 10 topics,                             | students are able to annotate.  |               |              |
|             | texts, and issues,                                    | Teacher will read aloud to      |               |              |
|             | building on others' ideas                             | the class. Students will read   |               |              |
|             | and expressing their                                  | it again, silently, underlining |               |              |
|             | own clearly and                                       | phrases and words they find     |               |              |
|             | persuasively.\  | interesting. They should        |               |              |
|             |   | insert question marks where     |               |              |
|             | 5. Apply knowledge of                                 | the material is confusing.      |               |              |
|             | language to make                                      | Lastly, have students write     |               |              |
|             | effective choices for                                 | what they notice about form     |               |              |
|             | meaning, or style, and to                             | and rhyme. (Audio:              |               |              |
|             | comprehend  | https://www.youtube.com/wa      |               |              |
|             | more fully when                                       | tch?v=FnMDj1K0gks).             |               |              |
|             | reading, writing,                                     |                                 |               |              |
|             | speaking or listening.                                | 4. Students will then           |               |              |
|             |   | complete a graphic organizer    |               |              |
|             |   | which requires them to          |               |              |
|             |   | match each line to its          |               |              |
|             |   | meaning in order to dissect     |               |              |
|             |   | what Shakespeare is trying to   |               |              |
|             |   | communicate.                    |               |              |
|             |   |                                 |               |              |
|             |   | 5. Discuss as a class. Teacher  |               |              |
|             |   | will go through each line,      |               |              |
|             |   | asking for students'            |               |              |
|             |   | responses, in order to          |               |              |
|             |   | provide a final analysis of     |               |              |
|             |   | the sonnet.                     |               |              |
|             |   |                                 |               |              |
|             |   | 6. Exit ticket: How does the    |               |              |
|             |   | form of the sonnet contribute   |               |              |
|             |   | to its meaning and tone?        |               |              |
| 2:1         | 1 Day do 1 1  | i                               | 1 D 0 1       | WWD 0 10 4   |
| Final       | 1. Produce clear and                                  | 1. To show their                | 1. Drafts and | W.WP.9-10.4  |
| Assignment: | coherent writing in                                   | understanding of poetic         | peer review   | W.RW.9-10.7  |
| Writing a   | which the development,                                | devices and rhyme schemes,      |               | L.SS.9-10.1  |
| Sonnet      | organization, and style                               | students will use the writing   |               | L.KL.9-10.2  |
|             | 1   | process to write their very     | 1             | SL.PE.9-10.1 |

| are appropriate to task, | own sonnet. Students will    |
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| purpose, and audience.   | write about a topic of their |
|                          | choice, but the focus should |
| 2. Develop and           | be on something the students |
| strengthen writing as    | love, as most of             |
| needed by planning,      | Shakespeare's sonnets        |
| revising, editing,       | focused around this          |
| rewriting, trying a new  | sentiment. Teacher may need  |
| approach, or consulting  | to review metaphor before    |
| a style manual (such as  | students begin the           |
| MLA or APA Style),       | assignment.                  |

- assignment.
- 2. Requirements:
  - a. Sonnets should be 14 lines, have three quatrains, a rhyming couplet, and follow the ABAB CDCD EFEF GG rhyme scheme.
  - b. First quatrain should introduce the problem or metaphor.
  - c. Second quatrain should extend the metaphor.
  - d. Third quatrain should start with a conflict (usually starts with the word "but") on line 9.
- 3. Students will have their sonnet drafts peer reviewed. as well as looked over by the teacher, before typing their final copy. Students can present to the class upon completion.

2. Final product of sonnets

focusing on addressing

purpose and audience. 3. Use technology,

significant for a specific

what is most

- including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products.
- 4. Apply knowledge of language to make effective choices for meaning, or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading, writing, speaking or listening.
- 5. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

## Suggested Modifications for Special Education, ELL and Gifted Students

Consistent with individual plans, when appropriate.

- Modifications for any individual student's IEP plan must be met.
- Alter assignment lengths if necessary.
- Provide additional examples of annotation and the signposts.
- Allow additional time when in full class discussing for processing and discussion.
- Students should be provided with graphic organizers during annotations and discussions.
- Check for understanding by conferencing with the teacher.
- Students may choose a partner or teacher may choose a partner to work that student is comfortable with.
- Repeat and clarify any directions given.
- Allow for preferential seating within groups and the whole class.

- Modify the amount of vocabulary words used.
- Read chapter tests aloud/test orally.

## Suggested Technological Innovations/Use

- Student Chromebooks
- StudySync Platform
- Google Classroom/OnCourse Classroom
- Padlet or similar websites
- Use of Google Translate as needed
- Skill Reinforcement: Kahoot, Blooket, etc.
- Research Databases (Ebsco, Facts of File, Fact Cite etc.)
- Peer-editing tools

- 9.4.12.CI.1: Demonstrate the ability to reflect, analyze, and use creative skills and ideas (e.g.,1.1.12prof.CR3a).
- 9.4.12.CI.3: Investigate new challenges and opportunities for personal growth, advancement, and transition (e.g., 2.1.12.PGD.1).
- 9.4.12.CT.1: Identify problem-solving strategies used in the development of an innovative product or practice (e.g., 1.1.12acc.C1b, 2.2.12.PF.3).
- 9.4.12.CT.2: Explain the potential benefits of collaborating to enhance critical thinking and problem solving (e.g., 1.3E.12profCR3.a).
- 9.4.12.CT.3: Enlist input from a variety of stakeholders (e.g., community members, experts in the field) to design a service learning
- 9.4.12.DC.1 Explain the beneficial and harmful effects that intellectual property laws can have on the creation and sharing of content (e.g., 6.1.12.CivicsPR.16.a).
- 9.4.12.IML.1: Compare search browsers and recognize features that allow for filtering of information.
- 9.4.12.IML.2: Evaluate digital sources for timeliness, accuracy, perspective, credibility of the source, and relevance of information, in media, data, or other resources (e.g., NJSLSA.W8, Social Studies Practice: Gathering and Evaluating Sources.
- 9.4.12.IML.3: Analyze data using tools and models to make valid and reliable claims, or to determine optimal design solutions (e.g., S-ID.B.6a., 8.1.12.DA.5, 7.1.IH.IPRET.8)
- 9.4.12.IML.4: Assess and critique the appropriateness and impact of existing data visualizations for an intended audience (e.g., S-ID.B.6b, HS-LS2-4).
- 9.4.12.IML.8: Evaluate media sources for point of view, bias, and motivations (e.g., NJSLSA.R6, 7.1.AL.IPRET.6).
- 9.4.12.TL.1: Assess digital tools based on features such as accessibility options, capacities, and utility for accomplishing a specified task (e.g., W.11-12.6.).
- 9.4.12.TL.3: Analyze the effectiveness of the process and quality of collaborative environments.

# Unit 3: Analyzing Theme and Rhetoric in Julius Caesar

Content Area: Language Arts
Course(s): English 10 POR
Time Period: Academic Year
Length: 8-10 weeks
Status: Not Published

### **Summary of the Unit**

In this unit students will read a Shakespearean tragedy, *Julius Caesar*. In addition to learning about William Shakespeare and the features of the drama genre, students will also learn about the historical background and setting of the play. After studying Shakespeare more generally in previous grades, the focus of this unit is on the language of Shakespeare, as well as the rhetoric he uses to convey tone. We will closely study the themes of power, jealousy, and betrayal and the specific characters that these themes revolve around. We will also analyze how reading a play is different from watching a live performance or film adaptation, considering plays are meant to be acted out.

## **Enduring Understandings**

- William Shakespeare's influence on classical, popular, and modern culture.
- The influence that modern culture has on how Shakespeare is interpreted.
- Quote analysis, close reading, theme/motif, dialogue, character development.
- Analyzing the rhetoric and language Shakespeare utilizes to convey tone.

#### **Essential Questions**

- How has Shakespeare's work influenced our time?
- In what ways are Shakespeare's themes universal?
- How does Shakespeare's language differ from other authors?
- How are persuasion techniques and rhetorical devices used to persuade an audience?

#### **Summative Assessment and/or Summative Criteria**

- 1. Epitaphs: Students will be required to choose 2-3 characters to write epitaphs for. Their epitaphs should show students' understanding of their chosen characters and the role they played in *Julius Caesar*.
- 2. Analytical Essay: Students will choose from the following two essay prompts, providing textual evidence:
  - a. What similarities or connections can you find between Julius Caesar and our world today? Has society evolved and changed in 2,000 years? What does your analysis reveal about human nature?
  - b. A big theme in Julius Caesar is the need/ the struggle to gain power. The play shows us the damage that the abuse or misuse of power can cause. What can Shakespeare's tragedy Julius Caesar teach readers about power?

## Resources

## Play:

- Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare
- CommonLit for excerpts of the play

#### Articles:

- Shakespeare background: NewsELA "Authors: William Shakespeare" (<a href="https://newsela.com/read/bio-author-shakespeare/id/19272/">https://newsela.com/read/bio-author-shakespeare/id/19272/</a>)
- Historical background:
  - <a href="https://www.history.com/topics/ancient-history/julius-caesar">https://www.history.com/topics/ancient-history/julius-caesar</a>
  - o https://www.worldhistory.org/article/803/the-assassination-of-julius-caesar/
- CommonLit: "The Life of Julius Caesar" (https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/the-life-of-julius-caesar)

#### Poems:

Teacher selected Shakespearean sonnets and poems

#### Media:

- Audio version of *Julius Caesar*:
  - o <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnLahYbq">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnLahYbq</a> 7Q
- Movie adaptation
  - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nT6ifKkhry">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nT6ifKkhry</a>
  - o 1953 version if accessible (clips of certain scenes can be found on YouTube)
- Various informational videos linked in unit plan

| Topic/<br>Selection<br>Timeframe                           | General Objectives  | Instructional Activities  | Benchmarks/<br>Assessments | Standards   |
|--|---|---|----------------------------|---|
| Shakespeare Background information and language (3-4 days) | 1. 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.  2. By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at grade level text-complexity or above.  3. Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with peers on grades 9–10 | 1. View video on William Shakespeare (Link: https://www.biography.com/video/william-shakespeare-the-life-of-the-bard-1118265 9797). Video is meant to be a refresher on what the students learned in previous grades.  2. Students will complete a NewsELA titled "Authors: William Shakespeare" (Link: https://newsela.com/read/bio-author-shakespeare/id/192 72/) Review and discuss as a class.  3. Mini-lesson on prose vs. poetry/verse which will lead into discussion of Shakespearean language. | 1. NewsELA  2. Exit ticket | RI.CI.9-10.2<br>RI.MF.9-10.6<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>W.RW.9-10.7 |

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|   | topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.  4. Analyze and reflect on (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) how an author draws on and transforms source material in a specific work (e.g., how Shakespeare treats a theme or topic from mythology or the Bible or how a later author draws on a play by Shakespeare). | Optional resources to lead discussion/lesson:  a. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M</a> VZFt2ST0OA  b. <a href="https://newsela.com/read/lib-convo-poet-ic-meter/id/31065/">https://newsela.com/read/lib-convo-poet-ic-meter/id/31065/</a> c. <a href="https://www.npr.org/2009/04/23/103414">https://www.npr.org/2009/04/23/103414</a> 533/how-now-wenc h-talking-like-shake speare (Majority of this article can be used but teacher should peruse first).  4. Exit ticket: Write 1-2 things you learned about Shakespeare and 1-2 questions you still have about him, his life, or his writing (language). |                                  |   |
| Introduction to<br>the play<br>(2-3 days) | 1. Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.  2. By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at grade level or above.  3. By the end of grade 9, read and comprehend                   | 1. Journal entry: Write about a time in your life when you've felt betrayed. Have students share, highlighting feelings associated with betrayal.  2. Put students into 2-3 groups (depending on class size). Each group will get a different scenario (see resource on OnCourse). Groups will read and respond to the questions that follow. Go over as a class and discuss. Teacher will explain how betrayal is a major theme in the play.   | Journal Entry     Group activity | RI.CT.9-10.8<br>RL.CT.9-10.8<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>W.RW.9-10.7 |

| T             | literary nonfiction at  | 3. Give background   |                           |                              |
|---------------|---|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|               | grade level   | information on Julius  |                           |                              |
|               | text-complexity above   | Caesar and the setting/time  |                           |                              |
|               | with scaffolding as   | period. Discuss how power  |                           |                              |
|               | needed.   | worked in ancient Rome   |                           |                              |
|               |   | and the reason why some  |                           |                              |
|               | 4. Write routinely over   | people wanted to   |                           |                              |
|               | extended time frames  | assassinate Caesar.  |                           |                              |
|               | (time for research,   | l  |                           |                              |
|               | reflection, and revision)   | 4. Introduce the play by   |                           |                              |
|               | and shorter   | showing the following  |                           |                              |
|               | time frames (a single   | summary (Link:   |                           |                              |
|               | sitting or a day or two)  | https://www.youtube.com/w  |                           |                              |
|               | for a range of tasks,   | atch?v=0otnV6SmJiQ)  |                           |                              |
|               | purposes, and audiences.  |  |                           |                              |
|               | 5. 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.   |  |                           |                              |
|               |   |  |                           |                              |
| Julius Caesar | 1. Cite strong and  | 1. Read Acts I-V as a class,   | 1. Reading                | RL.CR.9-10.1                 |
| by William    | thorough textual  | dissecting specific scenes.  | comprehension             | RL.CI.9-10.2                 |
| Shakespeare   | evidence and make   | The teacher will show the  | packets                   | RL.IT.9-10.3                 |
| (5-6 weeks)   | relevant connections to   | live/movie adaptation of   |                           | RL.TS.9-10.4<br>RI.CR.9-10.1 |
|               | support analysis of what the text says explicitly as  | their choice to strengthen understanding. Before   |                           | RI.CR.9-10.1<br>RI.CI.9-10.2 |
|               | well as inferentially,  | reading, the teacher may   |                           | RI.IT.9-10.3                 |
|               | including determining   | want to give a mini-lesson   |                           | RI.PP.9-10.5                 |
|               | where the text leaves   | on rhetoric as a refresher as  |                           | L.VL.9-10.3                  |
|               | matters uncertain.  | it comes up in later   |                           | L.VI.9-10.4                  |
|               | matters uncertain.  |  |                           |                              |
| 1             |   | activities.  | 2. Characterization       | W.RW.9-10.7                  |
|               | 2. Determine a theme or   | activities.  | 2. Characterization chart | W.RW.9-10.7<br>SL.PE.9-10.1  |
|               | 2. Determine a theme or central idea of a text and  | activities.  2. Teacher will monitor   |                           |                              |
|               |   |  |                           | SL.PE.9-10.1                 |
|               | central idea of a text and  | 2. Teacher will monitor  |                           | SL.PE.9-10.1                 |
|               | central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text,   | 2. Teacher will monitor students' understanding of the play by having basic reading comprehension  |                           | SL.PE.9-10.1                 |
|               | central idea of a text and<br>analyze in detail its<br>development over the<br>course of the text,<br>including how it emerges  | 2. Teacher will monitor students' understanding of the play by having basic reading comprehension questions for each Act and   | chart                     | SL.PE.9-10.1                 |
|               | central idea of a text and<br>analyze in detail its<br>development over the<br>course of the text,<br>including how it emerges<br>and is shaped and refined   | 2. Teacher will monitor students' understanding of the play by having basic reading comprehension  |                           | SL.PE.9-10.1                 |
|               | central idea of a text and<br>analyze in detail its<br>development over the<br>course of the text,<br>including how it emerges<br>and is shaped and refined<br>by specific details;   | 2. Teacher will monitor students' understanding of the play by having basic reading comprehension questions for each Act and scene.  | chart                     | SL.PE.9-10.1                 |
|               | central idea of a text and<br>analyze in detail its<br>development over the<br>course of the text,<br>including how it emerges<br>and is shaped and refined<br>by specific details;<br>provide an objective   | 2. Teacher will monitor students' understanding of the play by having basic reading comprehension questions for each Act and scene.  3. After Act I, students will   | chart                     | SL.PE.9-10.1                 |
|               | central idea of a text and<br>analyze in detail its<br>development over the<br>course of the text,<br>including how it emerges<br>and is shaped and refined<br>by specific details;   | 2. Teacher will monitor students' understanding of the play by having basic reading comprehension questions for each Act and scene.  3. After Act I, students will complete a characterization   | chart                     | SL.PE.9-10.1                 |
|               | central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.   | 2. Teacher will monitor students' understanding of the play by having basic reading comprehension questions for each Act and scene.  3. After Act I, students will complete a characterization chart for Julius Caesar,  | chart                     | SL.PE.9-10.1                 |
|               | central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.  3. Analyze how complex   | 2. Teacher will monitor students' understanding of the play by having basic reading comprehension questions for each Act and scene.  3. After Act I, students will complete a characterization chart for Julius Caesar, Brutus, Cassius, and   | 3. Partner annotations    | SL.PE.9-10.1                 |
|               | central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.  3. Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those   | 2. Teacher will monitor students' understanding of the play by having basic reading comprehension questions for each Act and scene.  3. After Act I, students will complete a characterization chart for Julius Caesar, Brutus, Cassius, and Antony. The chart will  | chart                     | SL.PE.9-10.1                 |
|               | central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.  3. Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or                          | 2. Teacher will monitor students' understanding of the play by having basic reading comprehension questions for each Act and scene.  3. After Act I, students will complete a characterization chart for Julius Caesar, Brutus, Cassius, and Antony. The chart will require students to come up                          | 3. Partner annotations    | SL.PE.9-10.1                 |
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- other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
- 4. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- 5. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as are used in the text, figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone)
- 6. Analyze in detail how an author's ideas or claims are developed and refined by particular sentences, paragraphs, or larger portions of a text (e.g., a section or chapter).
- 7. Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetorical devices to advance that point of view or purpose.
- 8. Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.
- 9. Apply knowledge of language to make effective choices for

- symbolizes the characters, and textual evidence from the play that demonstrates/supports the characterization.
- 4. After reading Act II, scene 1, students will do a close read of Brutus's soliloguy. Teacher will provide a printed handout (see resource on OnCourse). Students will work with a partner and annotate the speech, pointing out examples of rhetoric (ethos, pathos, logos) and determining Brutus's tone and also discussing Brutus's role in the conspiracy to kill Caesar. (Link to clip of soliloguv: https://www.youtube.com/w atch?v=vR-SZheilTg&list= PLitOTFhpJek46GSMOfve
- 5. After finishing Act III, scene 1, have a class discussion about the theme of betrayal and relate it to Brutus specifically, noting Caesar's last words of, "Et tu Brute?"

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- 6. After finishing Act III, scene 1, students will analyze Mark Antony's use of rhetoric in his famous funeral speech, using SOAPSToneS (see OnCourse for resource). Review as a class, putting an emphasis on Antony's tone. Students can work in partners or individually and then do a pair share.
- 6. To further this activity, show John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address and provide a graphic organizer to compare and contrast to Mark Antony's speech (Link: https://www.kennedy-center

5. Objective summaries

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| Final projects (1-2 weeks) | meaning, or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading, writing, speaking or listening.  10. 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.  11. Analyze the representation of a subject or a key scene in two different artistic mediums, including what is emphasized or absent in each work.  1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferentially, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.  2. Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and | .org/video/center/history/jfk -inauguration-speech/). Teacher can also provide a transcript of the play for annotations.  7. After finishing Acts IV and V, students will write a five sentence objective summary of the end of the play (Link to instructional video: https://www.youtube.com/w atch?v=CXgdXzu6wXg). Tell students to include information about what happened after Mark Antony's speech, and Brutus's death. Discuss the ending as a class.  8. Teacher can choose to show a film adaptation. Have students reflect on the difference between reading the play/showing clips to watching the full version.  Students will complete the following assessments following completion of the play.  1. Students will be required to choose 2-3 characters to write epitaphs for. Their epitaphs should show students' understanding of their chosen characters and the role they played in Julius Caesar.  2. Students will write an analytical essay, answering one of the following prompts and providing textual evidence: | Completed Epitaph (can be created with paper/supplies or digitally)      Analytical essay | RL.CR.9-10.1<br>RL.CI.9-10.2<br>RL.IT.9-10.3<br>W.IW.9-10.2<br>W.WP.9-10.4<br>W.RW.9-10.7<br>L.SS.9-10.1 |
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|   | effective choices for | r gain power. The         |   |  |
|   | meaning, or style, ar | nd to play shows us the   |   |  |
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|   | more fully when read  | ading, abuse or misuse of |   |  |
|   | writing, speaking or  | power can cause.          |   |  |
|   | listening.            | What can                  |   |  |
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|   |                       | tragedy Julius            |   |  |
|   |                       | Caesar teach              |   |  |
|   |                       | readers about             |   |  |
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## Suggested Modifications for Special Education, ELL and Gifted Students

Consistent with individual plans, when appropriate.

- Modifications for any individual student's IEP plan must be met.
- Alter assignment lengths if necessary.
- Provide additional examples of annotation and the signposts.
- Allow additional time when in full class discussing for processing and discussion.
- Students should be provided with graphic organizers during annotations and discussions.
- Check for understanding by conferencing with the teacher.
- Students may choose a partner or teacher may choose a partner to work that student is comfortable with.
- Repeat and clarify any directions given.
- Allow for preferential seating within groups and the whole class.
- Modify the amount of vocabulary words used.
- Read chapter tests aloud/test orally.

## **Suggested Technological Innovations/Use**

- Student Chromebooks
- StudySync Platform
- Google Classroom/OnCourse Classroom
- Padlet or similar websites
- Use of Google Translate as needed
- Skill Reinforcement: Kahoot, Blooket, etc.
- Research Databases (Ebsco, Facts of File, Fact Cite etc.)
- Peer-editing tools

- 9.4.12.CI.1: Demonstrate the ability to reflect, analyze, and use creative skills and ideas (e.g.,1.1.12prof.CR3a).
- 9.4.12.CI.3: Investigate new challenges and opportunities for personal growth, advancement, and transition (e.g., 2.1.12.PGD.1).
- 9.4.12.CT.1: Identify problem-solving strategies used in the development of an innovative product or practice (e.g., 1.1.12acc.C1b, 2.2.12.PF.3).
- 9.4.12.CT.2: Explain the potential benefits of collaborating to enhance critical thinking and problem solving (e.g., 1.3E.12profCR3.a).
- 9.4.12.CT.3: Enlist input from a variety of stakeholders (e.g., community members, experts in the field) to design a service learning
- 9.4.12.DC.1 Explain the beneficial and harmful effects that intellectual property laws can have on the creation and sharing of content (e.g., 6.1.12.CivicsPR.16.a).
- 9.4.12.IML.1: Compare search browsers and recognize features that allow for filtering of information.
- 9.4.12.IML.2: Evaluate digital sources for timeliness, accuracy, perspective, credibility of the source, and relevance of information, in media, data, or other resources (e.g., NJSLSA.W8, Social Studies Practice: Gathering and Evaluating Sources.
- 9.4.12.IML.3: Analyze data using tools and models to make valid and reliable claims, or to determine optimal design solutions (e.g., S-ID.B.6a., 8.1.12.DA.5, 7.1.IH.IPRET.8)
- 9.4.12.IML.4: Assess and critique the appropriateness and impact of existing data visualizations for an intended audience (e.g., S-ID.B.6b, HS-LS2-4).
- 9.4.12.IML.8: Evaluate media sources for point of view, bias, and motivations (e.g., NJSLSA.R6, 7.1.AL.IPRET.6).
- 9.4.12.TL.1: Assess digital tools based on features such as accessibility options, capacities, and utility for accomplishing a specified task (e.g., W.11-12.6.).
- 9.4.12.TL.3: Analyze the effectiveness of the process and quality of collaborative environments.

## Unit 4 - Exploring Social Issues through Literature and Informational Text

Content Area: Language Arts
Course(s): English 10 POR
Time Period: Academic Year

Length: **8 weeks**Status: **Not Published** 

## **Summary of the Unit**

The focus of this unit is to examine different social issues such as poverty, climate change, prejudice, bullying, and gender inequality through the reading of a variety of shorter works (fiction, nonfiction, and poetry). Students will work to improve their literacy skills while deepening their understanding of social issues we currently see in the world. Throughout this unit, an emphasis will be placed on reading strategies such as: using textual evidence, questioning the text, determining the importance of the text, inferring meaning, and identifying the meaning of words and how they are used (including figurative and connotative meanings). Additionally, students will utilize the writing process of prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing to produce a research essay as well as use the RACE (restate, answer, cite, explain) method to respond to text-based questions.

## **Enduring Understandings**

- Literature goes beyond entertainment and offers writers a means for commenting on social issues.
- The research process requires the use of a variety of resources to ensure validity.
- Organization is critical to the acquisition, application, and evaluation of information.
- Writers must give credit to authors through the use of citations and Works Cited page.

## **Essential Questions**

- In what ways do people react to injustice or problems in society?
- How can literature increase awareness of the similarities between people and cultures from all different times and places?
- Why do we research?
- How do I know my information is reliable (accurate, unbiased, current, and appropriate)?

#### **Summative Assessment and/or Summative Criteria**

• Students will research a social issue in our society and compose a research essay. Students will select a topic that can be considered a major issue in our current society, use databases to research the topic, and compose an essay, effectively integrating evidence and using MLA format.

## Resources

## Poetry:

- "First They Came" by Pastor Martin Niemoller
- "I Look at the World" by Langston Hughes

#### **Short Stories:**

- "Home" by Gwendolyn Brooks
- "San Martin in the Mist" by Laura Resau
- "All Summer in a Day" Ray Bradbury

#### Non-fiction:

- "Perils of Indifference" Speech by Elie Wiesel
- NewsELA "Safety net keeps many Americans from falling into poverty, Census shows"
- NewsELA "Cyberbullying is on the rise, and it's a predominantly female problem"

- CommonLit "These Teens Have Some Ideas for Stopping Climate Change" by Bethany Brookshire CommonLit "Endless Summer Job" by Carolyn Ferrell CommonLit "HeForShe: Gender Equality is Your Issue, Too" Emma Watson's United Nations Speech CommonLit "Malala Yousafzai's Nobel Peace Prize Lecture"

| Topic/Select<br>ion<br>Timeframe         | General<br>Objectives   | Instructional Activities  | Benchmarks/<br>Assessments   | Standards   |
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| Introduction to Social Issues (2-3 days) | 1. Write routinely over shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes.  2. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text. | <ol> <li>Students will respond to the following journal prompt:         <ul> <li>To what extent are we responsible for helping others?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Read and annotate the poem, "First They Came" by Pastor Martin Niemoller. Class discussion of annotations.</li> <li>Compare and contrast the students' original opinions with that of the poem.</li> <li>Read and annotate Elie Wiesel's "Perils of Indifference" Speech. After reading, students will respond to the following question:         <ul> <li>What are the consequences of indifference or silence? Why did Niemoller not speak up - because of indifference or fear? How would Wiesel have reacted to "First They Came"?</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | Nournal response     Response to a critical thinking question                                  | W.RW.9-10.7<br>RL.CR.9-10.1<br>SL.PE.9-10.1   |
| Poverty (2-3 days)                       | 1. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions  | 1. Read the short story "Home," by Gwendolyn Brooks and answer comprehension questions to assess understanding.  2. Read and annotate the NewsELA article, "Safety net keeps many Americans from falling into poverty, Census shows." Students should complete accompanying questions.  | 1. Guided reading questions  2. Response to a critical thinking question using the RACE method | RL.CR.9-10.1<br>RL.CI.9-10.2<br>RL.IT.9-10.3<br>RL.CT.9-10.8<br>RI.CR.9-10.1<br>RI.CI.9-10.2<br>RI.IT.9-10.3<br>RI.CT.9-10.8<br>W.AW.9-10.1<br>W.WP.9-10.4<br>W.RW.9-10.7<br>SL.PI.9-10.4<br>SL.AS.9-10.6 |

| Climate<br>Change<br>(3-4 days) | drawn from the text.  2. Write routinely over shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes.  1. Write routinely over shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes.  2. Read closely to determine what the text says | 3. Students will use the RACE method to answer the following critical thinking question:  • Do we, as a society, do enough to support people living in poverty? Explain your position using information from the short story "Home" and the NewsELA article.  1. Students will respond to the following journal prompt:  • How do you define your role regarding climate change? What do you feel your responsibilities are?  2. Read and annotate the article "These Teens Have Some Ideas for Stopping Climate Change"  | Journal response     Guided reading questions       | RI.CR.9-10.1<br>RI.CI.9-10.2<br>RI.IT.9-10.3<br>RI.PP.9-10.5<br>RI.CT.9-10.8<br>RL.CR.9-10.1<br>RL.CI.9-10.2<br>W.WR.9-10.5<br>W.RW.9-10.7 |
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|                                 | explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.   | by Bethany Brookshire on CommonLit. Complete comprehension questions to assess understanding.  3. Read the short story, "San Martin in the Mist" by Laura Resau and complete comprehension questions to assess understanding.  4. After reading and discussing the article and short story, students will compose a written response to the following questions, citing textual evidence for support:  • How are young people working to save the environment and protect the planet in "These Teens Have Some Ideas for Stopping Climate Change"? How does Alita work to save the environment in "San Martin in the Mist"? | 3. Written response to a critical thinking question | L.SS.9-10.1<br>L.KL.9-10.2<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>SL.PI.9-10.4   |
| Prejudice (3-4 days)            | 1. Write routinely over shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes.  | Students will respond to the following journal prompt:     To what extent do you think prejudice is still an issue in society today?  | 1. Journal response                                 | RI.CR.9-10.1<br>RI.CI.9-10.2<br>RI.IT.9-10.3<br>RI.PP.9-10.5<br>RI.CT.9-10.8<br>RL.CR.9-10.1   |

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|                     | 2. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.   | <ol> <li>Read and annotate the poem, "I Look at the World" by Langston Hughes, followed by a class discussion of Hughes' perspective and his feelings of oppression.</li> <li>Read and annotate the essay "Endless Summer Job" by Carolyn Ferrell. Complete comprehension questions to assess understanding.</li> <li>After reading the article, students will use the RACE method to answer the following critical thinking question:         <ul> <li>In your opinion, how does prejudice emerge? Why did Carolyn's mother prepare her for this type of experience?</li> </ul> </li> </ol>  | 2. Guided reading questions  3. Response to a critical thinking question using the RACE method        | RL.CI.9-10.2<br>W.WR.9-10.5<br>W.RW.9-10.7<br>L.SS.9-10.1<br>L.KL.9-10.2<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>SL.PI.9-10.4  |
| Bullying (3-4 days) | 1. Write routinely over shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes.  2. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text. | <ol> <li>Students will respond to the following journal prompt, followed by a class discussion of responses:         <ul> <li>Do you think bullying is more prevalent online or at school? Why do you think this is the case?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Read the short story, "All Summer in a Day" by Ray Bradbury and complete comprehension questions to assess understanding.</li> <li>Read and annotate the NewsELA article, "Cyberbullying is on the rise, and it's a predominantly female problem." Students should complete accompanying questions.</li> <li>After reading and discussing the article and short story, students will compose a written response to the following question:         <ul> <li>What are the effects of bullying and cyberbullying on teens today? What can be done to prevent bullying</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | 1. Journal response  2. Guided reading questions  3. Written response to a critical thinking question | RI.CR.9-10.1<br>RI.CI.9-10.2<br>RI.IT.9-10.3<br>RI.PP.9-10.5<br>RI.CT.9-10.8<br>RL.CR.9-10.1<br>RL.CI.9-10.2<br>W.WR.9-10.7<br>L.SS.9-10.1<br>L.KL.9-10.2<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>SL.PI.9-10.4 |

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| Gender              | 1. Read closely to  | 1. Read and annotate Emma   | 1. Guided   | RI.CR.9-10.1  |
| Inequality          | determine what  | Watson's United Nations   | reading   | RI.CI.9-10.2  |
|                     | the text says   | Speech: "HeForShe: Gender   | questions   | RI.IT.9-10.3  |
| (3-4 days)          | explicitly and to   | Equality is Your Issue, Too."   |   | RI.PP.9-10.5  |
|                     | make logical  | Complete comprehension  |   | RI.CT.9-10.8  |
|                     | inferences and  | questions to assess   | 2. Written  |   |
|                     | relevant  | understanding.  | response to a   | W.AW.9-10.1   |
|                     | connections from  |   | critical  | W.WR.9-10.5   |
|                     | it; cite specific   | 2. Read and annotate "Malala  | thinking  | W.RW.9-10.7   |
|                     | textual evidence  | Yousafzai's Nobel Peace Prize   | question  | L.SS.9-10.1   |
|                     | when writing or   | Lecture." Complete  |   | L.KL.9-10.2   |
|                     | speaking to   | comprehension questions to  |   | SL.PE.9-10.1  |
|                     | support   | assess understanding.   |   |   |
|                     | conclusions   | _   |   | SL.PI.9-10.4  |
|                     | drawn from the  | 3. After reading both articles,   |   |   |
|                     | text.   | students will compose a written   |   |   |
|                     |   | response to the following   |   |   |
|                     | 2. Write routinely  | questions, citing textual evidence  |   |   |
|                     | over shorter time   | for support:  |   |   |
|                     | frames (a single  | How can gender  |   |   |
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|                     | sitting or a day or two) for a range  | influence how a person is treated? In what ways   |   |   |
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|                     | of tasks,   | do women not have the   |   |   |
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|                     |   | In what ways does this  |   |   |
|                     |   | inequality impact girls'  |   |   |
|                     |   | futures?  |   |   |
| Exploring           | 1. Produce clear  | 1. Students will research a social  | 1. Research   | RI.MF.9-10.6  |
| Social              | and coherent  | issue in our society and compose  | essay   | W.IW.9-10.2   |
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| Issues:             | writing in  | a 5-paragraph research essay  |   | W.WP.9-10.4   |
| Issues:<br>Research | writing in which the  | a 5-paragraph research essay exploring their topic. Students  |   | W.WP.9-10.4<br>W.WR.9-10.5  |
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|                     | which the development,  | exploring their topic. Students will read and annotate sources to   | 2. Informally   | W.WR.9-10.5<br>W.SE.9-10.6  |
| Research<br>Essay   | which the development, organization, and  | exploring their topic. Students will read and annotate sources to complete the following:   | 2. Informally assess students'  | W.WR.9-10.5<br>W.SE.9-10.6<br>W.RW.9-10.7   |
| Research            | which the<br>development,<br>organization, and<br>style are   | exploring their topic. Students will read and annotate sources to complete the following:  • What is the social issue?  | assess students'  | W.WR.9-10.5<br>W.SE.9-10.6<br>W.RW.9-10.7<br>SL.PE.9-10.1   |
| Research<br>Essay   | which the<br>development,<br>organization, and<br>style are<br>appropriate  | exploring their topic. Students will read and annotate sources to complete the following:  What is the social issue?  Why is this an issue in   | assess students' progress on  | W.WR.9-10.5<br>W.SE.9-10.6<br>W.RW.9-10.7<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>SL.PI.9-10.4                               |
| Research<br>Essay   | which the<br>development,<br>organization, and<br>style are<br>appropriate<br>to task, purpose,   | exploring their topic. Students will read and annotate sources to complete the following:  • What is the social issue?  • Why is this an issue in society?  | assess students'<br>progress on<br>research essay   | W.WR.9-10.5<br>W.SE.9-10.6<br>W.RW.9-10.7<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>SL.PI.9-10.4<br>L.SS.9-10.1                |
| Research<br>Essay   | which the<br>development,<br>organization, and<br>style are<br>appropriate  | exploring their topic. Students will read and annotate sources to complete the following:  • What is the social issue?  • Why is this an issue in society?  • What are some examples  | assess students'<br>progress on<br>research essay<br>through writing  | W.WR.9-10.5<br>W.SE.9-10.6<br>W.RW.9-10.7<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>SL.PI.9-10.4<br>L.SS.9-10.1<br>L.KL.9-10.2 |
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| MLA), focusing    | format (include information on    |  |   |
| on addressing     | in-text citations and works       |  |   |
| what is most      | cited).                           |  |   |
| significant for a |                                   |  |   |
| specific purpose  | 5. Teach mini-lesson on           |  |   |
| and audience.     | introduction paragraphs,          |  |   |
|                   | including how to write a hook     |  |   |
|                   | and thesis statement.             |  |   |
|                   |                                   |  |   |
|                   | 5. Teach mini-lesson on how to    |  |   |
|                   | integrate evidence into the body  |  |   |
|                   | paragraphs of an essay, including |  |   |
|                   | introducing quotes and in-text    |  |   |
|                   | citations.                        |  |   |
|                   |                                   |  |   |
|                   | 6. Teach mini-lesson on           |  |   |
|                   | conclusion paragraphs.            |  |   |
|                   |                                   |  |   |
|                   | 7. Allow students to peer-edit    |  |   |
|                   | each other's work, paying         |  |   |
|                   | attention to spelling/grammar     |  |   |
|                   | mistakes, accuracy of             |  |   |
|                   | information, and correct MLA      |  |   |
|                   | format.                           |  |   |

## **Suggested Modifications for Special Education, ELL and Gifted Students**

Consistent with individual plans, when appropriate.

- Modifications for any individual student's IEP plan must be met.
- Alter assignment lengths if necessary.
- Provide additional examples of annotation and the signposts.
- Allow additional time when in full class discussing for processing and discussion.
- Students should be provided with graphic organizers during annotations and discussions.
- Check for understanding by conferencing with the teacher.
- Students may choose a partner or teacher may choose a partner to work that student is comfortable with.
- Repeat and clarify any directions given.
- Allow for preferential seating within groups and the whole class.
- Modify the amount of vocabulary words used.
- Read chapter tests aloud/test orally.

## **Suggested Technological Innovations/Use**

- Student Chromebooks
- StudySync Platform
- Google Classroom/OnCourse Classroom
- Padlet or similar websites
- Use of Google Translate as needed

- Skill Reinforcement: Kahoot, Blooket, etc.
- Research Databases (Ebsco, Facts of File, Fact Cite etc.)
- Peer-editing tools

- 9.4.12.CI.1: Demonstrate the ability to reflect, analyze, and use creative skills and ideas (e.g.,1.1.12prof.CR3a).
- 9.4.12.CI.3: Investigate new challenges and opportunities for personal growth, advancement, and transition (e.g., 2.1.12.PGD.1).
- 9.4.12.CT.1: Identify problem-solving strategies used in the development of an innovative product or practice (e.g., 1.1.12acc.C1b, 2.2.12.PF.3).
- 9.4.12.CT.2: Explain the potential benefits of collaborating to enhance critical thinking and problem solving (e.g., 1.3E.12profCR3.a).
- 9.4.12.CT.3: Enlist input from a variety of stakeholders (e.g., community members, experts in the field) to design a service learning
- 9.4.12.DC.1 Explain the beneficial and harmful effects that intellectual property laws can have on the creation and sharing of content (e.g., 6.1.12.CivicsPR.16.a).
- 9.4.12.IML.1: Compare search browsers and recognize features that allow for filtering of information.
- 9.4.12.IML.2: Evaluate digital sources for timeliness, accuracy, perspective, credibility of the source, and relevance of information, in media, data, or other resources (e.g., NJSLSA.W8, Social Studies Practice: Gathering and Evaluating Sources.
- 9.4.12.IML.3: Analyze data using tools and models to make valid and reliable claims, or to determine optimal design solutions (e.g., S-ID.B.6a., 8.1.12.DA.5, 7.1.IH.IPRET.8)
- 9.4.12.IML.4: Assess and critique the appropriateness and impact of existing data visualizations for an intended audience (e.g., S-ID.B.6b, HS-LS2-4).
- 9.4.12.IML.8: Evaluate media sources for point of view, bias, and motivations (e.g., NJSLSA.R6, 7.1.AL.IPRET.6).
- 9.4.12.TL.1: Assess digital tools based on features such as accessibility options, capacities, and utility for accomplishing a specified task (e.g., W.11-12.6.).
- 9.4.12.TL.3: Analyze the effectiveness of the process and quality of collaborative environments.

# Unit 5 - Dystopian Literature: The Citizen, Society, and the Future

Content Area: Language Arts
Course(s): English 10 POR
Time Period: Academic Year
Length: 10-11 weeks
Status: Not Published

## **Summary of the Unit**

This unit focuses on dystopian literature with a concentration on archetypes within the genre, especially the protagonist's struggle against society. Themes such as dehumanization, relationships, and freedom will be analyzed to further understand the author's purpose. Students will read the novel, *Legend*, paired with various short stories to study the characteristics of dystopian literature. Throughout reading, students will focus on conflicts, characterization, and common themes. Students will also reflect on whether or not dystopian literature has any relevance to our current society. As a culminating assignment, students will compose an original dystopian short story that incorporates characteristics as identified throughout the novel. Students will apply their understanding of archetypes, satire, central themes, and current issues (privacy, environmental, etc.) to write their story.

### **Enduring Understandings**

- Societal changes and technological advancements influence writers and the development of dystopian fiction.
- Writers of dystopian fiction use a variety of literary devices to create meaning in their works.
- References from texts provide evidence to support conclusions drawn about the message, the information presented, or the author's perspective.

## **Essential Questions**

- What are the characteristics of dystopian literature?
- Is rebellion something to be encouraged or feared?
- Is dystopian literature relevant to life today?

## **Summative Assessment and/or Summative Criteria**

- Students will compose a literary analysis essay, exploring the ways in which the main character of the novel, *Legend*, has evolved over the course of the novel into a rebel, and then, conclude as to whether or not this was a change for the better. Students will answer the prompt with an original claim supported by evidence from the novel.
- As a culminating assignment, students will compose an original dystopian short story that incorporates characteristics as identified throughout the novel. Students will apply their understanding of archetypes, satire, central themes, and current issues (privacy, environmental, etc.) to write their story. Students are required to utilize narrative elements when writing their story.

## Resources

#### Fiction:

- Legend by Marie Lu
- "Last Night of the World" by Ray Bradbury
- "Examination Day" by Henry Slesar
- "Amaryllis" by Carrie Vaughn
- "There Will Come Soft Rains" by Ray Bradbury
- "Harrison Bergeron" by Kurt Vonnegut

#### Non-Fiction:

- "Someone Might be Watching an Introduction to Dystopian Fiction" by Shelby Ostergaard
- "U.S. Airport Screeners are Watching What You Read" by Ryan Singel
- "Are You a Stalker Too? By Meghan Daum
- "University Attendance Scanners Make Some Uneasy" by Daniel Kraker

| Topic/<br>Selection<br>Timeframe                 | General<br>Objectives   | Instructional Activities   | Benchmarks/<br>Assessments                    | Standards   |
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| Introduction to Dystopian Literature (1-2 weeks) | 1. Write routinely over shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes.  2. Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision- making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.  3. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text. | 1. Students will write a journal about their vision of the future. Suggested topics to explore include fears, hopes, achievements, changes in society, etc. Think/pair/share: students will meet with a peer and compare/contrast their ideas about the future. After about five minutes, the students will write one or two topics on the board. These topics will be used for whole class discussion.  2. Define and explain the concept of a "utopia." Students will spend a few minutes listing their idea of the "perfect place." Students will work in groups to create a "perfect society." They should include the name of society, type of government, education, employment, money, law enforcement, and extracurricular activities. Once the group has outlined their society, they will work together to create a poster to advertise their utopia. Groups will present their utopias to the class.  3. Teach mini-lesson on characteristics of dystopian literature. Focus on common themes, settings, conflicts, and characters, as students will be analyzing these archetypes throughout the progression of the novel.  4. As a class, read and discuss CommonLit article "Someone Might be Watching - an Introduction to Dystopian Fiction" by Shelby Ostergaard. After reading, students will answer questions to demonstrate understanding. | 1. Journal response  2. Utopia group activity | RI.CR.9-10.1<br>RI.CI.9-10.2<br>W.RW.9-10.7<br>SL.PE.9-10.1<br>SL.AS.9-10.6 |

| "Last Night | 1. Read closely to    | 1. Read the story, "Last Night of        | 1. Guided       | RL.CR.9-10.1 |
|-------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------|--------------|
| of the      | determine what the    | the World" and answer                    | reading         | RL.CI.9-10.2 |
| World" by   | text says explicitly  | questions to assess                      | questions       | RL.IT.9-10.3 |
| Ray         | and to make           | understanding.                           |                 | RL.TS.9-10.4 |
| Bradbury    | logical inferences    |  |                 | W.RW.9-10.7  |
|             | and relevant          | 2. After reading, have students          |                 |              |
| (1 week)    | connections from      | look back at the story to identify       | 2. Illustration |              |
|             | it; cite specific     | three examples to support how            | for "Last Night |              |
|             | textual evidence      | this story is reflective of the          | of the World"   |              |
|             | when writing or       | dystopian genre.                         | with written    |              |
|             | speaking to support   |  | analysis        |              |
|             | conclusions drawn     | 3. Create an illustration of the         |                 |              |
|             | from the text.        | story. Students can focus on             |                 |              |
|             |                       | symbols, an important scene, or          |                 |              |
|             | 2. Write routinely    | a theme that is conveyed in the          |                 |              |
|             | over shorter time     | story. On the back of the                |                 |              |
|             | frames (a single      | illustration the students will           |                 |              |
|             | sitting or a day or   | write one paragraph explaining           |                 |              |
|             | two) for a range of   | how their drawing conveys an             |                 |              |
|             | tasks, purposes.      | important message or idea from           |                 |              |
|             |                       | the story.                               |                 |              |
| Dystopian   | 1. Determine a        | 1. Place students into small             | 1. Guided       | RL.CR.9-10.1 |
| Literature  | theme or central      | groups and assign each group             | reading         | RL.CI.9-10.2 |
| Short Story | idea of a text and    | one of the following stories:            | questions       | RL.IT.9-10.3 |
| Literature  | analyze in detail its | <ul> <li>"Examination Day" by</li> </ul> | 1               | RL.TS.9-10.4 |
| Circles     | development over      | Henry Slesar                             |                 | SL.PE.9-10.1 |
|             | the course of the     | • "Amaryllis" by Carrie                  |                 | SL.PI.9-10.4 |
| (1 week)    | text, including how   | Vaughn                                   | 2. Informal     | W.WP.9-10.4  |
|             | it emerges and is     | "There Will Come Soft                    | observations    | W.RW.9-10.7  |
|             | shaped and refined    | Rains" by Ray Bradbury                   | during class    |              |
|             | by specific details;  |  | discussions     |              |
|             | provide an            | 2. Each group will read their            |                 |              |
|             | objective summary     | assigned stories and answer              |                 |              |
|             | of the text.          | guided reading questions to              |                 |              |
|             |                       | assess understanding.                    | 3. Storyboard   |              |
|             | 2. Read closely to    |  | group           |              |
|             | determine what the    | 3. After reading, have students          | assignment      |              |
|             | text says explicitly  | look back at the story to identify       | U               |              |
|             | and to make           | three examples to support how            |                 |              |
|             | logical inferences    | this story is reflective of the          |                 |              |
|             | and relevant          | dystopian genre.                         |                 |              |
|             | connections from      |  |                 |              |
|             | it; cite specific     | 4. Each group should discuss the         |                 |              |
|             | textual evidence      | theme of their assigned story.           |                 |              |
|             | when writing or       | Groups will also discuss how             |                 |              |
|             | speaking to support   | the theme is developed in the            |                 |              |
|             | conclusions drawn     | text.                                    |                 |              |
|             | from the text.        |  |                 |              |
|             |                       | 5. Each group will create a              |                 |              |
|             |                       | storyboard depicting the                 |                 |              |
|             |                       | important plot events from their         |                 |              |
|             |                       | story. Groups will present their         |                 |              |
|             |                       | storyboards to teach the class           |                 |              |
|             |                       | about their story, also explaining       |                 |              |
|             | i                     | the theme and characteristics of         |                 | 1            |

|                           |                                       | dystopian literature they found while reading.                  |                           |                              |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Legend</i> by Marie Lu | 1. Determine the meaning of words,    | 1. As an introduction to the novel, students will complete a    | 1. Vocabulary assignment  | RL.CR.9-10.1<br>RL.CI.9-10.2 |
| Part One:                 | phrases as they are used in the text, | "text-features" scavenger hunt to help students preview the     |                           | RL.IT.9-10.3<br>RL.TS.9-10.4 |
| "The Boy                  | including                             | novel and its narrative structure.                              |                           | W.WP.9-10.4                  |
| Who Walks                 | figurative and                        | Through guided questions,                                       | 2. Guided                 | W.RW.9-10.7                  |
| in the Light"             | connotative                           | prompt students to examine the                                  | reading                   | SL.PE.9-10.1                 |
|                           | meanings; analyze                     | cover of the book and the first                                 | questions                 | L.KL.9-10.2                  |
| (2-3 weeks)               | the cumulative                        | few chapters to see that the story                              |                           | L.VL.9-10.3                  |
|                           | impact of specific                    | is told from two perspectives                                   |                           |                              |
|                           | word choices on meaning and tone.     | (see OnCourse for resources).                                   |                           |                              |
|                           |                                       | 2. Define vocabulary terms from                                 | 3.                        |                              |
|                           | 2. Read closely to                    | Part One of <i>Legend</i> . Students                            | Characterization          |                              |
|                           | determine what the                    | can demonstrate understanding                                   | chart                     |                              |
|                           | text says explicitly                  | of vocabulary terms by using the                                |                           |                              |
|                           | and to make                           | words in a sentence, writing a                                  |                           |                              |
|                           | logical inferences                    | story using the vocabulary                                      |                           |                              |
|                           | and relevant                          | words, sketching a picture that                                 |                           |                              |
|                           | connections from                      | shows the meaning of the words, etc.                            | 4. "I Am"                 |                              |
|                           | it; cite specific textual evidence    | etc.  |                           |                              |
|                           | when writing or                       | 3. Begin reading the novel,                                     | poems                     |                              |
|                           | speaking to support                   | Legend. While reading, students                                 |                           |                              |
|                           | conclusions drawn                     | will complete guided reading                                    |                           |                              |
|                           | from the text.                        | questions to assess   |                           |                              |
|                           |                                       | comprehension. Students should                                  |                           |                              |
|                           | 3. Determine a                        | also keep track of examples of                                  | 5. Response to a          |                              |
|                           | theme or central                      | dystopian literature traits while                               | critical thinking         |                              |
|                           | idea of a text and                    | reading.  | question using            |                              |
|                           | analyze in detail its                 |   | the RACE                  |                              |
|                           | development over                      | 3. After reading the first few                                  | method                    |                              |
|                           | the course of the                     | chapters, teach a mini-lesson on                                |                           |                              |
|                           | text, including how                   | characterization: define direct                                 |                           |                              |
|                           | it emerges and is                     | and indirect characterization,                                  |                           |                              |
|                           | shaped and refined                    | static and dynamic characters,                                  |                           |                              |
|                           | by specific details;                  | and include characterization                                    | 6. Informal               |                              |
|                           | provide an objective summary          | techniques such as flashbacks and memories, reactions and       | observations during class |                              |
|                           | of the text.                          | emotions, dialogue, and point of                                | discussions               |                              |
|                           | 4. Analyze how                        | view. Students will complete a chart to identify June and Day's |                           |                              |
|                           | complex characters                    | character traits.   |                           |                              |
|                           | (e.g., those with                     |   |                           |                              |
|                           | multiple or                           | 4. After learning about   |                           |                              |
|                           | conflicting                           | characterization, students will                                 |                           |                              |
|                           | motivations)                          | compose "I Am" poems about                                      |                           |                              |
|                           | develop over the                      | one of the main characters in the                               |                           |                              |
|                           | course of a text,                     | novel. Have students  |                           |                              |
|                           | interact with other                   | brainstorm a list of traits about a                             |                           |                              |
|                           | characters, and                       | character and think about what                                  |                           |                              |
|                           | advance the plot or                   | makes them unique. Students                                     |                           |                              |
|                           | develop the theme.                    | will compose a 15 line poem                                     |                           |                              |
|                           |                                       | from the perspective of a                                       |                           |                              |

|     |                   |  | character, starting each line with<br>the phrase "I Am" followed by a<br>descriptive word or phrase. |                         |                              |
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|     |                   |  | 5. After finishing part one,   |                         |                              |
|     |                   |  | students will respond to the   |                         |                              |
|     |                   |  | following critical thinking  |                         |                              |
|     |                   |  | questions using the RACE method:   |                         |                              |
|     |                   |  | <ul><li>What changes June's</li></ul>  |                         |                              |
|     |                   |  | view of Thomas and   |                         |                              |
|     |                   |  | Commander Jameson?   |                         |                              |
|     |                   |  | Why is she considered a troublemaker in the  |                         |                              |
|     |                   |  | military?  |                         |                              |
|     | Legend by         | 1. Determine the                         | 1. Define vocabulary terms from  | 1. Vocabulary           | RL.CR.9-10.1                 |
|     | Marie Lu          | meaning of words,                        | Part Two of <i>Legend</i> . Students   | assignment              | RL.CI.9-10.2                 |
|     | Part Two:         | phrases as they are used in the text,    | can demonstrate understanding of vocabulary terms by using the                                       |                         | RL.IT.9-10.3<br>RL.TS.9-10.4 |
|     | "The Girl         | including                                | words in a sentence, writing a   |                         | RI.CR.9-10.1                 |
| - 1 | Who               | figurative and                           | story using the vocabulary   |                         | RI.IT.9-10.3                 |
|     | Shatters the      | connotative                              | words, sketching a picture that  | 2. Guided               | RI.AA.9-10.7                 |
|     | Shining<br>Glass" | meanings; analyze the cumulative         | shows the meaning of the words, etc.   | reading questions       | W.WP.9-10.4<br>W.RW.9-10.7   |
|     | Glass             | impact of specific                       | etc.   | questions               | SL.PE.9-10.1                 |
|     | (2-3 weeks)       | word choices on                          | 2. Continue reading the novel,   |                         | SL.PI.9-10.4                 |
|     |                   | meaning and tone.                        | Legend. While reading, students  |                         | L.KL.9-10.2                  |
|     |                   | 2 Dood alogaly to                        | will complete guided reading   | 2 Conflict              | L.VL.9-10.3                  |
|     |                   | 2. Read closely to determine what the    | questions to assess comprehension.   | 3. Conflict assignment  |                              |
|     |                   | text says explicitly                     | comprehension.   | ussignment              |                              |
|     |                   | and to make                              | 3. Teach a mini-lesson on types  |                         |                              |
|     |                   | logical inferences                       | of conflict: man vs man, man vs  |                         |                              |
|     |                   | and relevant                             | himself, man vs nature, man vs   | 4. "Harrison            |                              |
|     |                   | connections from it; cite specific       | society, man vs technology, and man vs fate. Working in small  | Bergeron"               |                              |
|     |                   | textual evidence                         | groups, have students find   | assignment and          |                              |
|     |                   | when writing or                          | examples of each type of   | discussion              |                              |
|     |                   | speaking to support                      | conflict within the novel.   |                         |                              |
|     |                   | conclusions drawn from the text.         | Students should cite the page number where the conflict was  |                         |                              |
|     |                   | nom me text.                             | found and describe the conflict  |                         |                              |
|     |                   | 3. Determine a                           | that the characters are facing.  | 5. Response to a        |                              |
|     |                   | theme or central                         | 4 D - 14b - 4 (III )   | critical thinking       |                              |
|     |                   | idea of a text and analyze in detail its | 4. Read the story, "Harrison Bergeron" and answer  | question using the RACE |                              |
|     |                   | development over                         | comprehension questions to   | method                  |                              |
|     |                   | the course of the                        | assess understanding.  |                         |                              |
|     |                   | text, including how                      |  |                         |                              |
|     |                   | it emerges and is                        | 5. Discuss as a class, what is a rebel? Working in small groups,                                     |                         |                              |
|     |                   | shaped and refined by specific details;  | have students find text evidence   | 6. Informal             |                              |
|     |                   | provide an                               | from both <i>Legend</i> and "Harrison  | observations            |                              |
|     |                   | objective summary                        | Bergeron" to determine if the  | during class            |                              |
|     |                   | of the text.                             | main characters from each story  | discussions             |                              |
| L   |                   |  | (Day and June; Harrison and  |                         |                              |

|                               | 4. Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme. | George) are rebels. Discuss the following as a class:  • What impact do these rebels have on society? • Do any of the societies need these rebels or are they just creating chaos for nothing?  6. Place students in small groups and assign each group a different non-fiction article to read and annotate. As a group, students will discuss to what extent the topic discussed in their articles affect our society. Each group will then present their article to the class, explaining what they have discussed. Students will have time to debate and discuss topics presented.  Suggested articles:  • "U.S. Airport Screeners are Watching What You Read" by Ryan Singel • "Are You a Stalker Too? By Meghan Daum • "University Attendance Scanners Make Some Uneasy" by Daniel Kraker • "How Companies Learn Your Secrets" by Charles Duhigg  7. Based on article, discussion, and the novel, Legend, students will write a persuasive response to the following prompt using the RACE format:  • Is the novel, Legend, relevant to our society? Why, or why not? |                               |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Literary<br>Analysis<br>Essay | 1. Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or  | 1. Introduce and explain literary analysis essay assignment, providing students with an outline of how to structure a   | 1. Literary<br>analysis essay | RL.IT.9-10.3<br>RL.TS.9-10.4<br>W.WP.9-10.4<br>W.RW.9-10.7 |  |
| (3-4 days)                    | conflicting<br>motivations)<br>develop over the  | literary analysis essay.  2. In an essay, students will   |                               | L.SS.9-10.1<br>L.KL.9-10.2                                 |  |
|                               | course of a text,<br>interact with other<br>characters, and  | explore the ways in which June has evolved over the course of the novel into a rebel, and then,   |                               |  |  |
|                               | advance the plot or develop the theme.   | conclude as to whether or not this was a change for the better.   |                               |  |  |

|                                      |   | Using the notes and guided reading questions gathered while reading the novel, students will answer the prompt with their own original claim supported by evidence from the novel.   |                                   |  |  |
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| Writing a Dystopian Story (4-5 days) | 1. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.  2. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. | 1. As a culminating activity, students will demonstrate their understanding of the dystopian genre by writing an original story. Students should consider:  • Characteristics of the genre • Archetypes and motifs (characters, situations, etc.) • Themes based on novel, poems, articles, and discussions • Current events that may impact the future  2. Brainstorming/Outlining: Students will complete Freytag's pyramid in which they map out their story. They should include exposition, rising action, conflicts, climax, falling action, and conclusion.  3. Once the teacher has approved outlines, students will write their original dystopian short story. Stories should be 1-page minimum. | 1. Original Dystopian short story | W.NW.9-10.3<br>W.WP.9-10.4<br>W.RW.9-10.7<br>L.KL.9-10.2 |  |

## Suggested Modifications for Special Education, ELL and Gifted Students

Consistent with individual plans, when appropriate.

- Modifications for any individual student's IEP plan must be met.
- Alter assignment lengths if necessary.
- Provide additional examples of annotation and the signposts.
- Allow additional time when in full class discussing for processing and discussion.
- Students should be provided with graphic organizers during annotations and discussions.
- Check for understanding by conferencing with the teacher.
- Students may choose a partner or teacher may choose a partner to work that student is comfortable with.
- Repeat and clarify any directions given.
- Allow for preferential seating within groups and the whole class.
- Modify the amount of vocabulary words used.
- Read chapter tests aloud/test orally.

## Suggested Technological Innovations/Use

- Student Chromebooks
- StudySync Platform
- Google Classroom/OnCourse Classroom
- Padlet or similar websites
- Use of Google Translate as needed
- Skill Reinforcement: Kahoot, Blooket, etc.
- Research Databases (Ebsco, Facts of File, Fact Cite etc.)
- Peer-editing tools

- 9.4.12.CI.1: Demonstrate the ability to reflect, analyze, and use creative skills and ideas (e.g.,1.1.12prof.CR3a).
- 9.4.12.CI.3: Investigate new challenges and opportunities for personal growth, advancement, and transition (e.g., 2.1.12.PGD.1).
- 9.4.12.CT.1: Identify problem-solving strategies used in the development of an innovative product or practice (e.g., 1.1.12acc.C1b, 2.2.12.PF.3).
- 9.4.12.CT.2: Explain the potential benefits of collaborating to enhance critical thinking and problem solving (e.g., 1.3E.12profCR3.a).
- 9.4.12.CT.3: Enlist input from a variety of stakeholders (e.g., community members, experts in the field) to design a service learning
- 9.4.12.DC.1 Explain the beneficial and harmful effects that intellectual property laws can have on the creation and sharing of content (e.g., 6.1.12.CivicsPR.16.a).
- 9.4.12.IML.1: Compare search browsers and recognize features that allow for filtering of information.
- 9.4.12.IML.2: Evaluate digital sources for timeliness, accuracy, perspective, credibility of the source, and relevance of information, in media, data, or other resources (e.g., NJSLSA.W8, Social Studies Practice: Gathering and Evaluating Sources.
- 9.4.12.IML.3: Analyze data using tools and models to make valid and reliable claims, or to determine optimal design solutions (e.g., S-ID.B.6a., 8.1.12.DA.5, 7.1.IH.IPRET.8)
- 9.4.12.IML.4: Assess and critique the appropriateness and impact of existing data visualizations for an intended audience (e.g., S-ID.B.6b, HS-LS2-4).
- 9.4.12.IML.8: Evaluate media sources for point of view, bias, and motivations (e.g., NJSLSA.R6, 7.1.AL.IPRET.6).
- 9.4.12.TL.1: Assess digital tools based on features such as accessibility options, capacities, and utility for accomplishing a specified task (e.g., W.11-12.6.).
- 9.4.12.TL.3: Analyze the effectiveness of the process and quality of collaborative environments.