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AP Language, English Language Arts



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Chapter 1 - An Introduction to Rhetoric	September	- Introduces the basic elements of rhetoric, including the rhetorical situation, the rhetorical triangle, appeals to ethos, pathos, and logos, analysis of effective and ineffective rhetoric; analysis of visual texts	- Review of rhetorical terms. Rhetorical Triangle.	New York State standards. College Board AP guidelines.	- Rhetorical analysis and effective writing	How do writers use language to achieve their goals?	Chapter quiz
Chapter 2 - Close Reading: the Art and Craft of Analysis	September	- Focuses on analyzing style through close reading of both written and visual texts; review of style elements; model activities on style, annotation skills, and close reading. Introduces basic skills	- Review of style elements	New York State standards. College Board AP guidelines.	- Close reading and analysis. Annotation and thesis development	What is the writer's exigence, or purpose? What does the writer hope to achieve?	Chapter quiz

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		for writing a close analysis and the development of a thesis statement.					
Chapter 3 - Analyzing Arguments: From Reading to Writing	September	- Continues the study of rhetorical appeals and style; takes a closer look at an argument's claim, evidence, reasoning, and organization. Introduces types of claims and evidence.	- Review or rhetorical claims, argument terms and fallacies	New York State standards. College Board AP guidelines.	- Organization and arrangement strategies with a focus on the Classical Oration model. Identifying logical fallacies	How is an argument organized and composed? How is an argument defended, or refuted?	Chapter quiz
Chapter 4 - Synthesizing Sources: Entering a Conversation	October	- Introduces the Synthesis Essay and the use of source citations and model activities on formulating a position and integrating	Synthesis. Analysis.	New York State standards. College Board AP guidelines.	- Responding to a synthesis essay question, formulating a position, and integrating citations into a response.	How does a writer synthesize and incorporate sources into an argumentative or persuasive essay?	

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		quotations					
Chapter 5 - Education	October	- Selected authors include Margaret Talbot, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Diane Ravitch, Francine Prose	- Exigence. Context.	New York State standards. College Board AP guidelines.	- Close and careful reading of selected sources at the college level	Chapter Theme-Education To what extent do our schools serve the goals of our communities?	Rhetorical Analysis Essay Reading comprehension quiz
Lincoln at Gettysburg	September	- Summer Reading Assignment "The Killer Angles" by Michael Shaara	- Exigence. Context.	New York State standards. College Board AP guidelines.	- Understanding the context in an author's exigence.	What contextual events (The Battle Of Gettysburg) informed Lincoln's composition of "The Gettysburg Address"? What was Lincoln's exigence?	Close reading annotation of "The Gettysburg Address."
Rhetorical Analysis Essay	October	- George Washington's "Farewell Address to the People of the United States" Dwight Eisenhower's	- Exigence. Context. Ethos, pathos, logos.	New York State standards. College Board AP guidelines.	- Understanding the context in an author's exigence. Composition of a rhetorical analysis	What can our elected leaders say when they are no longer running for office?	On demand rhetorical analysis essay

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		"Farewell Address"			essay		
Fiction - The Novel	November	F. Scott Fitzgerald "The Great Gatsby"	Context. History. Class and society.	New York State standards. College Board AP guidelines.	Close and careful reading of an extended work of fiction	In what way does class and class division impact American values?	Reading comprehension quiz. Dialectical journal.
Chapter 7 - The Economy	December	- Selected authors include Barbara Ehrenreich, Thomas Carlyle, Booker T. Washington, Lars Eighner, Jonathan Ruskin	- Exigence. Context.	New York State standards. College Board AP guidelines.	- Understanding the context in an author's exigence. Composition of a rhetorical analysis essay	Chapter Theme - What is the role of the economy in our everyday lives?	Rhetorical analysis essay. Reading comprehension quizzes.
Rhetorical Analysis Essay		- Barbara Ehrenreich "Serving in Florida" Thomas Carlyle "Labour"	- Analyze how each author uses language to support their assertion regarding the nature of work upon the human	New York State standards. College Board AP guidelines.	- Understanding the context in an author's exigence. Composition of a rhetorical analysis essay	How does work provide meaning in our lives?	On demand rhetorical analysis essay

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Chapter 6-Community	January	Selected authors include Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Henry David Thoreau, Scott Brown, Malcolm Gladwell, Lori Alviso Alvord	- Exigence. Analysis. Context	New York State standards. College Board AP guidelines.	- Understanding the context in an author's exigence. Composition of a synthesis essay	What is the relationship of the individual to the community?	Synthesis Essay. Reading Comprehension quizzes
Synthesis Essay	March	Synthesis Essay assignment from past AP exam.	Synthesis. Context. Exigence. Analysis.	New York State standards. College Board AP guidelines.	Addressing a question by synthesizing information from sources.	How do students use sources to inform their responses to questions and prompts?	Synthesis Essay
Fiction - Play	March	"The Crucible" Arthur Miller	Puritanism!	New York State standards. College Board AP guidelines.	Close and careful reading of a long form text	What is the relationship of the individual to the community? What is the obligation of the state to the	Dialectical journal

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Chapter 8 - Gender	April	Selected authors include Stephen Jay Gould, Virginia Woolf, John and Abigail Adams, Deborah Tannen, Paul Theroux, Gretel Ehrlich	Synthesis. Context. Exigence. Analysis.	New York State standards. College Board AP guidelines.	- Understanding the context in an author's exigence. Close reading of a text.	What is the impact of the gender roles that society creates and enforces?	Reading comprehension quizzes.
AP Exam Review	April-May	Review of AP Exam and successful exam taking strategies	Yes.	New York State standards. College Board AP guidelines.	Multiple choice question strategies. Efficient and concise composition of essays.	How do I get a 5 on this?	The Advanced Placement English Language and Composition Exam!
Argument Essay	April	Argumentative and persuasive essay. Assignment from previous AP exam	Exigence. Réfutation.	New York State standards. College Board AP	Composing an effective argument that acknowledges and refutes	I'm right. I acknowledge that you think you are right, but you are	Argument essay.

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				guidelines.	counter-arguments.	wrong, and here's why.	
Chapter "X"	May-June	A selection of essays from the text. Authors include Gay Talese, Theodore Roosevelt, George Orwell, Chuck Klosterman, Jamaica Kinkaid, Sarah Vowell	Synthesis. Context. Exigence. Analysis.	New York State standards. College Board AP guidelines.	Understanding the context in an author's exigence. Close reading of a text.	How do students apply their new skills to increasingly complex texts?	Reading comprehension quizzes.
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