

Course Title: AP English Language & Composition

Department: English

Unit Name: Summer Work

Topics:

- Dialectical Journals
- Close Reading with Annotation
- Defining Creative Nonfiction
- Selection of Details

School Competencies:

- Literary Understanding (Communication Foundational)
- Writing (Communication Foundational)
- Critical Thinking (Problem Solving & Analysis Foundational)

Course Competencies:

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Formative Assessments:

- Read "How to Mark a Book" by Dr. Mortimer Adler
- Read In Cold Blood by Truman Capote
- Dialectical Journals for In Cold Blood
- In Cold Blood Newspaper Comparison Activity

Summative Assessments:

In Cold Blood In-Class Essay



Unit Name: The Rhetorical Situation

Topics:

- The Rhetorical Situation/The Rhetorical Triangle
- Rhetorical Appeals
- Rhetorical Analysis of Visual Texts
- Taking Rhetorical Risks
- Stages of the Writing Process
- Classical Arrangement

School Competencies:

- Integrity (Awareness Foundational)
- Literary Understanding (Communication Foundational)
- Writing (Communication Foundational)
- Critical Thinking (Problem Solving & Analysis Foundational)
- Critical Literary Analysis (Communication Advanced)

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Formative Assessments:

- SPACE CAT Lou Gehrig's Farewell Speech (LoC p.18)
- Appeals for Certain Situations Activity (LoC p.22)
- Analyzing Visual Texts & Political Cartoons (LoC p.9, 23)
- Humor & Satire: "A Modest Proposal" by Jonathan Swift "Questions for Discussion" #1-5 and "Questions on Rhetoric and Style" #1-8, 10, & 12 (LoC pp.771-777)
- Read "Consider the Lobster" by David Foster Wallace
- Quiz: Chapter 1 Terminology
- Rough Draft Ted Talk Rhetorical Analysis Essay
- Writing Workshop
- AP Practice: Attacking the Prompt ("Lab Girl" Prompt)

Summative Assessments:

Ted Talk Rhetorical Analysis Essay





Unit Name: Theme: Language

Topics:

- The Rhetorical Situation
- Rhetorical Appeals
- Patterns of Development: Definition
- Tone

School Competencies:

- Social & Cultural Knowledge (Awareness Foundational)
- Literary Understanding (Communication Foundational)
- Writing (Communication Foundational)

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Formative Assessments:

- Read & Discuss "Mother Tongue" by Amy Tan (LoC pp. 555-560)
- Read & Discuss "Politics and the English Language," George Orwell; Discussion Questions #1, 2, 4-7, 9-14 (pp. 1026-1037)
- Read & Discuss "The Meaning of a Word" by Gloria Naylor
- Activity: "Blood, Toil, Tears, and Sweat," Winston Churchill
- SPACE CAT Definition Letter Idea
- Writing Workshop

Summative Assessments:

Definition Letter



Unit Name: Rhetorical Analysis

Topics:

- Analyzing Rhetorical Strategies
- Analyzing Stylistic Choices
- Annotation of a Text
- Writing a Rhetorical Analysis Essay
- Developing a Thesis Statement
- Integrating Quotations
- Organizing a Rhetorical Analysis Essay

School Competencies:

- Integrity (Awareness Foundational)
- Social & Cultural Knowledge (Awareness Foundational)
- Literary Understanding (Communication Foundational)
- Writing (Communication Foundational)
- Critical Literary Analysis (Communication Advanced)

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Formative Assessments:

- Read LoC pp. 38-55
- Tone Resource & Activity
- Read "Letter from Birmingham Jail," MLK Jr. pp. 513-529; Complete Questions for Discussion #1-7 p. 529
- Reread "Letter from Birmingham Jail" pp. 513-529; Complete Questions on Rhetoric and Style #1-12 pp. 529-530
- Quiz: Schemes & Tropes
- Writing a Rhetorical Analysis Essay: Read LoC pp. 60-69
- Analyzing Visual Texts pp. 57-60
- Rhetorical Analysis Student Samples



- Timed Rhetorical Analysis Free Response
- Writing Workshop

Summative Assessments:

Rhetorical Analysis: Choice Speech



Unit Name: Theme: Community

Topics:

- Analyzing Rhetorical Strategies
- Analyzing Stylistic Choices
- Annotation of a Text
- Writing a Speech
- Implementing Rhetorical Choices

School Competencies:

- Global and Local Citizenship (Awareness Foundational)
- Integrity (Awareness Foundational)
- Social & Cultural Knowledge (Awareness Foundational)
- Literary Understanding (Communication Foundational)
- Writing (Communication Foundational)
- Critical Thinking (Problem Solving & Analysis Foundational)

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Formative Assessments:

- Read "Where I Lived, and What I Lived For," Thoreau pp. 531-539
- Discuss Thoreau: Class Discussion & Questions in Small Groups (R&S: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12)
- Reread Thoreau & Suggestions for Writing p. 539 #2
- Read "A Paradise Built in Hell," Rebecca Solnit pp. 561-569
- Read "Small Change," Malcolm Gladwell pp. 570-579
- Sentence Structure Activity
- Writing Workshop

Summative Assessments:



Community Speech



Unit Name: Analyzing Arguments

Topics:

- Staking a Claim
- Types of Claims
- Presenting Evidence: First- and Second-Hand
- Logical Fallacies
- Induction and Deduction
- Toulmin Model & Rogerian Argument
- The Argumentative Essay
- Establishing a Position
- Organizing an Argument
- Pattern of Development: Comparison/Contrast

School Competencies:

- Global and Local Citizenship (Awareness Foundational)
- Integrity (Awareness Foundational)
- Literary Understanding (Communication Foundational)
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- Critical Thinking (Problem Solving & Analysis Foundational)

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Formative Assessments:

- Read LoC pp. 89-105; Activity p. 92
- Logical Fallacies: PPT (small groups) & Fallacies in Advertisements
- Logical Fallacies Quiz
- Read LoC pp. 106-118; Activity p. 118
- Read "Letter to a Southern Baptist Pastor" pp. 1192-1195 & Activity pp. 1195-1198
- Read "Rights of Man" & Activity p. 1201



- Argument Student Samples
- Timed Argument Free Response
- Writing Workshop

Summative Assessments:

• Argument Essay: AP Choice Prompt



Unit Name: Theme: Justice

Topics:

- Claims, Evidence, Line of Reasoning
- Using Transitions
- Qualifying an Argument
- Implementing Rhetorical Appeals
- Pattern of Development: Narration

School Competencies:

- Global and Local Citizenship (Awareness Foundational)
- Integrity (Awareness Foundational)
- Social & Cultural Knowledge (Awareness Foundational)
- Literary Understanding (Communication Foundational)
- Writing (Communication Foundational)
- Critical Observation (Awareness Advanced)
- Public Deliberation (Communication Advanced)
- Synthesis (Problem Solving & Analysis Advanced)

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Formative Assessments:

- Read from Between the World and Me pp. 982-995, Questions #1-12 & Questions on Rhetoric and Style #1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 (pp. 996-997)
- Read Pankhurst's from Freedom or Death pp. 1017-1026
- Read Conversation: The Limits of Free Speech pp. 1124-1134 & Complete Chart
- Choice Reading from Justice Unit & Class Conversation in Google Classroom

Summative Assessments:

Town Hall Meeting





Unit Name: Synthesis

Topics:

- Evaluating Sources
- Using Databases
- Using Sources to Inform an Argument and Appeal to an Audience
- Framing & Integrating Quotations
- Citing Sources
- Quoting, Summarizing, & Paraphrasing
- MLA & APA Format

School Competencies:

- Global and Local Citizenship (Awareness Foundational)
- Integrity (Awareness Foundational)
- Literary Understanding (Communication Foundational)
- Writing (Communication Foundational)
- Synthesis (Problem Solving & Analysis Advanced)

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Formative Assessments:

- Read LoC pp. 138-145; Activity p. 141
- Annotated Article
- Read pp. 145-159; Activity p. 159
- Seminar: Is Technology Making Us Dumber?
- Read pp. 159-167; Questions #1-6 p. 167
- Seminar: The Future of High School pp. 271-288
- Seminar: Sustainable Eating pp. 480-500
- Seminar: Redefining Masculinity pp. 950-970



Summative Assessments:

• Research Essay: Final Paper



Unit Name: Theme: Education

Topics:

- Patterns of Development
- Stylistic Choices
- Appealing to an Audience

School Competencies:

- Integrity (Awareness Foundational)
- Social & Cultural Knowledge (Awareness Foundational)
- Literary Understanding (Communication Foundational)
- Writing (Communication Foundational)
- Critical Observation (Awareness Advanced)

Course Competencies:

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Formative Assessments:

- Read "In Defense of a Liberal Education" by Zakaria pp. 179-189
- Read "Education" by Emerson & Discussion: Exploring the Text Questions
- Read "Me Talk Pretty One Day," Sedaris pp. 236-240; Visual Text, "The Exam Room," p. 265
- Small Group Presentations of Assigned Education Text
- Seminar: Challenges in Education in 21st Century America

Summative Assessments:

Personal Narrative: Lessons Learned