

# Ridgefield Public Schools

## Hero's Journey and the Human Experience Curriculum at a Glance

### Overview

Hero's Journey & the Human Experience is an 11th/12th grade semester enrichment elective, focusing on reading and developing screenplays, analyzing elements of film, and expanding technological skills. Like all reading elective courses in our department, student choice, creativity, and collaboration are foundational to this unique class. To this end, students choose from a variety of domestic and international films, which serve as the vehicles for learning about screenwriting, cinematography, editing, and sound techniques. Through a project-based learning model, students collaborate on writing, producing, and editing an original short film through the lens of a hero's journey and our collective human experience. This innovative course fosters the development of future-ready skills and a sophisticated appreciation for film.

Units
Hero's Journey: Introduction & Steps
Mise en Scène: Analysis
Cinematography: Analysis
Screenwriting: Application
Editing: Analysis / Application
Sound: Analysis / Application
Short Film: Showcase / Critique

