

# (6) Dawg Talks, Final Thoughts

Content Area: **ELA**  
Course(s): **Public Speaking**  
Time Period: **Marking Period 2**  
Length: **4 weeks**  
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## Course Pacing Guide

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Unit	MP/Trimester	Weeks
Intro to Course & Course Goals	1	0.5
Instructional Techniques/Speech	1	2.5
Informational Techniques/Speech	1	3
Persuasive Techniques/Speech	1 & 2 (overlaps)	3
Interviewing (College & Job)	2	3
Dawg Talks	2	4

## Unit Overview

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- Students will synthesize the skills involved in all units into one final, public speech called their Dawg Talk (modelled after Ted Talks)
- After this cumulative project, students will analyze/reflect on their progress in the course and how their skills can be used outside of our classroom

## Enduring Understandings

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- Public speaking requires command of a large variety of skills
- Public speaking entails risk and requires effort
- Sustained effort in these skills creates growth
- Strong public speaking skills will help you create opportunities far beyond this classroom

## Essential Questions

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- How have I done in this course so far? What am I doing well? Where have I already grown? What do I need to improve?
- How can I pull together all of the skills we have worked on so far?
- How can I manage a more stressful public speaking situation -- one with a bigger audience & more uncertainty than I have been accustomed to so far?

- How can I prepare for such a speech effectively ahead of time?

## **New Jersey Student Learning Standards (No CCS)**

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LA.RI.9-10.1	Accurately cite strong and thorough textual evidence, (e.g., via discussion, written response, etc.) 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.
LA.RI.9-10.2	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze how it is developed and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.
LA.RI.9-10.7	Analyze various perspectives as presented in different mediums (e.g., a person's life story in both print and multimedia), determining which details are emphasized in each account.
LA.RI.9-10.8	Describe and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and reasoning.
LA.W.9-10.1	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
LA.W.9-10.1.A	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
LA.W.9-10.1.B	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims avoiding common logical fallacies, propaganda devices, and using sound reasoning, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
LA.W.9-10.1.C	Use transitions (e.g., words, phrases, clauses) to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
LA.W.9-10.1.D	Establish and maintain a style and tone appropriate to the audience and purpose (e.g., formal and objective for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
LA.W.9-10.1.E	Provide a concluding paragraph or section that supports the argument presented.
LA.W.9-10.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
LA.W.9-10.2.A	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
LA.W.9-10.2.B	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
LA.W.9-10.2.C	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
LA.W.9-10.2.D	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
LA.W.9-10.2.E	Establish and maintain a style and tone appropriate to the audience and purpose (e.g., formal and objective for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions

of the discipline in which they are writing.

LA.W.9-10.2.F	Provide a concluding paragraph or section that supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
LA.W.9-10.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
LA.W.9-10.5	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.
LA.W.9-10.6	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.
LA.W.9-10.7	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
LA.W.9-10.8	Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation (MLA or APA Style Manuals).
LA.W.9-10.9	Draw evidence from literary or nonfiction informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
LA.SL.9-10.2	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.
LA.SL.9-10.4	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically. The content, organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
LA.SL.9-10.5	Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.
LA.SL.9-10.6	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English.
LA.L.9-10.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
LA.9-10.W.9-10.1	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence. Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.

## **Amistad Integration**

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Student chosen topics may center around questions of race & African-American history/contemporary experiences

LA.RI.11-12.10b	By the end of grade 12, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at grade level text-
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complexity or above.

SEL.PK-12.1.2

Recognize the impact of one's feelings and thoughts on one's own behavior

## **Holocaust/Genocide Education**

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Student topic selections may include applicable theories concerning human nature and behavior, genocide, prejudice/discrimination, moral responsibilities in acting in a complex & diverse society

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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HPE.2.1.12.E.4	Develop a personal stress management plan to improve/maintain wellness.
HPE.2.1.12.E.CS2	Stress management skills impact an individual's ability to cope with different types of emotional situations.
HPE.2.2.12.A.1	Employ skills for communicating with family, peers, and people from other backgrounds and cultures that may impact the health of oneself and others.
HPE.2.2.12.A.CS2	Effective communication is the basis for strengthening interpersonal interactions and relationships and resolving conflicts.
HPE.2.2.12.A.CS3	Technology increases the capacity of individuals to communicate in multiple and diverse ways.
VPA.1.3.12.C.2	Create and evaluate performances by citing evidence of specific physical choices, sustained vocal technique, and clearly motivated actions.
VPA.1.3.12.C.CS1	Effective scripted and improvisational performances require informed, supported, and sustained choices by actors, directors, and designers. Theatre genres are created by combining complex narrative structures, technical theatrical elements, and thematic intent.

## **Technology Standards**

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TECH.8.1.12.A.CS2	Select and use applications effectively and productively.
TECH.8.1.12.C.CS1	Interact, collaborate, and publish with peers, experts, or others by employing a variety of digital environments and media.
TECH.8.1.12.C.CS2	Communicate information and ideas to multiple audiences using a variety of media and formats.
TECH.8.1.12.E.1	Produce a position statement about a real world problem by developing a systematic plan of investigation with peers and experts synthesizing information from multiple sources.
TECH.8.1.12.E.CS2	Locate, organize, analyze, evaluate, synthesize, and ethically use information from a variety of sources and media.
TECH.8.1.12.E.CS3	Evaluate and select information sources and digital tools based on the appropriateness for specific tasks.
TECH.8.1.12.F.CS3	Collect and analyze data to identify solutions and/or make informed decisions.

## 21st Century Themes/Careers

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CAEP.9.2.12.C.1	Review career goals and determine steps necessary for attainment.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.2	Modify Personalized Student Learning Plans to support declared career goals.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.3	Identify transferable career skills and design alternate career plans.

## Financial Literacy Integration

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PFL.9.1.12.A.3	Analyze the relationship between various careers and personal earning goals.
PFL.9.1.12.A.4	Identify a career goal and develop a plan and timetable for achieving it, including educational/training requirements, costs, and possible debt.

## Instructional Strategies & Learning Activities

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- use of student materials to review course work so far
- reflective writing (self-assessment) to determine areas of growth, strength, and weakness to focus on during unit
- topic selection & preliminary research of topic
- Topic Talks: informal workshopping of topic ideas, sources, and approaches
- Rehearsal: presentation of Dawg Talk to classmates for peer feedback & self-evaluation
- Refresher on rehearsal strategies; introduction to visualization strategies & other preparation/stress management techniques
- delivery of Dawg Talk in library (cumulative project)
- class viewing of 2010 film *The King's Speech*; use film to create final discussion & written reflection on elements of skillful public speaking & their applicability in society
- if time permits: write to next semester's students, offering suggestions, tips, and reflections on things that can help you be successful in this course

## Differentiated Instruction

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- individualized topic selection to allow for age/developmental appropriateness
- tiered learning targets (in part based on self-assessment in previous unit)
- individualized feedback based on current levels of development/achievement/need
- mastery learning (feedback toward goal)
- game-based Learning

## Formative Assessments

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- Topic Talk
- Speech outline -- content & structure based formative assessment

- Rehearsal speech

## **Summative Assessment**

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Dawg Talk

## **Benchmark Assessments**

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Dawg Talk

## **Alternate Assessments**

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- All students complete a Dawg Talk, but have significant choice in their topic & method of approach to that speech as long as they address key skills for the course

## **Resources & Technology**

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- all previous course material
- last semester's outlines/topic lists (to serve as models)
- *The King's Speech* (2010 film)

## **BOE Approved Texts**

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N/A

## **Closure**

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- Daily strategies: exit tickets, Google Doc sum-ups, index card assessments
- Final closure: individual student self-assessment of performance & growth in this unit/course overall

## **ELL**

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- Use of more extensive notes while speaking (may be partially or fully scripted)
- Use of captions on video
- Oral & shortened responses for self-evaluation
- Simplified written and verbal instructions
- Frequent breaks
- E-Dictionaries
- Google Translate

## **Special Education**

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- Shorten assignments to focus on mastery of key concepts.
- Substitute alternatives for written assignments (oral self-evaluation)
- Evaluate the classroom structure against the student's needs (flexible structure, firm limits, etc.).
- Provide a computer for written work.
- Seat the student close to the teacher or a positive role model.
- Use a study carrel. (Provide extras so that the student is not singled out.)
- Provide an unobstructed view of the chalkboard, teacher, movie screen, etc.
- Keep extra supplies of classroom materials (pencils, books) on hand.
- Maintain adequate space between desks.
- Give directions in small steps and in as few words as possible.
- Number and sequence the steps in a task.
- Have student repeat the directions for a task.
- Provide visual aids.
- Go over directions orally.
- Stand near the student when giving directions or presenting a lesson
- Give progress reports/completion grades instead of standard grades
- Show a model of the end product of directions (e.g., a completed math problem or finished quiz).
- Permit a student to rework missed problems for a better grade.
- Use a pass-fail or an alternative grading system when the student is assessed on his or her own growth.

## **504**

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Examples of accommodations in 504 plans include but are not limited to:

- preferential seating
- reduced homework or classwork
- verbal, visual, or technology aids
- modified textbooks or audio-video materials
- behavior management support
- adjusted class schedules or grading

- verbal testing
- excused lateness, absence, or missed classwork
- pre-approved nurse's office visits and accompaniment to visits

## **At Risk**

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- Have student restate information
- Concrete examples
- Use of a study carrel
- Assistance in maintaining uncluttered space
- Peer or scribe note-taking
- Follow a routine/schedule
- Teach time management skills
- Verbal and visual cues regarding directions and staying on task
- Immediate feedback
- Cue/model expected behavior
- Use de-escalating strategies
- Provision of notes or outlines
- No penalty for spelling errors or sloppy handwriting
- Adjusted assignment timelines
- Work-in-progress check
- Pace long-term projects
- Use peer supports and mentoring
- Chart progress and maintain data

## **Gifted and Talented**

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Focus on effort and practice

Offer the Most Difficult First

Offer choice

Speak to Student Interests

Encourage risk taking



