Unit 7-Book Clubs (Reading Through Genre, Lit Theory, and Life Issues)

Content Area: **Language Arts Literacy**
Course(s): **English 12 Honors**
Time Period: **Marking Period 4**
Length: **10 Blocks**
Status: **Published**

Course Description

Credits: 5

Prerequisite: 85 in English 11 Honors OR 91 in English 11 CP with teacher recommendation

Grade: 12

This course is designed for the student who has developed an exceptional proficiency in critical reading and thinking as well as advanced writing skills. Students are challenged with numerous fictional literary readings from several genres and related non-fiction. In addition, students complete many writing assignments and extensive outside readings. Students explore the modes of writing on a more sophisticated level; journal writing will address students' creative talents while other assignments will be analytical in nature. Students use MLA and The BIG6 information literacy model to conduct problem-based research projects.

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Stage 1-- Desired Results

Unit Purpose: In this unit students will read in existential book clubs. In 11-12th grade, teachers will teach the same standards from 9th and 10th grade but will increase the rigor. 11th grade teachers will teach the skills based on the explicit standards and now focus on the emphasis of student interest and the nuances of reading literature. 12th grade teachers refresh/review those same skills from the year prior to check for complete understanding.

Established Goals:

New Jersey Student Learning Standards: English Language Arts Grades 11 and 12

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Understandings: **Essential Questions:**

Students will understand that…

-Effective readers can identify and understand how existential fiction enhances understanding of culture.
-Authors write existential fiction to inform the reader about an event or period of time.
-We interpret our world through the lens of our culture, our religion and our political views.
-Existential fiction is based on current issue that can be supported by researching nonfiction.

-How do readers tackle complex texts?
-Whose story is it? Who has the power in this story? How does that impact the author's message?
-How does reading fiction on social issues help us make sense of the world?
-What are the main settings of the novel and how do they impact the readers' understanding of the plot?
-What major internal and external conflicts are presented in the novel?
-How does the author incorporate both fictional and social issues elements?

Students will know…

-Readers separate their perspective from that of the main characters.
-Readers understand that characters exit in a relationship with current events, and are affected by the social pressures, community norms, and historical atmosphere around them.
-Readers work in clubs to synthesize as many details as possible, and it is important to listen carefully to each other, build on each other's comments, and honor relationships so that every club member feels valued.
-Strong readers can use tools such as timelines, graphic organizers, and lists of characters to enhance comprehension.

Students will be able to…

-Read social issues fiction and analyze significance pertaining to current events.
-Figure out the main character's timeline and the understand the culture of the time period.
-Realize that a character's perspective is shaped by the times and by his/her roles.
-Determine themes and support them with evidence from across the story and nonfiction pieces.

Stage 2 -- Assessment Evidence

Summative Assessments:

Reading On Demand Skills Assessment

Student choice project

Formative Assessments:

Quizzes (3 "Minor" Assessments)- Demonstration of explicitly-taught skills through quizzes

Reader's Notebook (5 "Homework" student-selected entries) - Five entries over the course of the unit in which reading skills are explored.

Stage 3 -- Learning Plan

Learning Activities:

-Introduce the standards, essential questions, assessment evidence and corresponding rubrics, and calendar of lessons to students.
-Execute standards-based mini-lessons to develop skills and strategies.
-Collaborate with assigned partners.
-Experience activities where speaking and listening skills are used during Book Talks.
-Confer individually with teacher and peers.

Mini-Lessons

-Setting
-Main Characters
-Time Period & Character's Conflict
-Existential Fiction & NonFiction Texts
-Expectations about the text based on time period
-Social Issues figures based on time period
-Overall conclusion about time period

Resources

Works of Study:

Anchor text:

No Exit by Jean Paul Sartre

Book club:

Siddhartha by Herman Hesse

The Stranger by Albert Camus

The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka

The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger

Potential Works of Study:

"The Meaning of Bob Dylan's Silence" by Adam Kirsch

Writing excerpts from Frederich Nietzsche

Online Resources:

Shmoop, Gradesaver

SAT Connection:

The Official SAT Study Guide

Chapter 6 Command of Evidence

Chapter 7 Words in Context

Chapter 9 Reading: Information and Ideas

Chapter 10 Reading Rhetoric

Chapter 11: Reading Synthesis

Chapter 14 Writing and Language: Expression of Ideas

Chapter 15 Writing and Language: Standards of English Conventions

Vocabulary:

Lit- based vocabulary

*Student selected vocabulary

CONSIDERATIONS FOR DIVERSE LEARNERS

Accommodations and Modifications:

Students with Disabilities, English Language Learners,

Students at Risk of Failure, Students with 504s, Gifted & Talented Students

Strategies and Practices that Support Students with Disabilities:

- Use of visual and multisensory formats
- Use of assisted technology
- Use of prompts
- Modification of content and student products
- Testing accommodations
- Authentic assessments
- Small group/One to one
- Additional time
- Review of directions
- Student restates information
- Space for movement or breaks
- Extra visual and verbal cues and prompts
- Preferential seating
- Follow a routine/schedule

- Rest breaks
- Verbal and visual cues regarding directions and staying on task
- Checklists
- Immediate feedback

Strategies and Practices that Support Gifted & Talented Students:

- Adjusting the pace of lessons
- Curriculum compacting
- Inquiry-based instruction
- Independent study
- Higher-order thinking skills
- Interest-based content
- Student-driven instruction
- Real-world problems and scenarios
- Problem-based learning
- Interest-based research
- Authentic problem-solving

Strategies and Practices that Support English Language Learners:

- Pre-teaching of vocabulary and concepts
- Personal vocabulary
- Text-to-speech
- Simplified instructions
- Visual learning, including graphic organizers
- Use of cognates to increase comprehension
- Teacher modeling
- Pairing students with beginning English language skills with students who have more advanced

English language skills

- Scaffolding
- Word walls
- Sentence frames
- Think-pair-share
- Cooperative learning groups

Strategies and Practices that Support At-Risk Students:

- Guided notes and/or scaffold outline for written assignments
- Guided reading
- Introduce key vocabulary before the lesson
- Work in a small group
- The lesson taught again using a differentiated approach
- Allow answers to be given orally or dictated
- Use visuals / Anchor Charts
- Leveled texts according to ability
- Choice Boards
- Literature circles
- Project-based learning
- Graphic organizers
- Choice books
- Mini-Workshops to reteach or extend
- Jigsaw
- Goal-setting with students
- Use of a reading buddy
- Exploration based on interest

Strategies and Practices that Support Students with 504 Plans:

- Follow all the 504 plan modifications
- Text-to-speech/audio-recorded selections
- Amplification system as needed
- Leveled texts according to ability
- Fine motor skill stations embedded in rotation as needed
- Modified or constrained spelling word lists
- Provide anchor charts with high-frequency words and phonemic patterns

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Anchor Standards

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LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R9	Analyze and reflect on how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R10	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently with scaffolding as needed.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.W1	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.W2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.W3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective

	technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.W4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.W5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.W6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.W7	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects, utilizing an inquiry-based research process, based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.W8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.W9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.W10	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.

Interdisciplinary Standards

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RH.11-12.2. Determine the theme, central ideas, key information and/or perspective(s) presented in a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.

RH.11-12.3. Analyze in detail a series of events described in a text; draw connections between the events, to determine whether earlier events caused later ones or simply preceded them.

RH.11-12.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history and the social sciences; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone.

RH.11-12.5. Analyze how a text uses structure to emphasize key points or advance an explanation or analysis. New Jersey Student Learning Standards for English Language Arts Companion

RH.11-12.6. Compare the point of view of two or more authors in regards to how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts. Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

RH.11-12.7. Integrate quantitative or technical analysis (e.g., charts, research data) with qualitative analysis in print or digital text, to analyze information presented via different mediums.

RH.11-12.8. Assess the extent to which the reasoning and evidence in a text support the author's claims.

RH.11-12.9. Compare and contrast treatments of the same topic, or of various perspectives, in several primary and secondary sources; analyze how they relate in terms of themes and significant historical concepts.

Holocaust & Amistad Connections

SOC.6.1.12.A.3.h	Examine multiple perspectives on slavery and evaluate the claims used to justify the arguments.
SOC.6.1.12.A.3.i	Examine the origins of the antislavery movement and the impact of particular events, such as the Amistad decision, on the movement.
SOC.6.1.12.A.5.b	Analyze the effectiveness of governmental policies and of actions by groups and individuals to address discrimination against new immigrants, Native Americans, and African Americans.
SOC.6.1.12.A.11.e	Assess the responses of the United States and other nations to the violation of human rights that occurred during the Holocaust and other genocides.
SOC.6.1.12.D.5.d	Relate varying immigrants' experiences to gender, race, ethnicity, or occupation.
SOC.6.3.12.D.1	Analyze the impact of current governmental practices and laws affecting national security and/or individual civil rights/privacy.

Career Readiness, Life Literacies, & Key Skills (CLKS):

9.4.12.CI.1: Demonstrate the ability to reflect, analyze, and use creative skills and ideas

9.4.12.CT.2: Explain the potential benefits of collaborating to enhance critical thinking and problem solving

9.4.12.CT.4: Participate in online strategy and planning sessions for course-based, school-based, or other projects and determine the strategies that contribute to effective outcomes.

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.

Computer Science & Design Thinking (CS & DT):

8.1.8.E.1 - Effectively use a variety of search tools and filters in professional public databases to find information to solve a real world problem.

8.1.8.D.4 - Assess the credibility and accuracy of digital content

LGBTQ & Persons With Disabilities

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Existentialism and Disability:

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Adaptation to Physical Disabilities: The Role of Meaning in Life and Depression

Freedom, Transcendence, and Disability: Rethinking the overcoming story

LGBTQ and Existentialism

It's Time to End National Coming Out Day
Is Homosexuality "Bad Faith?"
The Rise of LGBT Rights is an Existential Threat to Conservative Religious Groups