Self-Awareness and Society

Content Area: English Language Arts

Course(s):

Time Period: Marking Period 4
Length: 8-10 weeks
Status: Published

Brief Summary of Unit

"Challenging the meaning of life is the truest expression of the state of being human," Viktor Frankl

Through the indepth study of the fiction, non-fiction, and visual arts in this unit, students will learn that understanding the human condition is an important elemet of understanding literature and oneself. Students will know that all humans are connected by simiar experiences and universal truths and the journey each character takes in the literary works represents and explains the reader's journey in life.

This unit is designed to be part of a developmental progression across grade levels and make interdisciplinary connections across content areas including physical and social sciences, technology, career readiness, cultural awareness, and global citizenship. During this course, students are provided with opportunities to develop skills that pertain to a variety of careers. When completing this course, students can make informed choices and pursue electives that further their study and contribute toward the formation of career interest.

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Standards

The identified standards reflect a developmental progression across grades/ levels and make interdisciplinary connections across content areas including social sciences, technology, career readiness, cultural awareness and global citizenship. The standards that follow are relevant to this course in addition to the associated content-based standards listed below.

Standard 9.4 Life Literacies and Key Skills: This standard outline key literacies and technical skills such as critical thinking, global and cultural awareness, and technology literacy that are critical for students to develop to live and work in an interconnected global economy.

New Jersey Diversity and Inclusion Law:

In accordance with New Jersey's Chapter 32 Diversity and Inclusion Law, this unit includes instructional materials that highlight and promote diversity, including: economic diversity, equity, inclusion, tolerance, and belonging in connection with gender and sexual orientation, race and ethnicity, disabilities, and religious tolerance.

Information Literacy:

This unit challenges students to locate, evaluate, and use information effectively. Information literacy includes, but is not limited to, digital, visual, media, textual, and technological literacy. Lessons may include the research process and how information is created and produced; critical thinking and using information resources; research methods, including the difference between primary and secondary sources; the difference between facts, points of view, and opinions, accessing peer-reviewed print and digital library resources; the economic, legal, social, and ethical issues surrounding the use of information.

LA.RL.9-10.1	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence 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.RL.9-10.2	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details and provide an objective summary of the text.
LA.RL.9-10.3	Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
LA.RL.9-10.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone).
LA.RL.9-10.5	Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulate time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create specific effects (e.g., mystery, tension, or surprise).
LA.RL.9-10.6	Analyze a particular point of view or cultural experience reflected in a work of literature from outside the United States, drawing on a wide reading of world literature.
LA.RL.9-10.7	Analyze the representation of a subject or a key scene in two different artistic mediums, including what is emphasized or absent in each work (e.g., Auden's "Musée des Beaux Arts" and Breughel's Landscape with the Fall of Icarus).
LA.RL.9-10.9	Analyze and reflect on (e.g., practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) how an author draws on and transforms source material in a specific work (e.g., how Shakespeare treats a theme or topic from mythology or the Bible or how a later author draws on a play by Shakespeare).
LA.RL.9-10.10a	By the end of grade 9, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems at grade level text-complexity or above with scaffolding as needed.
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.9-10.3	Analyze how the author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the connections that are drawn between them.
LA.RI.9-10.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from

that of a newspaper). LA.RI.9-10.5 Analyze in detail how an author's ideas or claims are developed and refined by particular sentences, paragraphs, or larger portions of a text (e.g., a section or chapter). LA.RI.9-10.6 Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetorical devices to advance that point of view or purpose. 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.RI.9-10.9 Analyze and reflect on (e.g., practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) documents of historical and literary significance, (e.g., Washington's Farewell Address the Gettysburg Address, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech, King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail", Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen, U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights, etc.), including how they relate in terms of themes and significant concepts. LA.RI.9-10.10a By the end of grade 9, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at grade level textcomplexity or above with scaffolding as needed. 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.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.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.9-10.3.D Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters. LA.W.9-10.3.E Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative. 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

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

writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information

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itiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in roups, and teacher-led) with peers on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on thers' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
ome to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly raw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the opic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas.
ollaborate with peers to set rules for discussions (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes n key issues, presentation of alternate views); develop clear goals and assessment riteria (e.g., student developed rubric) and assign individual roles as needed.
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LA.L.9-10.1.A	Use parallel structure.
LA.L.9-10.1.B	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, adverbial, participial, prepositional, absolute) and clauses (independent, dependent; noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
LA.L.9-10.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
LA.L.9-10.2.A	Use a semicolon (and perhaps a conjunctive adverb) to link two or more closely related independent clauses.
LA.L.9-10.2.B	Use a colon to introduce a list or quotation.
LA.L.9-10.2.C	Spell correctly.
LA.L.9-10.3.A	Vary word choice and sentence structure to demonstrate an understanding of the influence of language.
LA.L.9-10.4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
LA.L.9-10.4.A	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
LA.L.9-10.4.B	Identify and correctly use patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech (e.g., analyze, analysis, analytical; advocate, advocacy).
LA.L.9-10.4.C	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, its part of speech, or its etymology.
LA.L.9-10.4.D	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
LA.L.9-10.5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
LA.L.9-10.5.A	Interpret figures of speech (e.g., euphemism, oxymoron) in context and analyze their role in the text.
LA.L.9-10.5.B	Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.
LA.L.9-10.6	Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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.

Essential Questions

- What does it mean to be human?
- What are the universal themes of the "human condition"?
- What does it mean to be self-aware?
- What does identity mean?
- How is one's identity formed?
- To whom do you look for confirmation of your identity? Are they credible evaluators?
- How do personal experiences affect your self-awareness?
- To what extent do institutions emphasize conformity at the expense of individuality?
- How does the study of literature, poetry, art, music, and non-fiction texts encourage introspection and self-

awareness?

- What is an allegory?
- What is literary criticism and how does it enhance the reader's understanding and interpretation of a literary work?
- How are humans connected to one another through life, death, and their emotional journeys?
- How does a person's lived experience and circumstances inform their identity?

Students Will Know/Be Skilled At

- Identity may be formed by the circumstances around you.
- How to identify major themes across literary works
- How to analyze and synthesize themes in fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and works of art
- How to read and interpret poetry
- How a poet uses literary devices to enhance the meaning and enjoyment of a poem
- The elements of a short story
- How to differential between plot and theme
- Reading and understanding the plot of a literary work
- Identifying cultural norms in a text
- Making connections between their own experiences and those of the authors, poets, and artists
- Analyzing rhetorial strategies an author uses to convey his message
- Citing strong textual and through textual evidence to support a position or point of view
- Making connections among the themes of literary works, poetry and non-fiction selections such as speeches and political essays
- Thinking and writing critically about the literary works

Evidence/Performance Tasks

Developmental progression across years in both reading and writing is evidenced by multiple benchmark assessment screeners, administered three times per year. Follow up diagnostic assessments are used to target skill remediation. Student proficiency allows for additional or alternative assessment based on demonstration or absence of skill.

Students demonstrate differentiated proficiency through both formative and summative assessments in the classroom. Based on individual student readiness and performance, assessments can be implemented as formative and/or summative.

The performance tasks listed below are examples of the types of assessments teachers may use in the

classroom and the data collected by the district to track student progress.

Formative:

- Teacher Observations
- Accountable Talk, Socratic Seminars/Fish Bowls
- Analysis of multimodal text sets
- Analysis of critical commentary, literary criticism
- Writers Notebook (quick writes/drafts/prewrites), emphasizing author's craft
- Close reading analysis of text using evidence as substantiation
- Conferences: Individual and small group, accompanying conference notes
- Reflective exercises and assessments
- Oral Reading and Interpretation
- Peer and self-evaluations of learning
- Entrance and Exit Tickets
- Open-Ended Responses in Journal

Summative, including Alternative Assessments:

- On-demand Writing Assessments, timed and untimed
- Researched Presentations
- Performance Assessments
- Project-based Learning
- Problem-based Learning
- Personalized Learning
- Visual Literacy Prompts
- Digital Portfolios
- Online Discussion Forums

Benchmark:

- Benchmark reading and writing assessments, scored using rubrics, district-created and standardsaligned; based on NJSLA, reported twice per year
- Engage in text set analysis using visual literacy and close reading analysis strategies to compose a claim and use evidence as support
- Grade-level Standards-based Rubrics
- Common Lit Reading Benchmark Assessments, three times per year (grades 9-11)
- New Jersey Student Learning Assessment
- Midterm and Final Exams

Learning Plan

student-readers to have clear modeling through whole-class instruction. These strategies are practiced through literature circles in a group setting of peers and through independent practice monitored through teacher conferencing with students. An emphasis will be based on the transfer of skills instruction, teaching the reader, not merely the content of the text. The text complexity and rigor of reading will be appropriate for grade 9; materials selection for whole-class and literature circles will be from the book list approved by the Board of Education. Classrooms will house rich and diverse independent reading libraries of both contemporary and canonical works.

The reading of text during the ninth grade targets not only comprehension but also analysis. Students will read both long-and short-form, excerpted and full-length, print and electronic, fiction and nonfiction texts. Study will include the analysis of visual texts including film clips, art, infographic, maps, charts, graphs, cartoons, and graphic novels. Technique and terminology specific to a genre of reading is examined. Research tasks are embedded throughout the year and a minimum of one task is completed during each unit. Vocabulary instruction will be chosen from the reading material.

Students write in all modes of rhetoric including narration/description, argument/persuasion, and exposition. Various forms of writing including digital writing are emphasized as well. Grammar instruction is embedded in writing instruction through mini-lessons, holding students accountable for skills taught and practiced; modeling is done through mentor texts, both published and student-crafted. Teachers focus on process in addition to product with an emphasis on synthesizing texts with nuanced understanding; teacher-created multi-modal text sets will be used as materials. High-and low-stakes, timed and untimed pieces are all important.

Teachers may personalize instruction during this unit and address the distinct learning needs, interests, aspirations, or cultural backgrounds of individual students.

Students will be taught how to speak and listen in addition to being assessed on these skills.

This unit of study focuses on "Self-Awareness and Society" and is centered on the quotation by Viktor Frankl: "Challenging the meaning of life is the truest expression of the state of being human." This unit is designed to examine how internal turmoil and interpersonal drama are connected to larger cultural and/or political issues. We will discuss how a person's circumstances and lived experience help to forge an identity. The goal of the unit is for students to consider how the self transacts with larger societal structures, and how visible and invisible cultural forces inform who we become. As students read whole class texts, they may also explore texts on their own based on their interests in certain topics.

For this particular unit, teachers should . . .

- Build a text set for discussion, writing, and synthesis
- Select common reading and literature circle texts
- Prepare for conferences with students

- Generate a list of skills students will master throughout the unit (focusing specifically on a few in each area)
- Create a summative assessment (backward design)

Materials

The materials used in this course integrate a variety of leveled instructional, enrichment, and intervention materials that support student learners at all levels in the school and home environments. Associated web content and media sources are infused into the unit as applicable and available.

Teachers must refer to the district-approved <u>Core Book List</u> while selecting whole-class or small-group leveled resources.

Instructional Materials

Common Reading:

Fictional Text: Novel and Play

- All Quiet on the Western Front, Remarque
- Old Man and the Sea, Hemingway
- Julius Caesar, Shakespeare
- Great Expectations, Dickens

Short Story

- "The Story of an Hour" Kate Chopin
- "The Chrysanthemums" John Steinbek
- "The Catbird Seat" James Thurber
- "The Masque of the Red Death" E.A.Poe

Poetry

- "If" Rudyard Kipling
- "Invictus" W.E. Henley

- "The General" Siegfried Sasson
- "The Man He Killed" Thomas Hardy
- Selections from the poetry collection: "Verses Versus War"

NonFiction Text (Short, Long)

- "Silent NIght: The Strory of the World War I Christmas Truce of 1914" TIME http://time.com/3643889/christmas-truce-1914/
- Art: The Guernica- Pablo Picasso

Visual Text (Art, Photography, Infographic, Film)

- https://www.guggenheim.org/collection-online/ The online Guggenheim Museum, NYC
- https://nmaahc.si.edu/ The National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washinton DC
- http://hispanicsociety.org/museum/ The Hispanic Society Museum, NYC
- https://asiasociety.org/new-york/ Asian Society Museum, New York
- https://www.metmuseum.org/ Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC
- https://www.moma.org/ Museum of Modern Art, NYC
- https://www.amnh.org/ American Museum of Natural History, NYC
- https://www.nyhistory.org NY Historical Society,NYC
- https://whitney.org/ Whitney Museum of American Art, NYC
- https://thejewishmuseum.org/ The Jewish Museum, NYC
- https://www.themorgan.org/ The Morgan Museum, NYC
- https://nmai.si.edu/visit/newyork/ National Museum of the American Indian, NYC

Speaking and Listening:

- Individualized verbal articulation of an analysis of literary works
- Engage in poetry reading, presentation, and interpretation to the class
- · Listen to audio recordings of poetry
- Participate in small-group analysis of poetry and prose for class presentation
- Individual research and presentation of background information on authors and literary works
- Dramatic reading of text of a play

Writing (Narrative, Informational, Argument):

- Develop a arguable thesis in response to a prompt
- Craft an essay in response to an open ended prompt
- Use quotations effectively
- Use MLA format for citing sources

Research:

- Student research and class prestations regarding:
- Background of Erich Maria Remarque, the publicaion of All Quiet on the Western Front, Hitler's attack on the novel and the author
- Backgound and accomplihments of Julius Caesar

Research:

- Evaluation of sources used in classroom discussions
- Cranford Public Media Center Online Subscription Databases: http://cranford.com/library/
- Ebsco Host
- Facts on File
- Follet Fiction Ebooks
- Gale Reference Ebooks
- New York Times
- Goodreads
- Reading Rants
- History Channel
- MLA Format online: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/08/
- Purdue Owl:https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/

Additional Resources:

- Journal Storage (JStor)
- Chromebooks/laptops
- SORA
- Digital Theatre+
- Swank Streaming
- Newsela
- Common Lit
- Google Classroom or other LMS
- Writing Portfolios
- Writer's Notebook/Journal
- Google Suite
- Audible
- Padlet
- Jamboard
- Socrative.com
- Remind.com
- YouTube

Teacher Resources

- Shakespeare Set Free: Sourcebook for Classroom Teachers, Folger Shakespeare Library
- Readicide, Kelly Gallagher
- A Novel Approach, Kate Roberts
- When Kids Can't Read, Kylene Beers
- Beyond Literary Analysis, Allison Marchetti & Rebekah O'Dell
- Writing with Mentors, Allison Marchetti & Rebekah O'Dell
- Argument in the Real World, Kristen Hawley Turner and Troy Hicks
- Writing Instruction that Works: Proven Methods for Middle and High School Classrooms, Arthur Applebee and Judith Langer
- Teaching Adolescent Writers, Kelly Gallagher
- Write Like This, Kelly Gallagher
- Book Love, Penny Kittle
- The Journey is Everything, Katherine Bomer
- How to Read Literature Like a Professor, Thomas C. Foster
- The Digital Writing Workshop, Troy Hicks
- Crafting Original Writing, Troy Hicks
- Fearless Writing: Multigenre to Motivate and Inspire, Tom Romano
- Understanding Comics, Scott McCloud
- Making Comics, Scott McCloud
- The Art of Styling Sentences, Ann Longknife and K.D. Sullivan
- The Well-Crafted Sentence, Nora Bacon

Strategies for Accommodation and Modification

<u>Content specific accommodations and modifications as well as Career Ready Practices are listed here</u> for all students, including: Special Education, English Language Learners, At Risk of School Failure, Gifted and Talented, Students with 504.

Possible accommodations include:

- Access speech-to-text function on computer
- Use visual presentations of all materials to include organizers, charts
- Allow students to set individual goals for writing/reading
- Offer graphic organizaers, note-taking models, strategies for summarizing, and questioning techniques
- Offer oral assessments
- Supply study guide questions and access to class notes
- Work in partnerships
- Give responses in a form (verbal or written) that is easier for the student

- Take additional time to compete a task or project
- Scaffold by chunking material and texts
- Individualize reading choices based on ability and level
- Take frequent breaks
- Use an alarm to help with time management
- Small group and one on one assessment
- Mark text with a highlighter or other manipulative such as a post-it
- Receive help coordinating assignments
- Answering fewer questions or completing shorter tasks
- Modify the length and quantity of assignments to fit individual
- Differentiate roles in discussion groups
- Use digital technology, eBooks,, audio version of printed text
- Create alternate assignments or homework
- Provide distinct steps in a process; elminate unnecessary steps, as needed
- Use art, music, and film to convey alternate interpretation of literature and assessment
- Manage executive function by scaffolding process and amending deadlines

Adhere to all modifications and accommodations as prescribed in IEP and 504 plan