

Unit 01: Death and the Afterlife

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Standards Alignment

New Jersey Student Learning Standards

WL.7.1.IL.A	Interpretive Mode
WL.7.1.IL.A.2	Demonstrate comprehension of oral and written instructions connected to daily activities through appropriate responses.
WL.7.1.IL.A.3	Compare and contrast the use of verbal and non - verbal etiquette (i.e., the use of gestures, intonation, and cultural practices) in the target culture(s) and in one's own culture.
WL.7.1.IL.A.5	Demonstrate comprehension of conversations and written information on a variety of topics.
WL.7.1.IL.A.7	Infer the meaning of a few unfamiliar words in some new contexts.
WL.7.1.IL.A.8	Compare and contrast unique linguistic elements in English and the target language
WL.7.1.IL.A.L	Linguistic
WL.7.1.IL.A.L.1	The Intermediate - Low language learner understands and communicates at the sentence level and can use simple sentences independently to:
WL.7.1.IL.A.L.1.a	Identify the main idea and some supporting details when reading.
WL.7.1.IL.A.L.1.b	Understand the gist and some supporting details of conversations dealing with everyday life.
WL.7.1.IL.A.L.1.c	Infer the meaning of some unfamiliar words when used in familiar contexts.
WL.7.1.IL.B	Interpersonal Mode
WL.7.1.IL.B.2	Give and follow a series of oral and written directions, commands, and requests for participating in age - and level - appropriate classroom and cultural activities.
WL.7.1.IL.B.3	Use appropriate gestures, intonation, and common idiomatic expressions of the target culture(s)/language in familiar situations
WL.7.1.IL.B.L	Linguistic
WL.7.1.IL.B.L.1	The Intermediate - Low language learner understands and communicates at the sentence level and can use simple sentences independently to:
WL.7.1.IL.B.L.1.a	Ask and answer questions related to everyday life.
WL.7.1.IL.B.L.1.b	Handle simple transactions related to everyday life:
WL.7.1.IL.B.L.1.b.1	Initiate, maintain, and end a conversation.
WL.7.1.IL.B.L.1.b.2	Ask for and give permission.
WL.7.1.IL.B.L.1.b.3	Express needs.
WL.7.1.IL.B.L.1.b.4	Give reasons.

WL.7.1.IL.B.L.1.b.5	Request, suggest, and make arrangements.
WL.7.1.IL.B.L.1.b.6	Extend, accept, and decline an invitation.
WL.7.1.IL.B.L.1.b.7	Express an opinion and preference.
WL.7.1.IL.C	Presentational Mode
WL.7.1.IL.C.3	Use language creatively to respond in writing to a variety of oral or visual prompts.
WL.7.1.IL.C.5	Explain the cultural perspective associated with a few cultural products and cultural practices from the target culture (s) and one's own culture.
WL.7.1.IL.C.L	Linguistic
WL.7.1.IL.C.L.1	The Intermediate - Low language learner understands and communicates at the sentence level and can use simple sentences independently to:
WL.7.1.IL.C.L.1.a	Handle simple transactions related to everyday life
WL.7.1.IL.C.L.1.a.1	Express needs.
WL.7.1.IL.C.L.1.a.2	Give reasons.
WL.7.1.IL.C.L.1.a.3	Express an opinion and preference.
WL.7.1.IL.C.L.1.a.4	Request and suggest

Integration of Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills

CRP.K-12.CRP1	Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
CRP.K-12.CRP2	Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
CRP.K-12.CRP3	Attend to personal health and financial well-being.
CRP.K-12.CRP4	Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.
CRP.K-12.CRP5	Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
CRP.K-12.CRP6	Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
CRP.K-12.CRP7	Employ valid and reliable research strategies.
CRP.K-12.CRP8	Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
CRP.K-12.CRP9	Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.
CRP.K-12.CRP10	Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.
CRP.K-12.CRP11	Use technology to enhance productivity.
CRP.K-12.CRP12	Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence.

Technology / Integration of Computer Science and Design Thinking

TECH.8.1.12	Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.
TECH.8.1.12.D	Digital Citizenship: Students understand human, cultural, and societal issues related to technology and practice legal and ethical behavior.
TECH.8.1.12.D.1	Demonstrate appropriate application of copyright, fair use and/or Creative Commons to an original work.

Interdisciplinary Connections: NJSL for ELA, Social Studies, Science and/or Math Section

	Craft and Structure
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.
LA.RI.9-10	Reading Informational Text
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).

Integration of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Climate Change; Informational and Media LiteracyNew Section

see Crosswalks

21st Century Life and Careers

Stage I: Desired Results

Transfer/Overview/Rationale

Transfer / Overview / Rationale

Unit Rationale

The purpose of this unit...

Understand how the belief system of the Ancient Greeks/Romans shaped their culture.

Meaning

Essential Questions

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1. What happens to a person after he/she dies?

Enduring Understanding/Indicators of Understanding

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1. Different cultures have different beliefs about what happens when a person dies.
2. A civilization's afterlife is tied into its religion.

Acquisition (Student Learning Objectives)

Knowledge

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Students will know...

1. What the Greeks/Romans thought the afterlife was like.
2. How the Romans dealt with death in their culture.
3. The geography of the Underworld.

4. How the Greeks/Romans were judged for the afterlife.
5. Mythology stories about the Underworld.
6. What deponent verbs are.
7. What demonstrative pronouns are.

Skills

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Student will be skilled at ...

1. Comparing the beliefs of the Greeks/Romans and death with their own.
2. Identifying the parts of the Underworld.
3. Identifying what type of people would have been in which section of the Underworld.
4. Translating and using deponent verbs in sentences.
5. Using demonstrative pronouns in English and Latin.

Stage 3: Learning Plan

Resource and Mentor Texts

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1. Latin for Americans (Book II)
2. Various mythology texts
3. Various cultural texts

Formative Assessment Strategies

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1. Vocabulary quizzes
2. Homework checks
3. Grammar quizzes
4. Teacher observations

Learning Activities/Unit of Study

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~ groupwork

~ translations

~ constructing English sentences

~ learning vocabulary

~ reading

~ note taking

Modifications and/or Accommodations

Suggested Modifications (ELL, Sp. Ed, Gifted, At-risk of Failure)

English Language Learners

Native language support: The teacher provides auditory or written content to students in their native language.

Adjusted Speech: The teacher changes speech patterns to increase student comprehension. This could include facing the students, paraphrasing, clearly indicating the most important ideas, and speaking more slowly.

Visuals: The teacher uses graphics, pictures, visuals, and manipulatives. This helps ELL students better understand and comprehend the subjects at hand.

Front-Loading Vocabulary: The teacher front loads vocabulary. This means providing students with a list of important vocabulary words they will need to know for a book, lesson, etc. prior to the lesson being taught. Including pictures to go with the vocabulary words is also very beneficial for the students.

Special Education Students

Chunking: The teacher presents information in a way that makes it easy for students to understand and remember. Chunking is based on the presumption that our working memory is easily overloaded by excessive detail. The best way to deliver information is to organize it into meaningful units. Because students with special needs get overloaded easily, chunking is an effective strategy

to use with them.

Checking for Understanding: It is important to constantly check for understanding, especially for students who have accommodations. Teachers want to make sure students understand the concepts being covered in a way that makes sense to them.

Extra time: The teacher provides students with special needs extra time to complete work or answer questions. It is important to give students enough time to process their thoughts.

Oral Reading: The teacher will read work orally to students. Class work such as tests and literature circles may need to be read aloud to the student.

Timers: The teacher will use timers as an instructional tool. The use of timers is beneficial for students who have trouble completing tasks. Timers can be helpful so the student is aware of how much time they have to complete an assignment.

Students with 504 Plans

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Gifted & Talented Strategies

Extensions/Enrichments: Teachers will provide gifted and talented students with extension/enrichment projects. Students will be challenged to further their understanding, to apply acquired knowledge, and/or to produce something in reference to acquired knowledge.

Modify/Change Activities: Teachers will monitor and modify activities to accommodate those students who need to be challenged further. Additional reading, problem-solving, writing, or project work is necessary for those students who are ready to move on at a rate more accelerated than their peers. In this way, G & T students are provided the same opportunity for support as special needs students.

Students at Risk of School Failure

Directions or Instructions: Make sure directions and/or instructions are given in limited numbers. Give directions/instructions verbally and in simple written format. Ask students to repeat the instructions or directions to ensure understanding occurs. Check back with the student to ensure he/she hasn't forgotten.

Peer Support: Peers can help build confidence in other students by assisting in peer learning. Many teachers use the 'ask 3 before me' approach. This is fine, however, a student at risk may have to have a specific student or two to ask. Set this up for the student so he/she knows who to ask for clarification before going to you.

Alternate or Modified Assignments: Always ask yourself, "How can I modify this assignment to ensure the students at risk are able to complete it?" Sometimes you'll simplify the task, reduce the length of the assignment or allow for a different mode of delivery. For instance, many students may hand something in, the at-risk student may jot notes and give you the information verbally. Or, it just may be that you will need to assign an alternate assignment.

Increase One to One Time: When other students are working, always touch base with your students at risk and find out if they're on track or needing some additional support. A few minutes here and there will go a long way to intervene as the need presents itself.

Contracts: It helps to have a working contract between you and your students at risk. This helps prioritize the tasks that need to be done and ensure completion happens. Each day write down what needs to be completed, as the tasks are done, provide a checkmark or happy face. The goal of using contracts is to eventually have the student come to you for completion sign-offs.

Hands On: As much as possible, think in concrete terms and provide hands-on tasks. This means a child doing math may require a calculator or counters. The child may need to tape record comprehension activities instead of writing them. A child may have to listen to a story being read instead of reading it him/herself.

Tests/Assessments: Tests can be done orally if need be. Break tests down in smaller increments by having a portion of the test in the morning, another portion after lunch and the final part the next day.

Seating: Seat students near a helping peer or with quick access to the teacher. Those with hearing or sight issues need to be close to the instruction which often means near the front.