

Course Overview

Content Area: English
Course(s): English IV
Time Period:
Length:
Status: Published

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Aligned to Standards: NJSLs 2023
Revision Date: 7/23/2024
In compliance with the NJ Student Learning Standards, climate change, career readiness, DEI (Diversity, Equity, & Inclusivity), as well as other standards have been integrated within the NBCRSD curricula (NJ Administrative Code Title 6A: chapter 8; Title 18A: chapter 35).
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Sequence- Unit Titles, Summaries, and Number of weeks per unit (total = 18 semester/36 year)
<div>Unit 1: Philosophy and Personal Values (8 weeks)</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Students closely examine the universality of happiness. From a philosophical to a practical journey, students identify what factors influence their own happiness and explore practical ways in achieving happiness in both education and in a career.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Creative Happiness” by J Krishnamurti• “The Bet” by Anton Chekhov• <i>Long Way Down</i> by Jason Reynolds• <i>The Dhammapada</i>• The College Essay• <i>Siddhartha</i> (Honors only)</div> <div>Unit 2: Maintaining Normalcy in Times of Chaos (8 weeks)</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ In this unit, students are asked to employ empathy as they are exposed to two different journeys. Students are asked to critically look at the systemic structures in both <i>A Long Way Gone</i> and <i>Born a Crime</i>.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Born a Crime</i> by Trevor Noah</div>

- [Dangers of a Single Story](#) Ted Talk by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Unit 3: Navigating Relationships, Social Norms, & Learning from Mistakes (8 weeks)

- *The Kite Runner* tells a multi-generational story of what it means to make amends with those who we have wronged. Students learn about Afghan culture through stories of love and brotherhood.
 - **Honors will study Unit 4 to accommodate a comprehensive research paper.**
 - *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
 - “A Secret Kite” by Deborah Ellis
 - *The Kite Runner* film 2007
 - Documentary: *Afghanistan The Unknown Country*
 - Various religious accounts and translations of the story of two brothers ([Cain & Abel](#))

Unit 4: Reading Shakespeare in Modern Times (8 weeks)

- Students will read *Othello* by William Shakespeare and study prominent themes such as jealousy and deception. Issues of race, gender, and class are also recurring themes that are closely analyzed in this timeless Classic.
 - **Honors will return to Unit 3**
 - *Othello* by William Shakespeare
 - *Othello* (1995 Film)
 - “O” (2001 Film)
 - The Life and Times of William Shakespeare (Documentary)
 - Shakespeare Uncovered (NPR series - Othello episode)

Unit 5: Coming of Age in Conflict (6 weeks)

- Students study multiple perspectives in the fiction *In the Time of the Butterflies* paired that explore what it means to be a heroine in more oppressive areas of the world.

- *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez
- *In the Time of the Butterflies* Film 2001
- poetry from Neruda & Gabriel Garcia Marquez

[Reporting Student Progress](#) (link to NB's Assessment System)

All courses follow a balanced assessment system with Practice and Assessments. Each category includes formative, summative and alternative assessments.

[Accommodations and Modifications](#) (link to menu)

Integrated accommodations and modifications for special education students, English language learners, students at risk of school failure, gifted and talented students, and students with 504 plans.