Unit 08 Independent Reading/Writing

Content Area: **English**
Course(s): **English 1**
Time Period: **Semester 2**
Length: **5 weeks**
Status: **Published**

Unit Introduction

Students will self-select texts based on personal preference. Students will use knowledge and skills from previous units to analyze literature, including making claims and supporting with evidence.

Progress Indicators for Reading Literature

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.RL.9-10.10b	By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at grade level or above.

Progress Indicators for Reading Informational Text

LA.RI.9-10.10a	By the end of grade 9, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at grade level text-complexity or above with scaffolding as needed.
LA.RI.9-10.10b	By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at grade level text-complexity or above.

Progress Indicators for Writing

LA.W.9-10.10	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.

Progress Indicators for Speaking and Listening

LA.SL.9-10.3	Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, identifying any false reasoning or distorted evidence.
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.

Progress Indicators for Language

| 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. |

Essential Questions

- How can words in context help a person communicate more effectively in the world?
- How do the part of speech and the context clues help in correct use of new or unfamiliar vocabulary words?
- How do the author's life, culture, time period and worldview impact the subject matter?
- What elements of the human experience transcend cultures to present universal themes?

Content/Skills

1. Words in Context and Rhetorical/Literary Terms

2. Possible Literature Selections:

Student Selected Texts

Technology

TECH.8.1.12.A.1	Create a personal digital portfolio which reflects personal and academic interests, achievements, and career aspirations by using a variety of digital tools and resources.
TECH.8.1.12.A.2	Produce and edit a multi-page digital document for a commercial or professional audience and present it to peers and/or professionals in that related area for review.
TECH.8.1.12.A.3	Collaborate in online courses, learning communities, social networks or virtual worlds to discuss a resolution to a problem or issue.
TECH.8.1.12.D.1	Demonstrate appropriate application of copyright, fair use and/or Creative Commons to an original work.