

# 03 Novella Copied from: English 1, Copied on: 11/15/23

Content Area: **TEMPLATE**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **Full Year**  
Length: **8 Weeks (40 Days)**  
Status: **Published**

## **OBJECTIVES, ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS, ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS**

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Students will understand that:

- Themes of novellas are used to teach the reader lessons about life.
- Literary devices and figurative language are used to enrich the author's purpose for writing a story while also bringing the story and its characters alive to the reader.
- A knowledge of the elements of fiction are necessary in order to appreciate and enjoy any work of fiction be it humorous, sad, fanciful, suspenseful, or other.
- There are structural differences between that of a novel and novella.

## **General Overview, Course Description or Course Philosophy**

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### **CONTENT AREA STANDARDS**

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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.

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.

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.

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). 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).

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.

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

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.)

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.

W.9-10.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

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.

SL.9-10.5. Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.

SL.9-10.6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English.

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

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|                        | develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.  |
| 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.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.   |
| LA.W.9-10.2            | Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.  |
| LA.W.9-10.3            | Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.  |
| 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 writing products, taking advantage of technology’s capacity to link to other information 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 appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.   |
| LA.W.9-10.8            | Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation (MLA or APA Style Manuals). |
| LA.SL.9-10.1           | Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with peers on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.  |
| 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.  |
| LA.SL.9-10.6           | Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English.  |
| SOC.6.1.12.EconET.14.a | Use current events to judge what extent the government should intervene at the local, state, and national levels on issues related to the economy.   |
| SOC.6.2.6              | Contemporary Issues<br>Civics, Government, and Human Rights: Human and Civil Rights  |

**RELATED STANDARDS (Technology, 21st Century Life & Careers, ELA Companion Standards are Required)**

9.4.12.CI.1: Demonstrate the ability to reflect, analyze, and use creative skills and ideas (e.g., 1.1.12.prof.CR3a).

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

(e.g., 1.3E.12profCR3.a).

9.4.12.IML.1: Compare search browsers and recognize features that allow for filtering of information.

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 (e.g., NJSLSA.W8, Social Studies Practice: Gathering and Evaluating Sources).

9.4.12.IML.7: Develop an argument to support a claim regarding a current workplace or societal/ethical issue such as climate change (e.g., NJSLSA.W1, 7.1.AL.PRSNT.4).

9.4.12.TL.1: Assess digital tools based on features such as accessibility options, capacities, and utility for accomplishing a specified task

9.4.12.TL.3: Analyze the effectiveness of the process and quality of collaborative environments.

9.4.12.TL.4: Collaborate in online learning communities or social networks or virtual worlds to analyze and propose a resolution to a real-world problem (e.g., 7.1.AL.IPERS.6).

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## **STUDENT LEARNING TARGETS**

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### **Declarative Knowledge**

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Students will understand:

- The differences between a novella compared to a novel or short story.
- Themes must be specific enough that evidence of their existence can be found in the story while also being universal to the human condition and relatable to all readers in any day and time.
- About theme development as they pertain to the specific novellas chosen for the unit.
- Authors use a variety of techniques in developing characters.
- That the novella genre can be used to make a brief, but powerful statement about a variety of social justice issues.

### **Procedural Knowledge**

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Students will be able to:

- Read, analyze, and discuss the novella related to big ideas/theme.
- Analyze characters through the use of direct and indirect characterization to explore the motivations and characters in a novella.
- Map out the plot development arc of a novella and use that development to make predictions.
- Identify what the theme of a novella is and cite evidence from the story to support their assertions.

- Make real world and personal connections to the themes of a novella.
- Identify, analyze, and explain the different forms of figurative language and symbolism in the story.
- Discuss how the figurative language and symbolism contributes to the novella and theme.
- Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- 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.

## **EVIDENCE OF LEARNING**

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### **Alternate Assessments**

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- Interview Projects
- KWL charts
- Two Column Notes
- Pro/Con Charts
- Multimedia Projects
- Teacher/ Student Conferences

### **Summative Assessments**

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Tests

Projects

Quizzes

Open Ended Question

Essay

### **Formative Assessments**

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Graphic organizers

- KWL Chart

- Cause and Effect
- Compare and Contrast
- 2-column notes
- Top Down Web

Class discussion

Reading quizzes

Reflective writing entries

Notes

Homework

Class discussion

Group work

## **Benchmark Assessments**

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- iXL
- Edulastic

## **RESOURCES (Instructional, Supplemental, Intervention Materials)**

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The Pearl-John Steinbeck-Core Text

The House on Mango Street-Sandra Cisneros-Core Text

The Red Pony-John Steinbeck

Billy Budd-Herman Melville

The Little Prince-Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Franny and Zooey-J. D. Salinger

Jonathan Livingston Seagull-Richard Bach

Coraline-Neil Gaiman

Ethan Frome-Edith Wharton

I am Legend-Richard Matheson

The Mist-Stephen King

Excerpt from “Nature”-Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Deep by Rivers Solomon

Literary and scholarly articles

Websites

Please visit UBD form for more information.

## **INTERDISCIPLINARY CONNECTIONS**

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Social Studies:

- Students will analyze current events articles to find common social issues between the world today and the novels presented in the unit.

Technology / Multimedia

- Video case studies
- Audio / visual media analysis
- Researching biased writing
- Google
- Media Literacy
- Educational tech applications

## **ACCOMMODATIONS & MODIFICATIONS FOR SUBGROUPS**

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See link to Accommodations & Modifications document in course folder.

