

TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS CURRICULUM GUIDE



English Department

EN413S

Literature of Contemporary Society

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Course Description

This course is designed to create a bridge from current societal issues to contemporary fiction. In previous years, students have read literature that relates to a period, culture or an overarching theme but this course is based solely on student's lives in society. Many of today's authors' use their writing to reflect the society they live in and the social issues faced on a daily basis. For our students to become twenty-first-century learners, they must be able to see the relationship between literature and society. This relationship will lead to class discussions, tie-ins to both nonfiction literature and articles from current periodicals and multimedia presentations. Students will be annotating the text, writing critical essays and using various sources in conjunction with the literature introduced in class to help broaden their minds about their society today.

Standards At-A-Glance

	Reading	Writing	Speaking and Listening	Language
Unit 1	RL.11-12.1 RL.11-12.2 RL.11-12.4 RL.11-12.5 RI.11-12.1	W.11-12.1 W.11-12.2 W.11-12.4 W.11-12.7	SL.11-12.1	L.11-12.1
Unit 2	RL.11-12.2 RL.11-12.4 RI.11-12.1 RI.11-12.5 RI.11-12.6 RI.11-12.7	W.11-12.1 W.11-12.1.A W.11-12.1.B W.11-12.1.D W.11-12.1.E W.11-12.3 W.11-12.5 W.11-12.6 W.11-12.7 W.11-12.8	SL.11-12.1 SL.11-12.1.A SL.11-12.1.D SL.11-12.2 SL.11-12.3 SL.11-12.4 SL.11-12.5	L.11-12.1 L.11-12.2 L.11-12.5 L.11-12.6
Unit 3	RL.11-12.1 RL.11-12.3 RL.11-12.4 RL.11-12.5 RI.11-12.3 RI.11-12.5 RI.11-12.6	W.11-12.2 W.11-12.2.B W.11-12.2.C W.11-12.2.D W.11-12.4 W.11-12.10	SL.11-12.1 SL.11-12.1A SL.11-12.1B SL.11-12.1.D	L.11-12.1 L.11-12.2 L.11-12.6
Unit 4	RL.11-12.1 RL.11-12.4 RL.11-12.5	W.11-12.2 W.11-12.2.A W.11-12.2.B	SL.11-12.1.B SL.11-12.1.C SL.11-12.1.D	L.11-12.1 L.11-12.3

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Additional Standards

Unit	WIDA	Technology	21st Century / Career
1	ELP STANDARD 2: The Language of Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. ● 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. ● 8.1.12.D.1 Demonstrate appropriate application of copyright, fair use and/or Creative Commons to an original work. 	Standard 9.1 All students will demonstrate the creative, critical thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving skills needed to function successfully as both global citizens and workers in diverse ethnic and organizational cultures.
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Pacing Guide

	Anticipated Length of Time (days)
Unit 1	15 days
Unit 2	30 days
Unit 3	30 days
Unit 4	15 days

Unit 1: Senior Topics Bootcamp

Unit Summary

During the first three weeks of this course, the students will be in an intensive refresher of the skills they have learned during their previous years in ELA courses. These weeks will ensure that students have a model of expectation for the upcoming two marking periods before diving into the literature of the course. The students will review reading strategies such as annotating the text, looking for the theme and determining pertinent information from the text. The writing section will contain MLA formatting, citations and a review of how to effectively research using the internet.

Essential Questions

What skills are needed to be successful in Literature and Contemporary Society?
 How will I build upon the skills I learned in my previous ELA classes during my Senior year?
 As a Senior in High School, what lens should I view literature through?

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Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including words with multiple meanings or language that is particularly fresh, engaging, or beautiful. (Include Shakespeare as well as other authors.)	RL.11-12.4
Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure specific	RL.11-12.5

<p>parts of a text (e.g., the choice of where to begin or end a story, the choice to provide a comedic or tragic resolution) contribute to its overall structure and meaning as well as its aesthetic impact.</p> <p>Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.</p>	<p>RI.11-12.1</p>
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<p>Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</p>	<p>W.11-12.7</p>
<p>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</p>	

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SPEAKING AND LISTENING

Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards
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LANGUAGE

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Interdisciplinary Connections	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Historical influence of time periods in which texts were written and/or represent - sociology - psychology 	

ASSESSMENT PLAN	
District/School Formative Assessment Plan	District/School Summative Assessment Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pre-reading NoRedink.com assessment ● Do Nows ● Journal Entries ● Annotations Post-it quiz ● MLA citation quiz ● Vocabulary Quiz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fresh Piece of Literature Assessment
District/School Texts	District/School

	Supplementary Materials
	<i>Scholastic Upfront Magazines</i>

INSTRUCTIONAL BEST PRACTICES AND EXEMPLARS
https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/0B1RD06agSchHcDIPTTFXLVIZRXc

Unit 2: Social Justice in America
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Unit Summary

Students will break apart the definition of social justice and delve into the various types of social justice found in America today. There will be a study of how different mediums focus on this topic: literature, music, poetry, and photography. By being able to compare America as a society to other countries students will begin to see how life in America compares to other countries regarding struggles and successes. By delving into the lives of characters who live in a society today and those that live in the recent past students will be able to formulate an understanding of how people in society view one another. Students will research one specific section of social justice throughout the unit and create a multimedia presentation showing their research to be presented to the class.

Essential Questions

- What are the different types of social injustice that can be found in America today?
- How does literature show America’s reaction to social injustice?
- How do people react to those who do not have the same views as they do?
- Why is it important for people & cultures to construct narratives about their experiences?
- When is it necessary to question the status quo? Who decides that moment?
- What are the causes and consequences of prejudice and injustice, and how does an individual’s response to them reveal his/her true character?
- What allows some individuals to take a stand against prejudice/oppression while others choose to participate in it?

READING	
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Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards
Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.	RL.11-12.1

<p>Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of the text.</p>	<p>RL.11-12.2</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>RL.11-12.4</p>
<p>Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.</p>	<p>RI.11-12.1</p>
<p>Analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the structure an author uses in his or her exposition or argument, including whether the structure makes points clear, convincing, and engaging.</p>	<p>RI.11-12.5</p>
<p>Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text in which the rhetoric is particularly effective, analyzing how style and content contribute to the power, persuasiveness or beauty of the text.</p>	<p>RI.11-12.6</p>
<p>Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words in</p>	<p>RI.11-12.7</p>

order to address a question or solve a problem.	
Suggested Materials/Educational Resources	
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WRITING	
Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards
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.	W.11-12.1
Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.	W.11-12.1.A
Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.	W.11-12.1.B
Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the	

<p>norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.</p>	W.11-12.1.D
<p>Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).</p>	W.11-12.1.E
<p>Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.</p>	W.11-12.3
<p>Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.</p>	W.11-12.5
<p>Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.</p>	W.11-12.6
<p>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.</p>	W.11-12.7
<p>Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to</p>	W.11-12.8

maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.	
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<p>Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11-12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.</p>	SL.11-12.1
<p>Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas.</p>	SL.11-12.1.A
<p>Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives; synthesize comments, claims, and evidence made on all sides of an issue; resolve contradictions when possible; and determine what additional information or research is required to deepen the investigation or complete the task.</p>	SL.11-12.1.D

<p>Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) in order to make informed decisions and solve problems, evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source and noting any discrepancies among the data.</p> <p>Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, assessing the stance, premises, links among ideas, word choice, points of emphasis, and tone used.</p> <p>Present information, findings, and supporting evidence, conveying a clear and distinct perspective, such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning, alternative or opposing perspectives are addressed, and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and a range of formal and informal tasks.</p> <p>Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.</p>	<p>SL.11-12.2</p> <p>SL.11-12.3</p> <p>SL.11-12.4</p> <p>SL.11-12.5</p>
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Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.	L.11-12.2
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Interdisciplinary Connections

- Historical influence of time periods in which texts were written and/or represent
- sociology
- psychology

ASSESSMENT PLAN	
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Quotation Pre-reading Gallery Walk Do Nows Quote analysis TED Talk Worksheets Novel Checks Post-it annotation quizzes Class discussion Group debates Double Entry Journals Socratic Seminars	Novel Test Journals MLA paper and presentation
District/School Texts	District/School Supplementary Materials
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas	Upfront Magazine

District/School Writing Tasks		
Task	Primary Focus	Secondary Focus
MLA documented research paper and presentation.	Thesis development and support, citations, proper MLA formatting Presentation of information learned.	Proper language and grammar.

Unit 3: Family Dynamics
<p>Unit Summary</p> <p>Students will focus on the role of the family in literature, how that role has changed from their childhood to the present day. By starting the unit discussing how families are shown in children’s book the reflection will focus on how the role of family has evolved over the years. In the study of <u>The Glass Castle</u>, the positive and negative impact a family can have on a person’s life will be explored. This study will be continued as student’s look at the impact one’s family can have on education and a person’s well being. Students will look at various familial relationship during this unit which will culminate in the creation of an argumentative essay about the role of families in literature.</p>
<p>Essential Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes a family? • How do a person’s childhood and family experiences shape them? • What impact does child abuse or neglect have on the child? • What are some of the ramifications of child abuse?

READING	
Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards
Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.	RL.11-12.1
Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).	RL.11-12.3
Determine the meaning of words and	RL.11-12.4

<p>phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including words with multiple meanings or language that is particularly fresh, engaging, or beautiful. (Include Shakespeare as well as other authors.)</p> <p>Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure specific parts of a text (e.g., the choice of where to begin or end a story, the choice to provide a comedic or tragic resolution) contribute to its overall structure and meaning as well as its aesthetic impact.</p> <p>Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.</p> <p>Analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the structure an author uses in his or her exposition or argument, including whether the structure makes points clear, convincing, and engaging.</p> <p>Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text in which the rhetoric is particularly effective, analyzing how style and content contribute to the power, persuasiveness or beauty of the text.</p>	<p>RL.11-12.5</p> <p>RI.11-12.3</p> <p>RI.11-12.5</p> <p>RI.11-12.6</p>
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Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.	W.11-12.2.C
Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.	W.11-12.2.D
Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	W.11-12.4
Write routinely over extended time	W.11-12.10

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.	
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Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed	SL.11-12.1B
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["Invisible Child"](#) by Andrea Elliot
 Excerpts from [A Child Called It](#) by David Pelzer
 Excerpts from [Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth](#) by Alexandra Robbins
 "Two Kinds" by Amy Tan
 "Where are you going, Where have you been?" by Joyce Carol Oates
 "Back to My Own Country" by Andrea Levy
 "Legacies" by Nikki Giovanni
 Vocabulary from Sadlier-Oxford Level H

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- Preferred seating
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Interdisciplinary Connections

- Historical influence of time periods in which texts were written and/or represent
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ASSESSMENT PLAN

District/School Formative Assessment Plan	District/School Summative Assessment Plan
Pre-reading children's book jigsaw Journals	MLA essay

Post-it annotations Writing assignments Chalk talk Reading check quizzes Double entry journals Socratic seminars Class discussions and debates		
District/School Texts	District/School Supplementary Materials	
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls	Upfront Magazine	
District/School Writing Tasks		
Task	Primary Focus	Secondary Focus
MLA documented research paper.	Thesis development and support, citations, proper MLA formatting	Proper language and grammar.

INSTRUCTIONAL BEST PRACTICES AND EXEMPLARS
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Unit #4: Culminating Project
Unit Summary Students will be responsible for reading a novel of their choice that deals with the topics discussed in this course. The students will have their novels preapproved and will be reading the material throughout the second half of the course. One prevalent theme will be picked out from their reading, and the students will research this topic to demonstrate the skills they have learned through this course. The final project will be multifaceted including writing, multimedia, and oral presentation and will demonstrate a mastery of the skills and topics found in Literature and Contemporary society.
Essential Questions How can information researched be shared with an audience? What influence does society have on literature?

READING	
Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards
Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.	RL.11-12.1

<p>include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</p> <p>Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.</p> <p>Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.</p> <p>Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p>Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.</p> <p>Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research</p>	<p>W.11-12.2.B</p> <p>W.11-12.2.E</p> <p>W.11-12.2.4</p> <p>W.11-12.2.8</p> <p>W.11-12.2.9</p>
Suggested Materials/Educational Resources	

SPEAKING AND LISTENING	
Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards

<p>Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.</p>	<p>SL.11-12.1.B</p>
<p>Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that probe reasoning and evidence; ensure a hearing for a full range of positions on a topic or issue; clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions; and promote divergent and creative perspectives.</p>	<p>SL.11-12.1.C</p>
<p>Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives; synthesize comments, claims, and evidence made on all sides of an issue; resolve contradictions when possible; and determine what additional information or research is required to deepen the investigation or complete the task.</p>	<p>SL.11-12.1.D</p>
<p>Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) in order to make informed decisions and solve problems, evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source and noting any discrepancies among the data.</p>	<p>SL.11-12.2</p>
<p>Present information, findings, and supporting evidence, conveying a clear and distinct perspective, such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning, alternative or opposing perspectives are addressed, and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and a range of formal and informal tasks.</p>	<p>SL.11-12.4</p>
<p>Make strategic use of digital media (e.g.,</p>	

textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.	SL.11-12.5
Suggested Materials/Educational Resources	

LANGUAGE	
Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards
Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	L.11-12.1
Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.	L.11-12.3
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