

2021-2022, ENGLISH III, All Units

Unit 1: *American Voices* (August 9-September 17)

Unit Essential Questions: What is the meaning of freedom?

- **Whole Class Learning:** Which statement do you find most compelling for Americans today: the *Preamble to the Constitution* or the first sentence of paragraph three in the *Declaration of Independence*?
- **Small-Group Learning:** Do narratives provide strong evidence to support arguments about American freedoms?
- **Performance-Based Assessment (Argumentative Essay):** What are the most effective tools for establishing and presenting freedom?

Power Standards

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11-12.W.TTP.1.f Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone.

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11-12.L.KL.3 Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening; consult references for guidance, and apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts.

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Unit 2: *The Individual and Society* (September 20 through November 03)

Unit Essential Questions: What role does individualism play in American society?

- **Whole Class Learning:** How has my personal experience shaped my view of individualism? Do I see it as a guiding principle, something to be avoided, or both?
- **Small-Group Learning:** When is it difficult to march to the beat of a “different drummer” and stand on your own as an individual?
- **Performance-Based Assessment (Personal Narrative):** What significant incident helped me realize that I am a unique individual?

Power Standards

- 11-12.RL.KID.3** Analyze how complex characters, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text to impact meaning.
- 11-12.RL.CS.4** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including words with multiple meanings and language that is stylistically poignant and engaging.
- 11-12.RL.CS.5** Analyze how an author’s choices concerning text structure, plot structure, and/or time manipulation create effects such as mystery, tension, or surprise.
- 11-12.RL.IKI.9** Demonstrate knowledge of and analyze thematically-related, significant literary texts, considering how two or more texts treat similar themes or topics.
- 11-12.RI.KID.2** Determine multiple central ideas of a text or texts and analyze their development; provide a critical summary.
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- 11-12.W.TTP.3** Write narrative fiction or literary nonfiction to convey experiences and/or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
- 11-12.W.TTP.3.a** Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing point of view, and introducing a narrator/speaker and/or characters.
- 11-12.W.TTP.3.b** Sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome.
- 11-12.W.TTP.3.c** Create a smooth progression of experiences or events.
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- 11-12.W.TTP.3.e** Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.
- 11-12.W.TTP.3.f** Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.
- 11-12.W.TTP.3.g** Use appropriate language and techniques, such as metaphor, simile, and analogy.
- 11-12.W.TTP.3.h** Establish and maintain an appropriate style and tone.
- 11-12.L.CSE.2** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing; when reading and writing, use knowledge of punctuation to enhance sentence style to support the content of the sentence; write and edit work so that it conforms to a style guide appropriate for the discipline and writing type.
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Unit 3: *Power, Protest, and Change* (November 04 through January 07)

Unit Essential Questions: In what ways does the struggle for freedom change with history?

- **Whole Class Learning:** Did the nation achieve the goals that Douglass and Lincoln desired?
- **Small-Group Learning:** What were the goals of these reformers? Why did they want to achieve those goals?
- **Performance-Based Assessment (Informative Essay):** What motivates people to respond to the need for change?

Power Standards

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11-12.RL.CS.5 Analyze how an author's choices concerning the structure of specific parts of a text contribute to its overall structure, meaning, and aesthetic impact.

11-12.W.TTP.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to analyze and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection and organization of content.

11-12.W.TTP.2.a Provide an introduction that is relevant to the rest of the text and effectively engages the audience.

11-12.W.TTP.2.b Organize ideas to create cohesion and clarify relationships among ideas and concepts, including but not limited to use of appropriate and varied transitions.

11-12.W.TTP.2.c Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

11-12.W.TTP.2.d Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

11-12.W.TTP.2.e Use appropriate formatting, graphics, and multimedia to aid comprehension.

11-12.W.TTP.2.f Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.

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Unit 4: *Grit and Grandeur* (January 10 through February 22)

Unit Essential Questions: The Importance of Place: What is the relationship between literature and place?

- **Whole Class Learning:** How do American authors use regional details to make the events and themes of a narrative come to life for readers?
- **Small-Group Learning:** Are the texts all inspired by a childhood sense of place, or are there other sources of inspiration, whether real or symbolic?
- **Performance-Based Assessment (Explanatory Essay):** What makes certain places live in our memory?

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Unit 5: Facing Our Fears (February 23-April 12)

Unit Essential Questions: Victims and Victors: How do we respond when challenged by fear?

- **Whole Class Learning:** Could any of the characters in *The Crucible* have done more to end the hysteria in Salem?
- **Small-Group Learning:** Do people usually learn from their fear?
- **Performance-Based Assessment (Argumentative Essay):** Is fear always a harmful emotion?

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Unit 6: *Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Tales* (April 13-May 25)

Unit Essential Questions: The American Short Story: What do stories reveal about the human condition?

- **Whole Class Learning:** How do stressful situations often reveal the best and worst in people?
- **Small-Group Learning:** Present a stream-of-consciousness narrative based on this idea: The day felt as if it would never end.
- **Performance-Based Assessment (Narrative):** How does a fictional character or characters respond to life-changing news?

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