Glen Ridge Board of Education
AP English Literature & Composition
Required
Full Year

New Jersey Student Learning Standards

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Language Arts Mission Statement:

The Glen Ridge Language Arts Program establishes a foundation for lifelong learning and effective communication. Through a sequential and challenging curriculum, our students will become proficient readers, effective writers, active listeners and articulate speakers. Students learn to respect various points of view while displaying creative, collaborative, and critical thinking skills. The Language Arts Program enables our students to participate effectively in a technological, complex and ever changing world.

Course Description:

The AP English Literature and Composition course focuses on reading, analyzing, and writing about imaginative literature (fiction, poetry, drama) from various periods. Students engage in close reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature to deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure. As they read, students consider a work’s structure, style, and themes, as well as its use of figurative language, imagery, and symbolism. Writing assignments include expository, analytical, and argumentative essays that require students to analyze and interpret literary works.

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- Thesis workshop and peer evaluation.

**Resources/Materials**
- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë
- *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead
- *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen
- *The Idiot* by Elif Batuman
- *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders
- *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi
- *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward
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- *Maurice* by E.M. Forster
- *Dracula* by Bram Stoker
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● Group editing.
● Socratic Seminar.
● Theme workshop.
● Anchor chart.
● Passage annotation.
● Sample exam style multiple choice questions.

● At-home essay responding to a single prompt for the summer reading.
● In-class essay responding to FRQ designed for selected novel.

● Paragraph drafting.
● Journal.
● Small and large group drafting workshop.
● Rubric alignment.
● Two-draft personalized writing cheat sheet.

● Oral presentation.
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**English Language Learners**

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- Students will find most readings from online sources, district ELL coordinators, and can use online translating tools to benefit their process.

**Special Education/504**

- Student’s educational modifications are easily woven into the curriculum. Prior to the two AP deadlines (late April for performance task submission and early May for the AP test), all deadlines and assignments are adaptable per student need.

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- After students have read Baca’s “I Am Offering This Poem,” have them identify an individual simile or metaphor in the poem in a whole-group setting. Explain to them how the two objects are compared, paying particular attention to the specific compared traits of the objects. Then, explain how the comparison conveys associations and contributes to meaning. Next, in pairs, students identify another simile or metaphor in the poem. The pairs work together to explain how the two objects are compared and then explain how particular associations convey meaning. Finally, have students work on their own to identify another simile or metaphor in the poem and repeat the same process.
- Have students read John Donne’s “The Sun Rising” and give them the following claim about the poem: The speaker believes himself to be more powerful and important than the sun. Have students engage in a quick write a paragraph in which they identify textual evidence and explain how the evidence supports the claim. Then, have them share their ideas with peers and revise their evidence and explanations based on the discussion.
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MLA or APA Style, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

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### Essential Questions

- How do authors use the words and actions of dynamic characters to push the plot of a longer work of fiction?
- How does character movement and physical action develop character and plot?
- How does the supernatural impact characters and theme?
- How do different settings within a work impact characters and thematic concerns?
- How does the passage of time develop characters and narrative meaning?
- How can you select evidence from various parts of a work in order to develop a complex claim?

### Student Learning Objectives

- Identify and describe what specific textual details reveal about a character, that character’s perspective, and that character’s motives.
- Explain the function of a character changing or remaining unchanged.
- Identify and describe specific textual details that convey or reveal a setting.
- Explain the function of a significant event or related set of significant events in a plot.
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- Select and use relevant and sufficient evidence to both develop and support a line of reasoning.
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### Activities

- Students recreate scenes in a limited timeframe with only the materials they have on hand.
- Students evaluate several filmed interpretations of scenes from the play based on their own reading.
- In groups, students perform a close reading of a monologue from the play and annotate for meaning and emphasis. Then, group members brainstorm physical and vocal cues that might emphasize meaning. Finally, each group selects one member to perform the speech according to notes.
- Students analyze scenes for the contrast between how characters are seen by themselves vs. by others.
- During an in-class reading, students raise their hands to interrupt the performers and give them notes relating to how they should deliver lines based on the subtext.
- Students create an emotional timeline of a character throughout the play, indicating level of emotion tied to specific moments.
- Students study the etymology of certain words in order to give added meaning to their own characterization of elements in the story.
- Students nominate, argue and then vote on themes present in the story and then narrow down to a final list of three.
- Students complete an FRQ essay.

### Resources/Materials

- *Oedipus Rex* and *Antigone* by Sophocles; Selections from *The Oresteia* by Aeschylus; *Medea* by Euripides; *Lysistrata* by Aristophanes

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- How can comparisons, representations, and associations shift meaning from the literal to the figurative and invite readers to interpret a text?  
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- How can a writer synthesize multiple elements of a story to create greater meaning? | - Identify and describe what specific textual details reveal about a character, that character’s perspective, and that character’s motives.  
- Explain the function of contrasting characters.  
- Describe how textual details reveal nuances and complexities in characters’ relationships with one another.  
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- Develop a thesis statement that conveys a defensible claim about an interpretation of literature and that may establish a line of reasoning.  
- Develop commentary that establishes and explains relationships among textual evidence, the line of reasoning, and the thesis. | - Students participate in an interrupted reading of a work of flash fiction.  
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- Students complete a guided close reading of selected passages in a short story that develop a particular literary element.  
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- Students analyze a quote exemplifies a particular stylistic elements, then find another example from the story that uses the same element.  
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- Students select passages they found either too vague, difficult to understand or unrelated to the meaning of the story. These passages are collected and redistributed to random students whose job is to justify the passage’s inclusion and meaning in the story. Students can choose to pass on one passage. From that pile, the teacher will conduct a whole-class analysis. The students rate the teacher’s argument.  
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### Resources/Materials

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**Resources/Materials**

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  - D. 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.

- SL.11-12.2. 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.

- SL.11-12.4 Present information, findings and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically. The content, organization, development, and style are
appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

- SL.11-12.5. 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.
- SL.11-12.6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating a command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.
- L.11-12.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. A. Apply the understanding that usage is a matter of convention, can change over time, and is sometimes contested.
- L.11-12.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
  - A. Observe hyphenation conventions.
  - B. Spell correctly.
- L.11-12.5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
  - A. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., hyperbole, paradox) in context and analyze their role in the text.
  - B. Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.
- L.11-12.6. 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 critical lenses be used to guide an interpretation of a work?
- What are the creative elements that can be employed in a film in order to enhance meaning?
- How do directors use the elements at her disposal to establish tension and conflict in film?
- What is the nature of resolution in filmic storytelling?
- How can you go from brainstorming elements of a story to create a draft?
- What are the elements of editing and revising that are most useful to you as a writer?
- How can you communicate the themes you have in mind in both written and visual media?

### Student Learning Objectives

- Understand the domain-specific language of filmmaking.
- Explain the effectiveness of media-specific techniques in developing character and plot.
- Analyze the use of pacing in a film in order to make a claim related to meaning.
- Explain the function of setting in establishing a mood.
- Explain the function of score in establishing a mood.
- Explain the function of framing in establishing meaning in film.
- Identify visual metaphors in film.
- Develop commentary based on the execution of a film.
- Establish and develop a fictional story.
- Understand different techniques in the creative writing process.
- Understand the conventions of various fiction genres.

### Activities

- Students view clips of different films in order to understand the function of filmic grammar.
- Students submit YouTube clips to a Padlet and identify which devices the scene exemplifies and to what end in terms of meaning.
- Students view and discuss a series of films, selecting one to be the focus of a single-page analysis.
- In groups, students select a scene from a novel or short story taught at GRHS (grades 9-12) to recreate and film using elements of film covered in the unit.
- Students read a series of flash fiction stories before composing one as a class.
- Students draft depictions of a single moment in order to apply various editing and revision techniques modeled in class.
- Students compose their own flash fiction story.
- Select the creative writing techniques that best fit your writing style and your writing goals.
- Create an original short story.
- Create a student film representing a scene from a curricular story (grades 9-12) utilizing the elements of film studied in this unit.

**Resources/Materials**


**Interdisciplinary Connections**

- The principles of composition taught in AP Literature can be used as a transferable foundation to writing across all disciplines.
- The use of MLA citation is common in multiple disciplines in the Arts and Sciences.
- Historical context is utilized to help students understand the cultural norms and social mores of the setting of fiction.
- Literary theory schools of criticism are utilized as lenses in the following fields across the humanities:
  - Psychoanalytic Criticism
  - New Historicism/Cultural Studies
  - Feminist Studies
  - Gender/Queer Studies
  - Marxist Criticism
  - Critical Race Theory
  - Postcolonial Studies

**21st Century Life and Careers**

- 9.2 Career Awareness, Exploration, and Preparation
  - This standard outlines the importance of being knowledgeable about one’s interests and talents, and being well informed about postsecondary and career options, career planning, and career requirements.
- 9.3 Career and Technical Education
  - This standard outlines what students should know and be able to do upon completion of a CTE Program of Study.

**Technology Standards**

- 8.1 Educational Technology - All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and create and communicate knowledge.
- 8.2 Technology Education, Engineering, Design and Computational Thinking - Programming - All students will develop an understanding of the nature and impact of technology, engineering, technological design, computational thinking and the designed world as they relate to the individual, global society, and the environment.
### Assessments

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<td>● Group flash fiction</td>
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<td>and scaffolding can be used to adapt for ELL students.</td>
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<td>● Students will find most readings from online sources, district ELL coordinators, and can use online translating tools to benefit their process.</td>
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