

English 4

	Key Standards Covered	Possible Resources
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<p>Quarter 1 September 6- November 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RL.11-12.5. 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. ● NJSLSA.W3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences. ● NJSLSA.W4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. ● NJSLSA.W5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. ● W.11-12.1. E. Establish and maintain a style and tone appropriate to the audience and purpose (e.g. formal and objective for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing ● RL.11-12.1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections 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.11-12.4. 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. (e.g., Shakespeare as well as other authors.) ● RL.11-12.7. Analyze multiple interpretations of a story, drama, or poem (e.g., recorded or live production of a play or recorded novel or poetry), evaluating how each version interprets the source text. (e.g., Shakespeare and other authors.) ● NJSLSA.W2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beowulf ● Gilgamesh ● The Iliad ● The Ramayana ● Excerpts from the Torah ● Aeneid ● Excerpts from Aesop’s Fables ● The Decameron by Boccaccio ● The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls ● Nickel and Dimed (nonfiction) by Barbara Ehrenreich ● Where We Stand: Class Matters by bell hooks ● The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini ● How the Other Half Lives by Jacob Riis ● Angela’s Ashes by Frank McCourt ● A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith ● Salvage the Bones by Jesmyn Ward
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<p>Quarter 2 November 12- January 28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RL.11-12.2. 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. ● RL.11-12.3. 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.11-12.4. 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. (e.g., Shakespeare as well as other authors.) ● RL.11-12.5. 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. ● W.11-12.9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. ● NJLSA.SL5. Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays of data to express information and enhance understanding of presentations. ● NJLSA.SL6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and communicative tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. ● RL.11-12.1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections 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.11-12.2. Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hamlet ● Shakespeare's Sonnets ● The Bluest Eye ● How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents ● In the Time of the Butterflies ● Never Let Me Go ● Watchmen ● Great Expectations ● Kindred ● The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao ● The Hate U Give ● Little Fires Everywhere ● Gone Girl ● The House of the Spirits ● I Am Legend ● The Joy Luck Club ● Alice in Wonderland ● Maus 1 & 2 ● Half of a Yellow Sun
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<p>Quarter 3 February 4- April 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RL.11-12.2. 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. ● RL.11-12.3. 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.11-12.4. 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. (e.g., Shakespeare as well as other authors.) ● RL.11-12.9. Demonstrate knowledge of and reflect on (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) eighteenth-, nineteenth- and early twentieth-century foundational works of literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics. ● RI.11-12.9. Analyze and reflect on (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) documents of historical and literary significance for their themes, purposes and rhetorical features, including primary source documents relevant to U.S. and/or global history. ● W.11-12.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information. ● NJLSA.SL1. Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dracula ● Jane Eyre ● Frankenstein ● We Have Always Lived in the Castle ● Short stories by William Faulkner ● Short stories by Flannery O'Conner
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<p>Quarter 4 April 8- June 17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NJSLSA.R1. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text. ● NJSLSA.R2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas. ● NJSLSA.R3. Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text. ● RL.11-12.5. 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. ● NJSLSA.W4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. ● NJSLSA.W8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. ● NJSLSA.SL4. Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. ● NJSLSA.SL5. Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays of data to express information and enhance understanding of presentations. ● NJSLSA.SL6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and communicative tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Handmaid's Tale ● Brave New World ● Fahrenheit 451 ● Cat's Cradle ● Gather the Daughters ● Parable of The Sower (Butler) ● Who Fears Death ● Diverse Energies (anthology)

Understanding By Design - English 4

Title of Unit	The Personal Narrative	Grade Level	12
Curriculum Area	English 4	Time Frame	3 weeks
Developed By	Brittany Morgan		
Identify Desired Results (Stage 1)			
Content Standards			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ RL.11-12.5. 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.◆ NJSLSA.W3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.◆ NJSLSA.W4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.◆ NJSLSA.W5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.◆ W.11-12.1. E. Establish and maintain a style and tone appropriate to the audience and purpose (e.g. formal and objective for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.			
Recommended Texts			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● None for this unit			

Understandings	Essential Questions	
Overarching Understanding	Overarching	Topical
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Good writing is clear, concise and interesting ◆ There are specific values and worldviews that appeal to college admission reviewers ◆ Experience can shape one’s perspective ◆ Everyone has a story to tell ◆ Good writing abides by the rule of “Show, don’t tell” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ What are my core values? ◆ What kinds of students are colleges looking for? ◆ Which part of my story should I tell? ◆ What essay topic will best suit my intended audience? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How do I begin the college application process? ◆ What is the common application? ◆ What financial issues may be related to this process? ◆ How do I manage my time while applying to schools?
Related Misconceptions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The college essay must be a five paragraph essay ● I need to tell a college why they should pick me ● There is one “right” story to tell 		
Knowledge Students will know...	Skills Students will be able to...	

- Feedback and rubrics can guide the writing process
- Self - reflection is an essential part of crafting a personal narrative

- Craft personal narratives
- Use details appropriately to enhance writing
- Edit and revise work

Assessment Evidence (Stage 2)

Performance Task Description

- **Goal**
- **Role**
- **Audience**
- **Situation**
- **Product/ Performance**
- **Standards**

- Where I'm From Poem - Students will craft a poem that uses imagery and details to provide a depiction of their home, childhood or culture. Students will include a reflection of what they chose to include and what significance it holds.
- College Essay / Personal Narrative - Students will write a response between 400 and 600 words that demonstrates a quality or experience that is central to their identity and connects to traits that will be valuable to their plans for the future
- Students will use the following resources to craft a class rubric for the essay
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Other Evidence

- Practicing “Show, don’t tell” in writing
- demonstrating knowledge of the common application topics
- Timed and out-of-class essay assignments related to the essential questions
- Daily journal-writing responses to prompts posed by teacher

Learning Plan (Stage 3)

- **Where** are your students headed? Where have they been? How will you make sure the students know where they are going?
- How will you **hook** students at the beginning of the unit?
- What events will help students **experience and explore** the big idea and questions in the unit? How will you equip them with needed skills and knowledge?
- How will you cause students to **reflect and rethink**? How will you guide them in rehearsing, revising, and refining their work?
- How will you help students to **exhibit and self-evaluate** their growing skills, knowledge, and understanding throughout the unit?
- How will you **tailor** and otherwise personalize the learning plan to optimize the engagement and effectiveness of ALL students, without compromising the goals of the unit?
- How will you **organize** and sequence the learning activities to optimize the engagement and achievement of ALL students?

- “Where I’m From” poem
- “Where I’m From” reflection
- Interview w/ a partner
- Self reflection- values, skills and experiences
- Selecting a story to tell
- Drafting the narrative
- Revising and editing
- Reading and analyzing examples of “Essays that worked” (John’s Hopkins examples)
- Final draft of the personal narrative

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/teachers/studentactivity/20090423b.pdf>

- <http://thechoice.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/06/23/tip-sheet-essay/>
- <http://thechoice.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/11/01/gelb/>
- <https://www.fastcompany.com/3052152/6-rules-for-great-storytelling-from-a-moth-approved-master-of-the-form>

<https://apply.jhu.edu/application-process/essays-that-worked/>

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Understanding By Design Unit Template

Title of Unit	Ancient Literature and Oral Storytelling Traditions	Grade Level	12
Curriculum Area	English 4	Time Frame	3 to 4 weeks
Developed By	Brittany Morgan		
Identify Desired Results (Stage 1)			
Content Standards			

- RL.11-12.1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections 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.11-12.4. 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. (e.g., Shakespeare as well as other authors.)
- RL.11-12.7. Analyze multiple interpretations of a story, drama, or poem (e.g., recorded or live production of a play or recorded novel or poetry), evaluating how each version interprets the source text. (e.g., Shakespeare and other authors.)
- NJSLSA.W2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
- NJSLSA.W7. Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects, utilizing an inquiry-based research process, based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
- NJSLSA.W8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
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- NJSLSA.W9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- SL.11-12.1. Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with peers on *grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues*, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
- L.11-12.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
- Apply the understanding that usage is a matter of convention, can change over time, and is sometimes contested.

Suggested Texts

- **Beowulf**
- **Gilgamesh**
- **The Iliad**
- **The Ramayana**
- **Excerpts from the Torah**
- **Aeneid**
- **Excerpts from Aesop’s Fables**

Understandings		Essential Questions	
Overarching Understanding		Overarching	Topical
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong character is built by addressing trials and tribulations. • Language is in constant fluctuation • Literature existed in the form of oral epics before the printed word. • Culture often defines what a hero is. • The importance of oral tradition 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is suffering required in order to develop strong character? • Can supernatural phenomena play a role in real life today? • What makes a hero? • Of what value is such “old literature” to us today? • Why do only some ancient societies have preserved literature? • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do religious and cultural shifts influence a work? • How has the English language changed? • What is the difference between oral and written literature traditions and styles?
Related Misconceptions			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The English language has always looked and sounded the same • Old stories have nothing in common with modern life • If an ancient society’s literature wasn’t preserved, they must not have had any • The only stories that exist are the ones that were written down 			
Knowledge Students will know...		Skills Students will be able to...	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how language evolves through cross-fertilization of culture. • Know that the transcription of Beowulf in England's Dark Ages is the first evidence of written English literature • Each civilization has a unique story regarding the history and preservation of their literature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare and contrast texts • Determine reliable sources • Examine why certain stories continue to get passed on and how they change with culture <p style="text-align: center;">*</p>
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Assessment Evidence (Stage 2)

Performance Task Description

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal • Role • Audience • Situation • Product/Performance • Standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral history project • Students record themselves interviewing someone who is at least two generations older than them, focusing on stories about that person's life and experience that are a reflection of the time period. • Students will write a reflection on the experience that analyzes the style and techniques used in the storytelling of the person they interviewed, and how the experienced allowed them to consider the benefits and limits of the oral storytelling tradition.
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Other Evidence

- Class list of questions/ topics to research
- Class discussion centered on topics related to essential questions
- Reading/interpretation quizzes, used frequently to monitor comprehension
- Timed and out-of-class essay assignments related to the essential questions
- Daily journal-writing responses to prompts posed by teacher

Learning Plan (Stage 3)

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- How will you cause students to **reflect and rethink**? How will you guide them in rehearsing, revising, and refining their work?
- How will you help students to **exhibit and self-evaluate** their growing skills, knowledge, and understanding throughout the unit?
- How will you **tailor** and otherwise personalize the learning plan to optimize the engagement and effectiveness of ALL students, without compromising the goals of the unit?
- How will you **organize** and sequence the learning activities to optimize the engagement and achievement of ALL students?

1. Assessing background knowledge (Ancient Great Britain and the Anglo-Saxons, other ancient societies)
2. Web-quest - class created questions and topics about cultures in the text
3. Literary devices - kennings, caesura and alliteration
4. Reading selected texts —silently, out-loud, independently and collaboratively, with teacher guidance
5. Literary devices and speaking techniques associated with oral storytelling
6. Examples of great storytellers (comedic, dramatic, and motivational examples)
7. Class discussion
8. Interview techniques to encourage storytelling and open ended responses
9. Practice interviews
10. Oral history assignment
11. Reflection writing piece
12. Class discussion - reflection in comparisons between ancient and modern oral storytelling
13. Review for the test - key skills and information
14. Test

<https://www.ancient.eu/timeline/literature/>

- <http://www.essential-humanities.net/western-art/literature/ancient/>

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Understanding By Design

Title of Unit	Literature as an exploration of social class	Grade Level	12
Curriculum Area	English 4	Time Frame	4 weeks
Developed By	Brittany Morgan		
Identify Desired Results (Stage 1)			
Content Standards			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● By the end of grade 12, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at grade level or above. ● NJSLSA.W3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences. ● NJSLSA.W8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. ● W.11-12.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information. ● NJSLSA.SL1. Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively. ● NJSLSA.SL4. Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. 			
Suggested texts			

- The Canterbury Tales by Chaucer
- The Decameron by Boccaccio
- The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls
- Nickel and Dimed (nonfiction) by Barbara Ehrenreich
- Where We Stand: Class Matters by bell hooks
- The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
- How the Other Half Lives by Jacob Riis
- Angela’s Ashes by Frank McCourt
- A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
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Understandings	Essential Questions	
Overarching Understanding	Overarching	Topical
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Characters of diverse background add variety and insight to understanding of a culture. ● Great literature, no matter how old it is, is enjoyable – even laugh-out-loud funny. ● One’s profession and wealth position him or her on a social ladder. ● Through irony, social stereotypes are identified and mocked. ● Human nature changes very little over time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Is it OK to laugh at the hypocrisy of others? ● Of what value is such “old literature” to us today? ● How do we approach a story without an 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How does social class fit into a character’s identity? ● Is it socially acceptable for some people to dictate the roles of others? ● How do our own positions
Related Misconceptions		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literature has to be serious • A collection by a single author must have a single point of view • There is only one way to analyze literature • social class has little impact on a story 	<p>...how an ending?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do people's stories demonstrate their values? • How does social class impact one's experiences and values? 	<p>on the ladder of social class impact our lives?</p>
<p>Knowledge Students will know...</p>	<p>Skills Students will be able to...</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know strategies for studying literature using a variety of independent and group tasks • Know historical background of the Canterbury pilgrims and their contemporaries. • Key words and phrases related to a sociological perspective of social class and socioeconomic status 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze a character. Evaluate and classify characters by stereotype and archetype. • Explain how the historical context in which a work was written influences the work. • Emulate the style of an author or narrator • Refine their use of satirical techniques such as hyperbole, verbal irony, and respectful tone 	
<p align="center">Assessment Evidence (Stage 2)</p>		
<p>Performance Task Description</p>		

- **Goal**
- **Role**
- **Audience**
- **Situation**
- **Product/
Performance**
- **Standards**

1. The Tale- Students will create a character and tell a fictional tale in the style of the selected literature that uses several techniques to demonstrate a character’s social class and point of view on a social issue
2. Independent analysis of an excerpt and written response - students will use strategies they have practiced throughout all of their literature circle group meetings to approach a new excerpt from a story related to issues of social class.

Other Evidence

- Daily journal-writing responses to prompts posed by teacher
- Literature circle group notes and homework assignments
- Literature circle reflections (Self and group)
- Student created questions
- Self-assessments of tale using rubrics provided
- Creation of personal writer’s goal

Learning Plan (Stage 3)

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1. Assessing background knowledge
2. Group research on related topics - social class and issues related to it
3. Presentation of group's findings/ notes
4. Quiz on background info presented (Student created questions)
5. Student surveys on group preferences for texts
6. Character activity - using the first section of the text- group and categorize the characters or people introduced
7. Introduce and practice literature circles, groups selected, groups select tales
8. Literature circle groups meet for first discussion
9. Satire lesson and practice using satire
10. Literature circle groups meet for second part of the text
11. Work on student created tale
12. Class Discussion on topics related to essential questions
13. Literature circle #3
14. Review for test, self assessment on student created tale
15. Test

<http://my.fit.edu/~gabrenya/social/readings/ses.pdf>

- <http://www3.ncc.edu/faculty/soc/feigelb/soc201online/summary/ch8.pdf>
- <http://www.apa.org/pi/ses/resources/publications/>

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Understanding By Design Unit Template

Title of Unit	Understanding Shakespeare's language and making connections to the modern world	Grade Level	12
Curriculum Area	English 4	Time Frame	5 weeks
Developed By	Brittany Morgan		
Identify Desired Results (Stage 1)			
Content Standards			

- RL.11-12.2. 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.
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Recommended Texts

- Hamlet
- Shakespeare’s Sonnets

Understandings

Overarching Understanding

Essential Questions

Overarching

Topical

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Characters motivated by good intentions can cause tragic outcomes ● Soliloquies are a convention of drama that can highlight the inner working of a character's mind ● Shakespeare's work has impacted centuries of Art, Literature and Culture. ● Stories from different times or societies can have universal values 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How significant is family? ● Can revenge be justified? ● What is insanity? What causes it? ● Is morality relative or absolute? ● How has Shakespeare's work influenced modern Art, Culture and Literature? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Why do authors choose tragic endings? ● Do people act recklessly in relationships? ● What is the value of pondering difficult decisions?
Related Misconceptions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shakespeare's language is impossible to understand ● The characters in old literature have no connection to the modern world 		
Knowledge Students will know...		Skills Students will be able to...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The conventions of drama and theater ● How to construct a soliloquy using the conventions of Shakespeare's language ● Examples of how Hamlet has influenced modern works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interpret and paraphrase Shakespeare's language ● Use soliloquies as a window to in depth analysis of characters ● Analyze themes and archetypes from Shakespeare's work that have carried over to the modern world. ● Understand the conventions of Drama and Theater 	
Assessment Evidence (Stage 2)		
Performance Task Description		

- **Goal**
- **Role**
- **Audience**
- **Situation**
- **Product/Performance**
- **Standards**

- The Soliloquy - Students will create a “To ___ or not to ___” Soliloquy modeled after Hamlet’s “To Be or Not To Be” speech.
- The Test - Students will take a test with open ended questions about the plot and themes of Hamlet as well as skills focused on in this unit. Some test questions will be generated by students and all students will select a specific number of questions to answer or omit from the provided test questions (ex: must answer 15 out of 20)
- Rubric: - The Soliloquy - This rubric will be completed collaboratively with students and teacher

Other Evidence

- Quiz on acts 1-3
- Daily journal-writing responses to prompts posed by teacher
- Participation in acting out scenes of play
- Class discussion and student generated discussion topics

Learning Plan (Stage 3)

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1. Anticipatory set for Hamlet
2. Assess background knowledge on Shakespeare and Early Modern English
3. Conventions of theater, norms for acting in class
4. Read Act 1, Scenes 1-2 and act out in class
5. "Art Walk" focus on art and music of the era
6. Practice paraphrasing Shakespeare's language and reading dual texts
7. Quiz
8. Continue reading the play/ pause for 30 second theater
9. Introduce Literary Theories - small groups
10. Soliloquy writing project/ Class created rubric
11. Revise writing and self-assessment
12. Acting out the play / group project - revising key scenes
13. Connections to modern retellings of Hamlet (examples from The Lion King, Film adaptations)
14. Character Analysis
15. Class Discussion
16. Review for the test
17. Test

<http://shakespeare.mit.edu>

- <http://www.shakespeare-online.com>

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Understanding By Design Unit Template

Title of Unit	The Research Paper	Grade Level	12
Curriculum Area	English 4	Time Frame	5 weeks
Developed By	Brittany Morgan		
Identify Desired Results (Stage 1)			
Content Standards			

- RL.11-12.1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections 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.11-12.2. 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.
- RL.11-12.3. 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.11-12.10. By the end of grade 12, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems at grade level text-complexity or above with scaffolding as needed.
- NJSLSA.W2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
- NJSLSA.W5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
- NJSLSA.W6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
- NJSLSA.W7. Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects, utilizing an inquiry-based research process, based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
- NJSLSA.W8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
- NJSLSA.W9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- NJSLSA.SL4. Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- NJSLSA.SL5. Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays of data to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.
- NJSLSA.SL6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and communicative tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

Recommended Texts:

Texts should be student selected for the research paper and approved by teacher based on appropriateness to the writing task and student’s reading level. Examples of possible texts:

- The Bluest Eye
- How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents
- In the Time of the Butterflies
- Never Let Me Go
- Watchmen
- Great Expectations
- Kindred
- The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao
- The Hate U Give
- Little Fires Everywhere
- Gone Girl
- The House of the Spirits
- I Am Legend
- The Joy Luck Club
- Alice in Wonderland
- Maus 1 & 2
- Half of a Yellow Sun

Understandings	Essential Questions	
Overarching Understanding	Overarching	Topical

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Literary theory can expand how they read and understand literature. ● Literary theory is an ever growing and changing field of study. ● By using the skills and strategies they have practiced, they can independently read a wide range of challenging literature. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is literary theory? ● What makes a book valuable? ● How do our experiences shape how we view literature? ● How can we change the lens through which we view literature? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What strategies are best for independent reading? ● What time management strategies work best for your learning style?
Related Misconceptions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Novels must be read as a whole class for learning to take place ● There is only one way to interpret the meaning of a story ● Writing a research paper is a bland task that leaves no room for one's personal opinions or point of view 		
Knowledge Students will know...		Skills Students will be able to...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Know how to apply multiple theories to literature they read</i> ● <i>Know how to use a critical lens to find a deeper meaning in novels.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Demonstrate understanding of multiple schools of literary theory.</i> ● <i>Write a research paper analyzing a novel from a selected critical lens</i> ● <i>Give credit to sources used in paper using guidelines in MLA format</i> 	
Assessment Evidence (Stage 2)		
Performance Task Description		

- **Goal**
- **Role**
- **Audience**
- **Situation**
- **Product/
Performance**
- **Standards**

- The Research Paper - Students will write a 7 to 8 page paper in MLA format which will use a literary theory of choice to analyze a novel from the list of selections
- The Slides Presentation - Students will use google slides to create and present a 3 minute presentation focusing on the key points of their research paper and significant information about the novel

Other Evidence

- Quiz on literary theories
- Notes on novel of choice
- Daily journal-writing responses to prompts - combination of teacher and student created prompts
- Individual conferences with teacher

Learning Plan (Stage 3)

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- How will you **organize** and sequence the learning activities to optimize the engagement and achievement of ALL students?

1. Introduction to the research paper: Address hope and fears, reflect on previous assignments, review timelines and checkpoints
2. Introduce novel options, self assessment - top choices for novel selection
3. Review and practice the literary theories- groups
4. Quiz on literary theories
5. Review note taking strategies
6. Independent reading / notes
7. Small groups- discuss novels, questions, connections to theory and research strategies
8. Review sample research papers using rubrics, discuss what worked
9. Mini lesson - credible sources and research strategies, avoiding plagiarism
10. Independent research
11. Outline and thesis statement
12. Small groups - brainstorming, clarifying and planning
13. Rough draft writing
14. Peer editing and individual conference with teacher
15. Revising and editing
16. Class discussion - student generated topics using essential questions from the novel choices
17. The final draft
18. Creating the google slides
19. Google slides presentation

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Understanding By Design Unit Template

Title of Unit	Gothic Literature	Grade Level	12
Curriculum Area	English 4	Time Frame	5 weeks
Developed By	Brittany Morgan		
Identify Desired Results (Stage 1)			
Content Standards			

- RL.11-12.2. 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.
- RL.11-12.3. 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.11-12.4. 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. (e.g., Shakespeare as well as other authors.)
- RL.11-12.9. Demonstrate knowledge of and reflect on (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) eighteenth-, nineteenth- and early twentieth-century foundational works of literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.
- RI.11-12.9. Analyze and reflect on (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) documents of historical and literary significance for their themes, purposes and rhetorical features, including primary source documents relevant to U.S. and/or global history.
- W.11-12.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
- NJSLSA.SL1. Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
- NJSLSA.SL2. Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
- NJSLSA.SL4. Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- NJSLSA.SL5. Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays of data to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.
- NJSLSA.SL6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and communicative tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

Recommended Texts:

- Dracula
- Jane Eyre
- Frankenstein
- We Have Always Lived in the Castle
- Short stories by William Faulkner
- Short stories by Flannery O’Conner
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Understandings	Essential Questions	
Overarching Understanding	Overarching	Topical
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fear and the unknown are essential to the Gothic convention. ● Structure contributes to overall meaning and aesthetic impact of a story. ● Gothic Literature has had a lasting impact on modern literature and culture ● Movements in American Literature and contemporary media have been heavily influenced by Gothic Literature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What strategies do writers use to craft suspense? ● How is literature shaped by the era in which it is written? ● What do our monstrous creations say about us as a society? ● Do characters have to be “good people” to be engaging and likeable? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What do our fears say about us as individuals and as a member of society? ● How do different points of view shape how we understand literature?
Related Misconceptions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gothic Literature is always scary and spooky ● The characters in these stories are just like the modern interpretations of them in film ● This is an old type of literature that has nothing to do with modern stories 		

Knowledge Students will know...	Skills Students will be able to...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The role of Gothic Literature in the study of British literature ● The influence of Gothic novels on modern literature and popular culture ● The extent to which American authors have adopted and changed conventions of Gothic literature to create subgenres such as Southern Gothic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emulate the writing style of master writers, including mystery and suspense ● describe and analyze an anti-hero or charismatic villain ● Analyze how a genre develops, is influenced by culture and influences culture
Assessment Evidence (Stage 2)	
Performance Task Description	

- **Goal**
- **Role**
- **Audience**
- **Situation**
- **Product/
Performance**
- **Standards**

- Literature circles - daily and summative assessments of individual student's contribution to the group (categories include preparation, completing one's individual assignment role, participation, collaboration and respect with group members, and written reflection)
- Student created assessment of choice - Literature circle groups will create a writing based final assessment (or 2-3 options for assessments) that members of their group will complete individually to show their knowledge of gothic literature and their group's focus novel. Choices may include a narrative, an essay, a script for a dramatic retelling of the novel, or a visual presentation of influences on the novel with written explanation.

Other Evidence

- Reading quizzes
- Daily journal-writing responses to prompts posed by teacher or created by students
- Note taking and close reading

Learning Plan (Stage 3)

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1. Intro to Gothic Literature mini lesson and Intro to novel options
2. Student surveys on novel preference and group preference
3. Review roles and tasks in literature circles
4. Groups - background info and reading plan for their novel
5. Literature circles
6. Collaboratively created quiz - student and teacher created questions, choice of questions to answer
7. 1/3 through novel - quiz
8. Continue Literature circles and reflections
9. 2/3 through novel - quiz
10. Literature circles and final reflections on the groups
11. Review previous assessments and class created list of possible assessments for the gothic novel
12. Students create assessment for literature circle group and construct rubric
13. Work on final assessment (rough draft)
14. peer editing and one-on-one conferences with teacher
15. Class discussion - student and teacher created questions centered on essential questions from the novels
16. Final draft of assessment.

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Understanding By Design Unit Template

Title of Unit	Dystopian Literature as Social Critique	Grade Level	12
Curriculum Area	English 4	Time Frame	5 Weeks
Developed By	Brittany Morgan		
Identify Desired Results (Stage 1)			
Content Standards			

- NJSLSA.R1. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
- NJSLSA.R2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
- NJSLSA.R3. Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
- RL.11-12.5. 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.
- NJSLSA.W4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- NJSLSA.W8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
- NJSLSA.SL4. Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- NJSLSA.SL5. Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays of data to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.
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Recommended Texts:

- The Handmaid’s Tale
- Brave New World
- Fahrenheit 451
- Cat’s Cradle
- Gather the Daughters
- Parable of The Sower (Butler)
- Who Fears Death
- Diverse Energies (anthology)
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Understandings

Essential Questions

Overarching Understanding	Overarching	Topical
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing and literacy can be closely linked to individual identity and power. • All choices (including word choice, tone, structure, voice) used by an author contribute to the overall message. • Stories of an imagined world can help up better understand our own realities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will the future look like? • Does society ever move backwards? • Is the law always right? • Can stories that require ‘suspension of disbelief’ reflect truths about the real world? • How does gender shape one’s experiences? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Dystopia? • How important are names? • To what extent does Dystopia reflect familiar themes of racism/ sexism/ homophobia/ ethnocentrism? • To what extent does power corrupt people? • How do individual ideals about a perfect society vary?
<p style="text-align: center;">Related Misconceptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All stories that take place in the future are science fiction • Society always moves forward • Trends and movements are unique to a specific time period • Stories about imagined societies have nothing to say about our own world 		
<p>Knowledge Students will know...</p>	<p>Skills Students will be able to...</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know the conventions and tropes of genre literature • Know the limits and benefits of a first person narrative • Know social and political themes that dystopian literature may reflect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiate between utopia and dystopia • Make informed predictions • Think and write critically about the impact of gender roles and norms. 	
Assessment Evidence (Stage 2)		
Performance Task Description		

- **Goal**
- **Role**
- **Audience**
- **Situation**
- **Product/Performance**
- **Standards**

- Quiz - Students will select open ended questions to answer from a collaboratively created quiz about themes and concepts from the first ½ of the novel as well as key concepts and skills from class (examining use of language, literary theories, dystopian conventions, political or social messages in literature)
- Assessment of choice - Students will individually select to take a test constructed of open ended questions, write a narrative that imagines what happens after the ending of the novel, or write an informative essay examining some of the elements of the novel that reflect historical or contemporary issues, norms or events in the real world.
- Rubrics for the narrative and informative essay will be created collaboratively with students and teacher.

Other Evidence

- Daily journal-writing responses to prompts posed by teacher and created by students
- Note taking strategies
- Close reading of excerpts from the novel

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1. Assessing background knowledge - Utopia and Dystopia, genre fiction, the 1980s
2. Predicting and connecting background knowledge - The beginning quotes
3. Present extra credit assignments - interview someone about the 1980s and/or bring in a clip of a film that demonstrates a dystopia
4. Independent reading and note taking strategies/ close reading
5. Timelines and color coding - possible strategies for the non-linear narrative
6. Unpacking historical references and biblical allusions in the novel - groups
7. Collaboratively create and review for quiz
8. Quiz
9. Examining the first person narrator and perspective
10. Reflecting on deliberate use of language
11. Presentation of extra credit assignments
12. Introduce and develop assessments of choice
13. Class discussion centered on essential questions
14. Students work on assessment of choice
15. Student's personal reflection on assessment of choice

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