

Grade Level / Course Summary with Big Ideas:

In English 12, students will continue to build their reading and writing skills, satisfying PA Core Standards in ELA, and relative to their postsecondary plans. Students will read a variety of modern literature and delve into different schools of literary criticism in order to analyze literature from multiple perspectives. Students will develop the skills to evaluate textual evidence in order to make inferences and draw conclusions about the author's implicit and explicit beliefs about a subject. Students will read a variety of texts and evaluate the authors' effective use of literary devices. Students will hone their writing skills by completing writing in multiple genres and will apply critical thinking skills as they respond to complex informational and persuasive pieces. Topics for writing could include but are not limited to: literary analysis, argumentative response, graduation speech, and cover letter/resume. Students will continue to develop speaking and listening skills through presentations and class discussions.

Grade Level Modules (Units):

Suggested Timeline

1. Historical Context of Modern Literature	2 weeks
2. Literary Style of Modern Literature	3 weeks
3. Connections to Modern Society	3 weeks
4. Coming of Age Novel	4 weeks
5. Travel Novel	4 weeks
6. Historical Novel	4 weeks
7. Summary, Paraphrase, and Quotation	1 week
8. Critical Reading and Critique	1 week
9. Introductions, Theses, and Conclusions	1 week
10. Explanatory Synthesis	2 weeks
11. Argument Synthesis	2 weeks
12. Analysis	3 weeks
13. Practicing Academic Writing	6 weeks

Learning Activities/Modes of Formative and Summative Assessment:

Literary Analysis
Reading Assignments
Quizzes
Research Paper
Written Essays
Individual Conferences
Writing Workshops
Grammar Skill Practices
Rubric-graded Projects
Classroom Discussions
Presentations

Primary Instructional Resources:

Writing and Reading Across the Curriculum (Pearson, 2008)
Writing about Literature (Prentice Hall, 1999)
Selections from the Approved LASD Reading List
Appropriate Internet resources