

Course Description: Ninth grade English class will provide a foundation for learning in language arts that students can build upon throughout the rest of their high school years. Students will work to achieve the PA Common Core State Standards for English, Language Arts, and Literacy through three thematic units.

Course Textbooks, Workbooks, Materials Citations:
Romeo and Juliet
Prentice Hall Literature
To Kill A Mockingbird

Unit: Membean

Timeline: Week 1 to 18

Unit Description: Students will use the program Membean to learn and apply vocabulary. Each student will develop a personalized, evolving set of vocabulary to study throughout the semester. This will run concurrently with all literature units.

Unit Essential Questions: How can I improve my vocabulary?

Unit Assignments:

- 45 minutes of membean weekly
- biweekly quizzes
- membean incorporated into final assessment

STANDARDS: STANDARDS		
STATE: Pennsylvania State Anchors (2010)		
R11.A.1.1 (Advanced)	Identify and apply the meaning of vocabulary.	
R11.A.1.1.1 (Advanced)	Identify and/or apply meaning of multiple-meaning words used in text.	
R11.A.1.1.2 (Advanced)	Identify and/or apply a synonym or antonym of a word used in text.	
R11.A.1.2 (Advanced)	Identify and apply word recognition skills.	
R11.A.1.2.1 (Advanced)	Identify how the meaning of a word is changed when an affix is added; identify the meaning of a word from the text with an affix.	
R11.A.1.2.2 (Advanced)	Define and/or apply how the meaning of words or phrases changes when using context clues given in explanatory sentences.	
R11.A.2.1 (Advanced)	Identify and apply the meaning of vocabulary in nonfiction.	
R11.A.2.1.1 (Advanced)	Identify and/or apply meaning of multiple-meaning words used in text.	
R11.A.2.1.2 (Advanced)	Identify and/or apply meaning of content-specific words used in text.	
R11.A.2.2 (Advanced)	Identify and apply word recognition skills.	
R11.A.2.2.1 (Advanced)	Identify and apply how the meaning of a word is changed when an affix is added; identify the meaning of a word from the text with an affix.	
R11.A.2.2.2 (Advanced)	Define and/or apply how the meaning of words or phrases changes when using context clues given in explanatory sentences.	
 		

Topic: Week 3 Latin

Core Lesson	pre- before
Key	post- after
Terminology & Definitions:	pro- much, for, a lot, forward
	ob- against
	non- not
	min- small
	mal- bad
	inter- between, among
	im-, in- not, without
	im-, in- in, into
	hypo -under, less

Topic: Week 4 Latin

Core Lesson	sub- below
Key	re- back, again
Terminology & Definitions:	super, sur- above
	trans- across
	un- not
	ver- true
	vi- life
	vol- to wish
	se- apart
	sens, sent- feel, think

Topic: Cumulative Review

Core Lesson	
Materials:	Quizlet reviews
	Cumulative test

Core Lesson

Key	
Terminology & Definitions:	All roots and definitions from the first four units

Unit: Short Story Units

Timeline: Week 1 to 9

Unit	During this Short Story Unit we will read, discuss and analyze 5-6 short stories written by various authors.
Description:	

Unit Essential

Questions:	How does the author create memorable characters?
	How does the setting affect the plot?
	How does the author effectively create a short stories (what literary strategies are employed to create effective works)?
	What can we learn from short stories?

Unit Materials:

- Moodle
- Short story texts
- "The Whole Town's Sleeping"- Ray Bradbury
- "Lamb to the Slaughter" - Roald Dahl
- "The Most Dangerous Game" - Richard Connell
- "The Horsehair Trunk" - Davis Grubb
- "The Necklace" - Guy De Maupassant
- "Lady, or the Tiger?" - Frank Stockton

"The Gift of the Magi" - O. Henry

Unit Key Terminology & Definitions :

Plot

Character - direct and indirect

Conflict

Theme

Setting

Irony

suspense

Figurative Language

STANDARDS: STANDARDS

STATE: [Pennsylvania State Anchors \(2010\)](#)

R11.A.1 (Advanced)	Understand fiction appropriate to grade level.	
R11.A.1.3 (Advanced)	Make inferences, draw conclusions, and make generalizations based on text.	
R11.A.1.3.1 (Advanced)	Make inferences and/or draw conclusions based on information from text.	
R11.A.1.3.2 (Advanced)	Cite evidence from text to support generalizations.	
R11.A.1.4 (Advanced)	Identify and explain main ideas and relevant details.	
R11.A.1.5 (Advanced)	Summarize a fictional text as a whole.	
R11.A.1.5.1 (Advanced)	Summarize the key details and events of a fictional text as a whole.	
R11.A.1.6 (Advanced)	Identify, describe, and analyze genre of text.	
R11.A.1.6.1 (Advanced)	Identify and/or analyze the author's intended purpose of text.	
R11.A.1.6.2 (Advanced)	Explain, describe, and/or analyze examples of text that support the author's intended purpose.	

Topic: "The Whole Town's Sleeping"

Core Lesson Description: Students will read Ray Bradbury's "The Whole Town's Sleeping." Students will focus on the literary elements and how the author creates suspense in this short story. Students will then listen to the radio version as well as watch the television version to compare and contrast.

Core Lesson Essential Questions:

How does an author create suspense?

How do authors use figurative language effectively?

Core Lesson Key Terminology & Definitions:

Suspense

Mood

Dramatic Irony

Situational Irony

Verbal Irony

Foreshadowing

Indirect characterization - ASTAR

Topic: "Lamb to the Slaughter"

Core Lesson Description: Students will read Roald Dahl's "Lamb to the Slaughter." Students will focus on the literary elements and how the author creates suspense in this short story. The focus of the story will be on the use of irony, plot sequence, and indirect characterization.

Core Lesson Key Terminology & Definitions:

- Dramatic Irony
- Situational Irony
- Verbal Irony
- Direct Characterization

Topic: "The Horsehair Trunk"

Core Lesson Description: Students will read Davis Grubb's "The Horsehair Trunk." Students will focus on the literary elements and how the author creates suspense in this short story. Students will study irony, literary devices, and characterization.

Core Lesson Key Terminology & Definitions:

- Dramatic Irony
- Situational Irony
- Verbal Irony
- Plot Sequence

Topic:**Topic: "The Most Dangerous Game"**

Core Lesson Description: Students will read Richard Connell's "The Most Dangerous Game." Students will focus on the literary elements and how the author creates suspense in this short story. Students will practice plot sequence, literary devices, and conflict.

Core Lesson Key Terminology & Definitions:

- Plot Sequence
- Conflict
- Setting
- Characterization

Topic: "The Necklace"

Core Lesson Description: Students will read Guy De Maupassant "The Necklace." Students will focus on the literary elements and how the author creates a twist ending. Students will then review symbolism, theme, and irony.

Core Lesson Key Terminology & Definitions:

- Indirect characterization
- Character change

Topic: "The Lady, or the Tiger?"

Core Lesson Description: Students will read Frank Stockton "The Lady, or The Tiger." Students will focus on the literary elements and how the author creates suspense in this short story. Students will write a creative ending to the story.

Core Lesson Key Terminology & Definitions:

- Setting
- Plot
- Characterization

Suspense

Topic: "The Cask of Amontillado"

Core Lesson Description: Students will read Edgar Allan Poe's "The Cask of the Amontillado" and "Annabel Lee." Students will focus on the literary elements and how the author creates suspense in this short story. Students will focus on irony and foreshadowing.

Topic: "The Gift of the Magi"

Core Lesson Description: Students will read O. Henry "The Gift of the Magi." Students will focus on the literary elements and the author's craft. Students will focus on theme.

Unit: To Kill A Mockingbird

Timeline: Week 8 to 11

Unit Description: Students will read the novel To Kill a Mockingbird. This coming-of-age story of Scout Finch and her brother, Jem, is set in the 1930's Alabama. Through their neighborhood meanderings and the example of their father, they grow to understand that the world isn't always fair and that prejudice is a very real aspect of their world no matter how subtle it seems.

Unit Essential Questions:

- How are fact and fiction interrelated in literature?
- How can literature serve as a vehicle for social change?
- How does labeling and stereotyping influence how we look at and understand the world?
- What are the benefits and consequences of questioning/challenging social order?
- What are the individual's responsibilities in regard to issues of social justice and change?
- What allows some individuals to take a stand against prejudice/oppression while others choose to participate in it?

Unit Materials:

Moodle

To Kill A Mockingbird

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R11.A.1.4 (Advanced)	Identify and explain main ideas and relevant details.	
R11.A.1.4.1 (Advanced)	Identify and/or explains stated or implied main ideas and relevant supporting details from text. Note: Items may target specific paragraphs.	
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R11.A.2 (Advanced)	Understand nonfiction appropriate to grade level.	

Topic: Character Development**Core Lesson****Key** Character types**Terminology &****Definitions:** Character change

Indirect characterization

Coming of age

Topic: Theme**Core Lesson****Key** Theme**Terminology &****Definitions:** motif

symbolism

Topic: Symbolism**Core Lesson****Key** Symbolism**Terminology &****Definitions:** Theme

Motifs

Topic: Setting**Core Lesson****Essential** Great Depression**Questions:**

Civil Rights Movement

Alabama

Topic: Mob Mentality**Core Lesson****Key** Mob Mentality**Terminology &****Definitions:****Topic: Trial System/ Process****Core Lesson****Key** Prosecution**Terminology &****Definitions:** Defense

Jury

Trial

Solicitor

Judge

Unit: Romeo and Juliet

Timeline: Week 14 to 17

Unit**Description:** As an introduction to William Shakespeare, students will read "Romeo and Juliet." Students will learn about the background of Shakespeare and his works. Students will have the opportunity to learn about characteristics of dramas including scripts, stage directions, and

Unit Essential Questions: Why do we study Shakespeare?
How do I comprehend foreign text?
How is Shakespeare still relevant today?
Why are is Romeo and Juliet a timeless drama?

Unit Key Terminology & Definitions :

- Soliloquy
- Dramatic Foil
- Tragedy
- Sonnet

Unit Description: Students will revisit the parts of speech as well as usage and mechanics.

Unit Materials: Moodle and guided practice sets

Unit Key

Terminology & Nouns- person, place, thing, and idea

Definitions :

Pronouns - a word that takes the place of a noun or another pronoun

Adjectives- a word that describes a noun or pronoun

Verbs - word that states an action or a form of the word "be"

Adverb - a word that describes a verb, adjective, or another adverb

Conjunction - a word that connects clauses, sentences, or coordinating words

Preposition - a word to show direction, time, place, location, spatial relationships, or to introduce an object.

Interjection - a word or phrase used in exclamation

Topic: Nouns

Topic: Pronouns

Topic: Adjectives

Topic: Verbs

Topic: Adverbs

Topic: Prepositions

Topic: Conjunctions/ Interjections

Topic: Collins Quick Fix

**Core Lesson
Description:**

Students will use the quick fix to learn and revise grammar/mechanics/ usage rules.

**Core Lesson
Materials:**

Collins Quick Fix #1-20

Unit: Writing

Timeline: Week 1 to 18

Unit

Description: Students will write to express ideas, prove their thinking/ideas, and to structure their understanding.

Unit

Assignments: Narrative writing

Free writes

Informational writing

ACE paragraphs

Argumentative writing

STANDARDS: STANDARDS

STATE: PA Core Anchors and Eligible Content (2014)

[E04.A-K.1.1.1
\(Advanced\)](#)

Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text explicitly says and when drawing inferences from the text.

Alternate Eligible Content Code E04AK1.1.1a: Answer a literal question about a text E04AK1.1.1b: Answer an inferential question about a text E04AK1.1.1c: Identify details from the text to support answers to literal or inferential questions

[E04.A-K.1.1.3
\(Advanced\)](#)

Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story, drama, or poem, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions).

E05.A-K.1.1.1
(Advanced)

Alternate Eligible Content Code E04AK1.1.3a: Identify details from the text to answer questions related to the characters, setting or events
Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences and/or making generalizations from the text.

E06.A-K.1.1.1
(Advanced)

Alternate Eligible Content Code E05AK1.1.1a: Answer a literal question about a text E05AK1.1.1b: Answer an inferential question about a text E05AK1.1.1c: Identify details from the text to support answers to literal and inferential questions
Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences and/or generalizations drawn from the text.

Alternate Eligible Content Code E06AK1.1.1a: Answer a literal question about a text E06AK1.1.1b: Answer an inferential question about a text E06AK1.1.1c: Identify details and evidence from the text to answer literal and inferential questions

Topic: A C E writing

Topic: Funnel Introductions

Topic: Narrative writing

Topic: Informative writing

STANDARDS

STATE: PA Core Anchors and Eligible Content (2014)

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E05.A-K.1.1.1 (Advanced) Alternate Eligible Content Code E04AK1.1.1a: Answer a literal question about a text E04AK1.1.1b: Answer an inferential question about a text E04AK1.1.1c: Identify details from the text to support answers to literal or inferential questions
Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences and/or making generalizations from the text.

E06.A-K.1.1.1 (Advanced) Alternate Eligible Content Code E05AK1.1.1a: Answer a literal question about a text E05AK1.1.1b: Answer an inferential question about a text E05AK1.1.1c: Identify details from the text to support answers to literal and inferential questions
Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences and/or generalizations drawn from the text.

E07.A-K.1.1.1 (Advanced) Alternate Eligible Content Code E06AK1.1.1a: Answer a literal question about a text E06AK1.1.1b: Answer an inferential question about a text E06AK1.1.1c: Identify details and evidence from the text to answer literal and inferential questions
Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences, conclusions, and/or generalizations drawn from the text.

E08.A-K.1.1.1 (Advanced) Alternate Eligible Content Code E07AK1.1.1a: Answer a literal question about a text E07AK1.1.1b: Answer an inferential question about a text E07AK1.1.1c: Cite details and evidence from the text to answer literal and inferential questions
Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences, conclusions, and/or generalizations drawn from the text.

E04.B-K.1.1.3 (Advanced) Alternate Eligible Content Code E08AK1.1.1a: Answer a literal question about a text E08AK1.1.1b: Answer an inferential question about a text E08AK1.1.1c: Cite the most important details and evidence from the text to answer literal and inferential questions
Explain events, procedures, ideas, steps, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.

E04.B-C.3.1.2 (Advanced) Alternate Eligible Content Code E04BK1.1.3a: Identify details from the text to answer questions about events, procedures, ideas, steps, or concepts
Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to demonstrate subject knowledge.

Alternate Eligible Content Code E04BC3.1.2a: Combine information from 2 pieces of

- E05.B-K.1.1.1 (Advanced)** text on the same topic

Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences and/or making generalizations from the text.

Alternate Eligible Content Code E05BK1.1.1a: Answer a literal question about a text
E05BK1.1.1b: Answer an inferential question about a text
E05BK1.1.1c: Identify details from the text to support answers to literal and inferential questions
- E05.B-C.3.1.2 (Advanced)** Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to demonstrate subject knowledge.

Alternate Eligible Content Code E05BC3.1.2a: Combine information from 2 or more pieces of text on the same topic

Unit: Career Readiness

Timeline: Week 8

Unit Description: Students will begin building their career plans and portfolios.

Unit Essential Questions:

How will planning for my future help me?

What do I need to plan in order to be a productive part of society?

How can what I do now affect my future?

Unit Materials: SmartFutures

Unit Assignments:

SmartFutures Lesson 1

SmartFutures Lesson 3

SmartFutures Lesson 4

SmartFutures Lesson 8

Unit Notes: Co-taught with guidance counselor

Topic: New Thinking About Career Success

Minutes for Topic: 30

Core Lesson Description: Students will complete Lesson 1 in SmartFutures.

Topic: Job Application

Minutes for Topic: 45

Core Lesson Description: Students will complete SmartFutures Lesson 3 - Job Application

Topic: Preparation for Career

Minutes for Topic: 86

Core Lesson Description: Students will complete SmartFutures Lesson 4 - Preparation for Career.

Topic: Experiencing Careers while still in School

Minutes for Topic: 30

Core Lesson Description: Students will complete SmartFutures lesson 8 - experience careers while still in school.

Topic: Four Year Plan

Minutes for Topic: 86

Core Lesson Description: Students will preview the graduation requirements and course catalog. Students will create a Four Year plan of courses that they are planning to take based on their interests and requirements.