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Unit:	Literary Elements and the Short Story						
<b>Essential Question:</b>	Why do we tell stories?						
Timeline:	Semest	Semester 1: 9 weeks					
Common Core Standa	rds	Learning Objectives	Suggested Works	Projects and Performance Tasks	Grammar	Terminology	
RL. 9.1 Cite strong and	l	1. Identify and explain plot	"The Most	1. Write a paragraph describing	Parts of Speech	Plot- basic	
thorough textual evide	ence to	structure in short stories.	Dangerous	the setting of "The Most	Review	situation, rising	
support analysis of wh	at the	2. Understand and explain	Game"- 2 weeks	Dangerous Game" including	Verbs and tense	action, climax,	
text says explicitly as v		why plots in short stories		textual evidence from the story.	Nouns	falling action,	
inferences drawn from	n the	usually focus on a single		(indiv)		resolution	
text		event.		2. Complete a 2 column dialectical	Task: select a	Conflict	
RL.9.5 Analyze how an	1	3. Analyze how authors		journal in which you identify and	paragraph from the	Character/characte	
author's choices conce	erning	create the setting in a		analyze quotes from the story that	story and have	rization	
how to structure a tex	t, order	short story.		exhibit foreshadowing. (partners)	students identify all	Setting	
of events within it, and	b	4. Identify and explain		3. Complete a character x-	the verbs providing		
manipulate time creat	e such	characterization		ray/character analysis. Create a	the tense of each		
effects as mystery, ter	nsion,	techniques in short		life size portrait of either Zaroff or			
or surprise		stories.		Rainsford. See sample. (group)	Task: Look at a		
RL. 9.2 Analyze how co	•	5. Write a coherent			photograph,		
characters develop ov		paragraph with a clear		*to start the semester off, you can	painting or		
course of a text, intera	ct with	topic sentence and at		assign students the task of telling	magazine		
other characters, and		least three pieces of		their story in a one page paper;	advertisement for at		
advance the plot or de	evelop a	textual evidence.		this will link to the essential	least three minutes.		
theme.				question.	On a piece of paper,		
<b>W.9.2</b> Write					draw two		
informative/explanato	•				intersecting lines to		
to examine and conve	-				make 4 squares (one		
complex ideas, concep					for each category:		
information clearly and					people, places,		
accurately through the					things and ideas). In		
effective selection,					each square, list the		
organization, and analysis of					nouns by category		
content.					that you see in the		
<b>SL.9.1</b> Initiate and part	•				image. Note		
effectively in a range of					whether they are		
collaborative discussion	ns with				concrete or		

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topics, texts, and issues, building on the other's ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.  L.9.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.					
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Same as above add: RL.9.3 Analyze how complex characters develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop a theme.	<ol> <li>Identify the point of view in a short story and analyze how point of view affects the reader's interpretation of the story.</li> <li>Identify and explain irony and how it affects the plot of the story.</li> </ol>	"The Cask of Amontillado"- 2 weeks	1. Write a paragraph answering the question: Is Montresor a reliable narrator? Cite at least three reasons to support your argument. Students must use textual evidence.  2. Complete a 2 column dialectical journal in which you identify and analyze the irony in the short story.	Parts of Speech Review Verbs and tense- agreement of subject and verb Nouns-capitalization of common and proper	Plot- basic situation, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution Conflict Character/characte rization Setting Narrator Point of view Irony
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Same as above add: RL.9.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.	<ol> <li>Perform a close reading of a short story.</li> <li>Examine the elements of the short story with a focus on irony.</li> <li>Explore the theme.</li> </ol>	"The Gift of the Magi"- 2 weeks	<ol> <li>Complete a 2 column dialectical journal in which you identify and analyze the irony in the short story.</li> <li>Complete a theme map.</li> <li>Examine the author's use of humor, the narrator's voice, presence and purpose of alliterations, repetitions and colors. Collect quotes and share as a class.</li> </ol>	Parts of Speech Review: Adjectives and Adverbs  Task: Select 2 paragraphs. Identify adjectives in the 1 <sup>st</sup> and adverbs in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Plot- basic situation, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution Conflict Character/characte rization Setting Narrator Point of view

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Review all of the above	1. Analyze symbolism in a short story and explain how it contributes to the story's theme.	"The Scarlet Ibis" - 2 weeks	1. Lesson plan (in binder)	Commas with items in a series  Task: Select a newspaper or magazine article and highlight all the commas that are used in a series or for subordinate clauses.	Plot- basic situation, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution Conflict Character/characte rization Setting Narrator Point of view Theme Irony Style Symbolism Tone
Review-1 week	1. Write a coherent essay of literary analysis with a clear thesis statement, at least three pieces of evidence from texts, and a strong introduction and conclusion.		"The Scarlet Ibis" is a reflective story. It is told from a first-person point-of-view with the narrator looking back into his past. On page 166 the narrator says, "But all of us must have something or someone to be proud of, and Doodle had become mine. I did not know then that pride is a wonderful, terrible thing, a seed that bears two vines, life and death." What is meant by this statement, and how has the narrator's life been impacted by what happens to Doodle? How		

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	does this reinforce the overarching theme? Using textual evidence, write a well-developed, complex essay in response to	
	these questions.	

Unit:	Poetry- Beauty
<b>Essential Question:</b>	How does poetry reveal what we might not otherwise recognize?
Timeline:	Semester 1: 3 weeks

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Common Core Standards	Learning Objectives	Suggested Works	Projects and Performance Tasks	Grammar	Terminology
RL. 9.4 Determine the	1. Define and offer	Various poems	1. Select a poem and annotate the	Parts of Speech	Alliteration
meaning of words and	examples of various forms	from the	poem for the poet's use of poetic	Review	Analogy
phrases as they are used in	of poetry.	textbook	devices and explain the poem. In a	Prepositions	Assonance
the text, including figurative	2. Identify the form,		single paragraph, discuss the		Ballad
and connotative meanings;	rhyme scheme, and meter	e.g.	poem's theme and the way in	Task: Look at a	Blank verse
analyze the cumulative	of poems studied.	"I Wandered	which the poet's use of these	photograph taken	Consonance
impact of several word	3. Define and explain	Lonely as a	devices illuminates the theme.	during a basketball	Diction
choices on meaning and ton		Cloud?		game or other	Dramatic poetry
RL.9.5 Analyze how an	alliteration, assonance,			sporting events.	Figurative language
author's choices concerning	consonance, and describe			Then, using adverbs	Free verse
how to structure a text, orde				and prepositions	Haiku
of events within it, and	help reveal the theme(s)			listed by your	Imagery
manipulate time create such	•			teacher, write two	Lyric poetry
effects as mystery, tension,	4. Recognize and explain			sentences for each	Meter
or surprise	the distinguishing			event that describe	Narrative poetry
<b>SL.9.1</b> Initiate and participat				what is happening in	Ode
effectively in a range of	kinds of poetry, such as			the picture. The first	Rhyme
collaborative discussions wit	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			sentence should use	Rhyme scheme
diverse partners on grade 9	blank verse, haiku and			the word as a	Rhythm
topics, texts, and issues,	sonnets.			preposition and the	Sonnet
building on the other's ideas	5. Describe how poetry			second as an	
and expressing their own	differs from prose and			adverb.	
clearly and persuasively.	explain why authors				
<b>L.9.1</b> Demonstrate command				Colons	
of the conventions of	over another for a			Task: Select a	
Standard English grammar particular purpose.				newspaper or	
and usage when writing or				magazine article	
speaking.				that uses colons.	
				Highlight where	
				they are used and	
				explain why.	

Unit:	Drama-	Prama- Fate					
Essential Question:	Are we	re we governed by fate or free will?					
Timeline:	Semest	er 1: 6 weeks	er 1: 6 weeks				
Common Core Standa	rds	Learning Objectives	Suggested Works	Projects and Performance Tasks	Grammar	Terminology	
RL.9.3 Analyze how co	mplex	1. Identify and explain the	Romeo and	1. Are we governed by fate or free	Parts of Speech	Aside	
characters develop ov	er the	elements of drama in	Juliet	will? After reading Romeo and	Review	Comedy	
course of a text, intera	act with	general.		Juliet, write an essay that	Pronouns and	Dialogue	
other characters, and		2. Explain the structure of		addresses the question and	Pronoun	Dramatic irony	
advance the plot or de	evelop a	the plot(s) and describe		support your position with	Antecedent	Foil	
theme.		the dramatic techniques		evidence from the text.	Agreement	lambic pentameter	
<b>SL.9.1</b> Initiate and par	ticipate	the playwright uses to				Irony-situational	
effectively in a range of	of	advance them.			Task: Select a	and verbal	
collaborative discussion	ns with	3. Trace the development			newspaper or	Monologue	
diverse partners on gr	ade 9	of major and minor			magazine article and	Protagonist	
topics, texts, and issue	es,	characters and explain			highlight the	Soliloquy	
building on the other's	s ideas	how characterization			pronouns and	Tragedy	
and expressing their o	wn	advances the plot or			identify their	Tragic flaw	
clearly and persuasive	ly.	theme.			antecedents.	Tragic hero	
<b>L.9.1</b> Demonstrate cor	mmand	4. Analyze the					
of the conventions of		playwright's use of irony.					
Standard English grammar		5. Identify the poetic					
and usage when writir	ng or	devices used in Romeo					
speaking.		and Juliet and explain					

their effect.

Unit:	Epic Poetry- Heroism
<b>Essential Question:</b>	Are epic heroes brave, smart, or lucky?
Timeline:	Semester 2: 12 weeks

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Common Core Standards	Learning Objectives	Suggested Works	Project	ts and Performance Tasks	Grammar	Terminology
RL.9.2 Determine a theme or	1. Identify and explain the	Odyssey	1.	Marking the text w/epic	Parts of Speech	Allusion
central idea of a text and	elements of an epic poem.	Weeks 1-4: Intro		hero reading	Review	Chronological order
analyze in detail its	2. Identify and explain the	and Part One	2.	<b>DBQ</b> for Cesar Chavez		The classical epic
development over the course	characteristics of an epic		3.	Research paper	Conjunctions and	poem
of the text, including how it	hero.	Weeks 5-6 Part			Conjunctive Adverbs	Epic poetry
emerges and is shaped and	3. Analyze the relationship	Two			(subordinate	Epic simile
refined by specific details;	between myths or legends				clauses/	Epithet
provide an objective	and epic poetry.	Weeks 7-9 DBQ			independent	Evidence
summary of the text.	4. Examine the historical	and begin			clauses)	Hero
RL.9.3 Analyze how complex	context of literary works.	research				Heroic couplet
characters develop over the	5. Compare and contrast				Task: Select three	Invocation
course of a text, interact with	how related themes may	Weeks 10-12			paragraphs from	Narrative
other characters, and	be treated in different	Finish research			one of the	Oral tradition
advance the plot or develop a	genres (here, epic poetry	paper; it may			informational texts	Thesis statement
theme.	and contemporary	carry over into			read in class.	
RI. 9.1 Cite strong and	nonfiction).	next unit			Highlight all the	
thorough textual evidence to	6. Write an explanatory				conjunctive adverbs.	
support analysis of what the	essay in which you				Identify what kids	
text says explicitly as	describe how your				they are and explain	
well as inferences drawn	assigned historical figure				when and why they	
from the text.	exhibits the characteristics				are used instead of	
RI.9.2 Determine a central	of an epic hero. State your				conjunctions.	
idea of a text and analyze its	thesis clearly and include					
development over the course	at least three pieces of					
of the text,	evidence to support it.				Semicolons: Use an	
including how it emerges and					excerpt from a class	
is shaped and refined by					reading explain the	
specific details; provide an					reason for each	
objective.					semicolon.	
summary of the text.						
RI.9.7 Analyze various						
accounts of a subject in						

different mediums (a			
persons' life story told in both			
print and multimedia),			
determining which details are			
emphasized in each account.			
RI.9.3 Analyze how the			
author unfolds an analysis or			
series of ideas or events,			
including the order in which			
the points are made, how			
they are introduced and			
developed, and the			
connections that are drawn			
between them.			
SL.9.1 Initiate and participate			
effectively in a range of			
collaborative discussions with			
diverse partners on grade 9			
topics, texts, and issues,			
building on the other's ideas			
and expressing their own			
clearly and persuasively.			
<b>L.9.1</b> Demonstrate command			
of the conventions of			
Standard English grammar			
and usage when writing or			
speaking.			

Unit:	Literary Non-fiction- Freedom
<b>Essential Question:</b>	How far would you go to find freedom?
Timeline:	Semester 2: 5 weeks

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Common Core Standards	Learning Objectives	Suggested	Projects and Performance Tasks	Grammar	Terminology			
		Works						
RI. 9.1 Cite strong and	1. Identify and explain the	"Gettysburg	<ol> <li>Marking the text w/ 3</li> </ol>	Parts of Speech	Alliteration			
thorough textual evidence to	characteristics of a	Address"	readings	Review	Autobiography			
support analysis of what the	memoir and a speech.	Abraham	<ol><li>Culminating Project:</li></ol>		Ethos, pathos,			
text says explicitly as	2. Identify and explain the	Lincoln		Interjections	logos			
well as inferences drawn	effect of stylistic devices	1 Week			Extended metaphor			
from the text.	used in memoir.				Memoir			
RI.9.2 Determine a central	3. Identify and analyze the	"I Have a			Repetition			
idea of a text and analyze its	effect of rhetorical	Dream"						
development over the course	strategies in speeches	Martin Luther						
of the text,	such as alliteration,	King						
including how it emerges and	repetition, and extended	2 Weeks						
is shaped and refined by	metaphors.							
specific details; provide an		"Learning to						
objective		Read and Write"						
RI.9.3 Analyze how the		Frederick						
author unfolds an analysis or		Douglass						
series of ideas or events,		2 Weeks						
including the order in								
which the points are made,								
how they are introduced and								
developed, and the								
connections that								
are drawn between them.								
RI.9.4 Determine the								
meaning of words and								
phrases as they are used in a								
text, including fi gurative,								
connotative, and technical								
meanings; analyze the								
cumulative impact of specifi c								
word choices on								
meaning and tone (e.g., how								

the language of a court			
opinion diff ers from that of a			
newspaper).			
RI.9.9 Analyze seminal U.S.			
documents of historical and			
literary signifi cance (e.g.,			
Washington's			
Farewell Address, the			
Gettysburg Address,			
Roosevelt's Four Freedoms			
speech, King's "Letter from			
Birmingham Jail"), including			
how they address related			
themes and concepts.			
Review Week			
Finals Week			