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This survey course will provide students with

- A. An awareness and appreciation of African and African-American Literature and Literary Traditions from ancient to contemporary times.
- B. An understanding of the common thematic, stylistic, cultural, and political links that connect the literature of Africa to that of Black writers from the Americas and other parts of the Diaspora.
- C. Opportunities to examine and reflect on readings and discussions through several modes of writing and other project work including but not limited to: journal entries, oral presentations, a research project, written literary analyses, and personal narratives.

Unit 1: Africa Unite - African Roots and American Identity

Unit Overview:

In this introductory unit, students will be introduced to the concept of diaspora, and begin to explore the role displacement has played in the history and development of people of both the African continent and the Americas.

This unit also introduces the following skills:

- Unit vocabulary
- Close readings of complex texts (essay, speeches, poetry, short story, and memoir)
- Analysis of argument in terms of both form and content.
- Examination and analysis of first-person point-of-view and how it shapes the narrative or persuasive voice of the author/speaker

voice of the author/speaker		
Essential Questions	Enduring Understandings	
1. What is the African	Group Discussions: Students will address the following questions, among	
Diaspora?	others, via varying modes of discussion, including but not limited to Socratic	
	seminars, think-pair-shares, and fishbowls.	
2. What does it mean	Explain what Du Bois means by the term "color-line" and cite examples of	
to be both African and	how it functioned in the lives of African-Americans in 1903.	
American?	Discuss the situations in which the color-line might still function in today's	
	society.	
3. How have people of	Explain the "Veil" that Du Bois mentions throughout his text.	
African descent	Considering the importance of point of view, discuss whether Du Bois is a	
contributed to the	product of life within the Veil or outside of it.	
development and the	Consider how the very premise of Garvey's UNIA movement is a rejection of	
definition of the	DuBois's idea of a "double-consciousness."	
Americas?	Garvey's back to Africa movement ultimately failed for numerous reasons.	
	In your opinion are there any circumstances under which it could have	
4. Can one have a true	worked?	
knowledge of what it	How do compositional techniques and literary devices like juxtaposition,	
means to be of African	allusion, and parallel structure contribute to the effectiveness of the DuBois	
ancestry without truly	and Garvey texts?	
knowing Africa?	As we read from All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes, look for	
	illustrations of the author's own "double-consciousness." How does she	
	ultimately come to terms with this?	
	 Reflect on the significance of the title of Maya Angelou's book. 	
	 All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes illustrates the adage that 	
	says "you can't go home again." Does the film Bronx Princess support	
	or refute this? Consider how each piece seems to define the concept	
	of "home."	

Classroom Application

Independent Reading/Research:

- Research using the Internet and a book so that a student reads both writing about and by the Journalistic Alter Ego
- Reading 3 chapter segments of Moving Violations in preparation for group discussions and presentations for whole class discussions
- Reading with different focus on Hockenberry's commentary on human nature in chapters 19-24 of Moving Violations

Materials/Student Resources:

- a. from The Souls of Black Folk (DuBois)
- b. "Africa for Africans" and "The Future as I See It" (Garvey)
- c. from "I Speak of Freedom" (Nkruma)
- c. "Everyday Use" by Alice Walker
- d. All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes (Angelou)
 DVDS and/or Other Media:

Bronx Princess (film-PBS(POV))

Databases through school media center:

- Bloom's Literary Reference Center (FoF)
- African-American History
- JSTOR
- Literature Resource Center (GALE)
- NoveList Plus (EBSCO)
- Student Resources in Context
- World History-Ancient & Medieval Eras
- World History-The Modern Era

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National Humanities Center, W. E. B. Du Bois, The Souls of Black Folk, 1903, Ch. 1, "Of Our Spiritual Strivings"

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Nkrumah, Kwame, for "I Speak of Freedom"

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DELINEATION OF UNIT OBJECTIVES FOR LESSON WORK

Unit Title:		
National Core Anchor Standard	Grade Level Specific Standards as Student Objectives for lesson work (Students will be able to)	Core Text Activities
College & Career Readiness For Reading Standards #1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, College & Career Readiness Speaking Standards #1, 2, 4 College & Career Readiness Writing Standards #1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 College & Career Readiness Language Standards #1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9	RI 1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves things uncertain. RI 2. Analyze how multiple themes or central ideas in a text interact, build on, and, in some cases, conflict with one another. RL 5. Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text shape the meaning in a text. RI 7. Synthesize and apply multiple sources of information presented in different formats in order to address a question or solve a problem, including resolving conflicting information. RL 10. Read informational text independently, proficiently, and fluently; read texts at the high end of range with scaffolding as needed. W1. Write arguments in which they a. Introduce a substantive claim, establish its significance, distinguish it from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization so that claims, reasons, and evidence are purposefully and logically sequenced, b. Develop a claim and counterclaim thoroughly and fairly, supplying the most relevant evidence, while pointing out the strengths of their own claim and the weaknesses of the counterclaim, c. Use precise words, phrases, and complex syntax to make explicit the relationships between claims and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claims and counterclaims. d. Sustain an objective style and tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the specific discipline as well as to the audience's knowledge, values, and possible biases, e. provide a concluding statement or section that follows logically from the argument and offers a reflection or recommendation.	SUGGESTED SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS: 1. Students work with a partner to write a dialogue between Marcus Garvey and one of his African American critics, such as W.E.B. Du Bois. For background, use online databases for research, and consult readings such as Garvey's putdown of Du Bois, "A Barefaced Coloured Leader," Garvey's "Look for Me in the Whirlwind" message from the Atlanta Prison, Garvey's Statement of Arrest, the "Garvey Must Go" letter written by black leaders opposed to Garvey, and other essays on A. Philip Randolph, the "Garvey Must Go" Campaign, and W.E.B. Du Bois. Then read your dialogue to the class. (PBS.org) 2. Using Maya Angelou's experiences in Ghana as a lens, write an essay evaluating the feasibility of Marcus Garvey's ideas about black nationalism and the ideal of a united "Negro" republic.

- W4. Produce writing in which the organization, development, and substance and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. W5. Strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. W 7. Perform short, focused research projects and more sustained research; synthesize multiple authoritative sources on a subject to answer a question or solve a problem.
- W 8. Analyze evidence gathered from multiple authoritative print and digital sources; assess the credibility and accuracy of the information and its usefulness and relevance for the specific task, purpose, and audience; and integrate selected information into the text, following a standard format for citation.
- SL 1. Initiate and participate effectively in group discussion on grades 11--12 topics, texts, and issues being studied in class.
- a. Prepare for discussions by distilling the evidence or information about the material under study and explicitly draw on that preparation in discussions,
- b. Cooperate with peers to set clear goals and deadlines, establish roles, and determine ground rules for decision making,
- c. Propel conversations forward by asking questions that test the evidence and by sharing findings that clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions,
- d. Summarize accurately the comments and claims made on all sides of an issue and determine what additional information, research, and tasks are required for the team to complete the task,
- e. Evaluate whether the team has met its goals.
- L1. Observe conventions of grammar and usage.
- L2. Observe conventions of capitalization, punctuation, and spelling
- L3. Make effective language choices: Write and edit work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a style manual.

Unit 2: Three Little Birds--The Oral Tradition and African and African-American Folklore
This unit will engage students in an exploration of the educational, cultural, and artistic importance of
storytelling throughout Africa and the Diaspora, including its modern-day manifestations in art-forms
such as spoken word poetry and hip-hop.

Unit Overview:

This unit will engage students in an exploration of the educational, cultural, and artistic importance of storytelling throughout Africa and the Diaspora, including its modern-day manifestations in art-forms such as spoken word poetry and hip-hop.

This unit also introduces the following skills:

- Unit vocabulary
- Close readings and analysis of texts (epic poetry, proverbs, folktales, rap lyrics),
- Oral reading, speaking and formal presentation.

	tial Questions	Enduring Understandings
	/hy tell stories?	Group Discussions: Students will address the following questions, among
	/hat purpose did	others, via varying modes of discussion, including but not limited to
	yths serve for	Socratic seminars, think-pair-shares, and fishbowls.
	ncient peoples in	Why hasn't the ancient art of storytelling disappeared today?
	eneral, and Africans	Of what value are oral traditions today
_	particular?	In general, in what areas has modernization had its greatest impact on
	/hat is a griot? How	African oral traditions?
	as hip-hop adopted	What parallels are there between African oral traditions and anything
	nd reinterpreted the	comparable in the United States?
	ole of the griot?	As even more modern forms of technology spread throughout Africa,
	ow is the legacy of	what might their effect be on oral traditions?
	ne rich tradition of	6
	frican storytelling	
	ill relevant?	
	/hat can be learned	
	bout the inter-	
	onnectedness of	
	iasporan cultures by	
	xamining the stylistic,	
th	nematic, or structural	
pa	atterns of proverbs	
ar	nd stories?	

Classroom Application

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Materials/Student Resources:

- a. African proverbs and myths
- b. from Sundiata, an epic of Old Mali
- c. from Mules and Men* (Hurston)
- d. from *The Magic Orange Tree* (Haitian Folk Tales)

DVDS and other media:

African Playground (CD-Putumayo)

"Say It Loud-I'm Black and I'm Proud"- James Brown (YouTube)

"The Breaks" – Kurtis Blow (YouTube)

Databases through school media center:

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- JSTOR
- Literature Resource Center (GALE)
- NoveList Plus (EBSCO)
- Student Resources in Context
- World History-Ancient & Medieval Eras
- World History-The Modern Era

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Unit 2: Three Little BirdsThe Oral Tradition and African and African-American Folklore		
National	Grade Level Specific Standards as Student Objectives	
Core	for lesson work	Core Text Activities
Anchor	(Students will be able to)	
Standard		
	RI 1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to	STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO
College &	support analysis of what the text says explicitly as	1. Describe different forms of African American
Career	well as inferences drawn from the text, including	oral traditions and explain their different
Readiness	determining where the text leaves things	purposes (e.g., proverbs, folktales, epic
For	uncertain.	narratives, etc.).
Reading	RI 2. Analyze how multiple themes or central	2. Demonstrate basic understanding of how
Standards	ideas in a text interact, build on, and, in some	proverbs work in an African and an American
#1, 2, 4,	cases, conflict with one another.	context and identify parallels between African
5, 6, 7,	RL 5. Analyze how an author's choices concerning	and slave proverbs.
	how to structure a text shape the meaning in a	3. Explain how different types of music forms
College &	text.	were used (focusing on "call and response" and
Career	RI 7. Synthesize and apply multiple sources of	identify their different characteristics.
Readiness	information presented in different formats in	4. Describe similarities and identify connections
Speaking	order to address a question or solve a problem,	between African American and African oral
Standards	including resolving conflicting information.	traditions.
#1, 2, 4	RL 10. Read informational text independently,	5.Apply knowledge of African American oral and
	proficiently, and fluently; read texts at the high	folk traditions to analyzing and interpreting
College &	end of range with scaffolding as needed.	African American literature
Career	W1. Write arguments in which they a. Introduce a	
Readiness	substantive claim, establish its significance,	SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES/ASSESSMENT(S):
Writing	distinguish it from alternate or opposing claims,	A. 1. Have the students choose several
Standards	and create an organization so that claims, reasons	animals and among several morals (i.e.
#1, 2, 4,	, and evidence are purposefully and logically	being truthful, respectful or loyal) and
5, 7, 8, 9	sequenced,	motifs.
	b. Develop a claim and counterclaim thoroughly	2. Have them work in pairs or groups to
College &	and fairly, supplying the most relevant evidence,	develop an original folktale, rap, or folk
Career	while pointing out the strengths of their own	song incorporating the call and response
Readiness	claim and the weaknesses of the counterclaim,	technique.
Language	c. Use precise words, phrases, and complex	3. Have the students present their stories
Standards	syntax to make explicit the relationships between	to the class orally, while engaging the class
#1, 2, 3,	claims and reasons, between reasons and	in the call and response portion of their
4, 5, 6	evidence, and between claims and counterclaims.	story.
	d. Sustain an objective style and tone while	4. As a follow-up, invite the class to
	attending to the norms and conventions of the	evaluate their classmates by making
	specific discipline as well as to the audience's	connections to any African oral traditions
	knowledge, values, and possible biases, e. provide	they have encountered in the unit's
	a concluding statement or section that follows	readings.
	logically from the argument and offers a	
	reflection or recommendation.	B. Students will write an essay response in
		response to at least four of the short texts
	W4. Produce writing in which the organization,	in the unit, focusing on
	development, and substance and style are	1. Their significance in defining common

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	appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	cultural or other values between indigenous
	W5. Strengthen writing as needed by planning,	African cultures and African-American
	revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new	culture.
	approach, focusing on addressing what is most	2. Their interpretations of nature and man's
	significant for a specific purpose and audience.	role within it.
	W 7. Perform short, focused research projects	3. Their use of language, imagery,
	and more sustained research; synthesize multiple	symbolism etc.
	authoritative sources on a subject to answer a	<i>5</i> 7 <i>2</i>
	question or solve a problem.	
	W 8. Analyze evidence gathered from multiple	
	authoritative print and digital sources; assess the	
	credibility and accuracy of the information and its	
	usefulness and relevance for the specific task,	
	purpose, and audience; and integrate selected	
	· · ·	
	information into the text, following a standard format for citation.	
	SL 1. Initiate and participate effectively in group	
	discussion on grades 1112 topics, texts, and	
	issues being studied in class.	
	a. Prepare for discussions by distilling the evidence or information about the material under	
	study and explicitly draw on that preparation in	
	discussions,	
	b. Cooperate with peers to set clear goals and	
	deadlines, establish roles, and determine ground	
	rules for decision making,	
	c. Propel conversations forward by asking	
	questions that test the evidence and by sharing	
	findings that clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and	
	conclusions,	
	d. Summarize accurately the comments and	
	claims made on all sides of an issue and	
	determine what additional information, research,	
	and tasks are required for the team to complete	
	the task,	
	e. Evaluate whether the team has met its goals.	
	L1. Observe conventions of grammar and usage.	
	L2. Observe conventions of capitalization,	
	punctuation, and spelling	
	L3. Make effective language choices: Write and	
	edit work so that it conforms to the guidelines in	
	a style manual.	
College &	RL 1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to	
Career	support analysis of what the text says explicitly as	
Readiness	well as inferences drawn from the text, including	
For	determining where the text leaves things uncertain.	
Reading	RL 2. Analyze how multiple themes or central ideas	

Ctll.	to a feet to be used to see a second	
Standards	in a text interact, build on, and, in some cases,	
#1, 2, 4,	conflict with one another.	
5, 10	RL 3. Analyze the impact of the author's choices	
	regarding how to develop and relate elements of a	
College &	story or drama.	
Career	RL 5. Analyze how an author's choices concerning	
Readiness	how to structure a text shape the meaning in a text.	
Writing	RL 6. Analyze an author's use of satire, sarcasm,	
Standards	irony, understatement, or other means that	
	requires a reader to understand various layers of	
#1, 2, 4, 5	meaning in a text.	
	RL 10. Read literature independently, proficiently,	
College &	and fluently; read texts at the high end of range	
Career	with scaffolding as needed.	
Readiness	W1. Write arguments	
Speaking	W4. Produce writing in which the organization,	
Standards	development, and substance and style are	
#1, 4	appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	
,	W5. Strengthen writing as needed by planning,	
College &		
Career	revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new	
	approach, focusing on addressing what is most	
Readiness	significant for a specific purpose and audience.	
Language	SL 1. Initiate and participate effectively in group	
Standards	discussion on grades 1112 topics, texts, and issues	
#1, 2, 3,	being studied in class.	
4, 5, 6	a. Prepare for discussions by distilling the evidence	
	or information about the material under study and	
	explicitly draw on that preparation in discussions,	
	b. Cooperate with peers to set clear goals and	
	deadlines, establish roles, and determine ground	
	rules for decision making,	
	c. Propel conversations forward by asking questions	
	that test the evidence and by sharing findings that	
	clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions,	
	d. Summarize accurately the comments and claims	
	made on all sides of an issue and determine what	
	additional information, research, and tasks are	
	required for the team to complete the task,	
	e. Evaluate whether the team has met its goals.	
	L1. Observe conventions of grammar and usage.	
	L2. Observe conventions of capitalization,	
	punctuation, and spelling	
	L3. Make effective language choices: Write and edit	
	work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a style	
	manual.	
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Unit Three: Slave Driver--Slavery and Imperialism, A Common Bondage

Unit Overview: In this unit, students will read and analyze first-hand accounts of American slavery, alongside the works of contemporary African writers responding to the impact of colonialism. Students will explore how each of these historical phenomena has impacted the Diaspora culturally, socio-economically, and psychologically.

This unit also introduces the following skills:

- Unit vocabulary
- Reading and analysis of personal narrative for form and content.
- Introduction to rhetorical devices
- Writing an engaging personal narrative/practice college essay

F	:-1	Questions
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Who were Africans before the trans-Atlantic slave trade?

- What is "otherness" and how did it contribute to rationalizing slavery and colonialism, both of which were rooted in economics (not race)?
- How did Blacks come to internalize this "otherness", often resulting in a form of self-induced (mental) slavery?

Enduring Understandings

Group Discussions:

on Wheatley and Equiano Texts:

- Consider why Olaudah Equiano goes to such lengths to describe his life in Africa prior being taken captive aboard the slave ship. Why is this information crucial to both his narrative and to his own (and his audience's) sense of life in 18th Century West Africa?
- How might the poem "On Being Brought from Africa to America" reflect Phillis Wheatley's internalization of "otherness"? How might it simultaneously be interpreted as a mild protest against "otherness"?

Socratic Seminar Questions for No Longer At Ease:

- How does the novel reflect the tension between the English and Nigerians concerning the culture and traditions even near the end of the formal colonial period?
- Achebe emphasizes the fact that when Obi returns home from getting the "good" education in England, he has a hard time adjusting to certain changes. If you were to go away like Obi did and come back home to find that everything you've ever known has changed, how do you think you would react? Would you share the same feelings as Obi? Would it have the same impact on your life and culture?
- Nigerians feel that it is important to know one's heritage and to always be able to define one's ethnic culture. Why do you think they value their culture so highly? Do Americans value their culture in the same way? Is this different for minority and majority groups?

Classroom Application

Independent Reading/Research:

- Research using the Internet and a book so that a student reads both writing about and by the Journalistic Alter Ego
- Reading 3 chapter segments of Moving Violations in preparation for group discussions and presentations for whole class discussions
- Reading with different focus on Hockenberry's commentary on human nature in chapters 19-24 of Moving Violations

Materials/Student Resources:

- a. Poems (Phillis Wheatley, Frances Harper)
- b. Slave Songs (Spirituals)
- c. Personal narrative(s)/Nonfiction (Olaudah Equiano, Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Jacobs)
- d. Poetry/Short Stories (Wole Soyinka, Bessie Head, Nadine Gordimer etc.)
- e. Things Fall Apart and No Longer at Ease (Achebe)

Databases through school media center:

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- JSTOR
- Literature Resource Center (GALE)
- NoveList Plus (EBSCO)
- Student Resources in Context
- African-American History Online
- World History-Ancient & Medieval Eras
- World History-The Modern Era

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Unit Title:		
National	Grade Level Specific Standards as Student Objectives	
Core	for lesson work	Core Text Activities
Anchor	(Students will be able to)	
Standard		
	RI 1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to	Students will read No Longer at Ease
College &	support analysis of what the text says explicitly as	independently, while the shorter texts in the
Career	well as inferences drawn from the text, including	unit are read and examined mostly in class.
Readiness	determining where the text leaves things	Students will complete double-entry journals
For	uncertain.	to document their reading, which will
Reading	RI 2. Analyze how multiple themes or central ideas	culminate in one or more Socratic seminars.
Standards	in a text interact, build on, and, in some cases,	cammate in one of more sociatic seminars.
#1, 2, 4,	conflict with one another.	
5, 6, 7,	RL 5. Analyze how an author's choices concerning	
3, 0, 7,	how to structure a text shape the meaning in a	The suggested summative assessment for this
College &	text.	unit is a processed personal narrative, which
Career	RI 7. Synthesize and apply multiple sources of	can also be used as a practice college essay.
Readiness	information presented in different formats in	As students read and analyze the content and
Speaking	order to address a question or solve a problem,	structures of personal narratives from
Standards	including resolving conflicting information.	Equiano, Jacobs, Truth, and Douglass, they will
	RL 10. Read informational text independently,	develop the ability to:
#1, 2, 4	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1
Callaga	proficiently, and fluently; read texts at the high	1. Choose an appropriate, engaging, and
College & Career	end of range with scaffolding as needed.	unique topic for their essays.
Readiness	W1. Write arguments in which they a. Introduce a	2. Craft an opening that reflects on or recalls a
	substantive claim, establish its significance,	specific experience and motivates their
Writing	distinguish it from alternate or opposing claims,	audience to keep reading.
Standards	and create an organization so that claims, reasons,	3. Develop a focused argument on the
#1, 2, 4,	and evidence are purposefully and logically	edifying nature of the above experience.
5, 7, 8, 9	sequenced,	
Callaga	b. Develop a claim and counterclaim thoroughly	
College & Career	and fairly, supplying the most relevant evidence,	
	while pointing out the strengths of their own claim	
Readiness	and the weaknesses of the counterclaim,	
Language	c. Use precise words, phrases, and complex syntax	
Standards	to make explicit the relationships between claims	
#1, 2, 3,	and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and	
4, 5, 6	between claims and counterclaims.	
	d. Sustain an objective style and tone while	
	attending to the norms and conventions of the	
	specific discipline as well as to the audience's	
	knowledge, values, and possible biases, e. provide	
	a concluding statement or section that follows	
	logically from the argument and offers a reflection	
	or recommendation.	
	W4. Produce writing in which the organization,	
	development, and substance and style are	
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	appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	
College &	W5. Strengthen writing as needed by planning,	
Career	revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new	
Readiness	approach, focusing on addressing what is most	
For	significant for a specific purpose and audience.	
Reading	W 7. Perform short, focused research projects and	
Standards	more sustained research; synthesize multiple	
#1, 2, 4,	authoritative sources on a subject to answer a	
5, 10	question or solve a problem.	
3, 10	W 8. Analyze evidence gathered from multiple	
College &	, ,	
_	authoritative print and digital sources; assess the	
Career	credibility and accuracy of the information and its	
Readiness	usefulness and relevance for the specific task,	
Writing	purpose, and audience; and integrate selected	
Standards	information into the text, following a standard	
#1, 2, 4, 5	format for citation.	
	SL 1. Initiate and participate effectively in group	
College &	discussion on grades 1112 topics, texts, and	
Career	issues being studied in class.	
Readiness	a. Prepare for discussions by distilling the evidence	
Speaking	or information about the material under study and	
Standards	explicitly draw on that preparation in discussions,	
#1, 4	b. Cooperate with peers to set clear goals and	
	deadlines, establish roles, and determine ground	
College &	rules for decision making,	
Career	c. Propel conversations forward by asking	
Readiness	questions that test the evidence and by sharing	
Language	findings that clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and	
	conclusions,	
	d. Summarize accurately the comments and claims	
	made on all sides of an issue and determine what	
	additional information, research, and tasks are	
	required for the team to complete the task,	
	e. Evaluate whether the team has met its goals.	
	L1. Observe conventions of grammar and usage.	
	L2. Observe conventions of capitalization,	
	punctuation, and spelling	
#1, 2, 3,	L3. Make effective language choices: Write and	
4, 5, 6	edit work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a	
	style manual.	
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- RL 1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves things uncertain.
- RL 2. Analyze how multiple themes or central ideas in a text interact, build on, and, in some cases, conflict with one another.
- RL 3. Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story or drama.
- RL 5. Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text shape the meaning in a text.
- RL 6. Analyze an author's use of satire, sarcasm, irony, understatement, or other means that requires a reader to understand various layers of meaning in a text.
- RL 10. Read literature independently, proficiently, and fluently; read texts at the high end of range with scaffolding as needed.
- W1. Write arguments
- W4. Produce writing in which the organization, development, and substance and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- W5. Strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
- SL 1. Initiate and participate effectively in group discussion on grades 11--12 topics, texts, and issues being studied in class.
- a. Prepare for discussions by distilling the evidence or information about the material under study and explicitly draw on that preparation in discussions,
- b. Cooperate with peers to set clear goals and deadlines, establish roles, and determine ground rules for decision making,
- c. Propel conversations forward by asking questions that test the evidence and by sharing findings that clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions,
- d. Summarize accurately the comments and claims made on all sides of an issue and determine what additional information, research, and tasks are required for the team to complete the task,
- e. Evaluate whether the team has met its goals.

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L1. Observe conventions of grammar and usage.	
L2. Observe conventions of capitalization,	
punctuation, and spelling	
L3. Make effective language choices: Write and	
edit work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a	
style manual.	

Unit Four: Exodus - The Old Problems of The New Negro

Unit Overview:

Students will use the readings and other materials in this unit to explore African-American issues during in the 50-60 years immediately following the Emancipation Proclamation. These include the rise of violent racism and segregation, and the development of racial consciousness and pride in spite of these. Major figures of The Harlem Renaissance and the Franco-African Negritude Movements are featured here.

This unit also introduces the following skills:

- Unit vocabulary study
- Persuasive essay practice
- Close multi-genre analytical readings (essays, persuasive speech, poetry, short stories, novella, literature in translation)
- Text-supported class discussions

Essential Questions Enduring Understandings What was "The Great Group Discussions: Students will address the following questions, among Migration" and how others, via varying modes of discussion, including but not limited to did it change the face Socratic seminars, think-pair-shares, and fishbowls. • According to Locke, what was The Old Negro? How is The Negro of urban North? Why and how did the different? slavery issue develop • How is the central theme of Paul Laurence Dunbar's poem, "We Wear into the Negro the Mask" mirrored in part of Locke's essay? What has "renewed selfrespect and self-dependence" done to this figurative mask? problem? How did the legacy of • The question at the core of many of the readings in this unit is whether "otherness" affect to assimilate or agitate. How would you apply this statement to African self-Washington and DuBois's differing views on the path to black equality? • Passing and some of the stories in The Ways of White Folks seem to perceptions? Why are the first 30question the very notion of race. To what extent should we consider the 40 years of the 20th mixed racial heritages of the authors themselves when we study "passing" Century considered stories? such a cultural and • Until fairly recently, Hollywood has a history of showing little interest in literary turning point depicting Black stories on the big screen. Despite this, a number of films for African Americans about the "passing" phenomenon, including Imitation of Life, were and other Africans produced and often commercially successful. Why do you think the notion throughout the of "passing" was so fascinating to White America? Diaspora?

Classroom Application

Independent Reading/Research:

- Research using the Internet and a book so that a student reads both writing about and by the Journalistic Alter Ego
- Reading 3 chapter segments of Moving Violations in preparation for group discussions and presentations for whole class discussions
- Reading with different focus on Hockenberry's commentary on human nature in chapters 19-24 of Moving Violations

Materials/Student Resources:

- _a. "On Mr. Booker T. Washington and Others" (DuBois)
- b. "The Atlanta Exposition Address" (Washington)
- b. Poetry: Dunbar, Hughes, J.W. Johnson, Cullen, McKay, Senghor(Senegal),Cesaire (Martinique) et. al.
- c. The Ways of White Folks (Hughes)
- d. from "The New Negro" (Locke)
- e. Passing (Larsen)

DVDS and Other Media:

from Imitation of Life (1959-Douglas Sirk)

"I'm Livin' in Shame" (The Supremes-1969)

Databases through school media center:

- Bloom's Literary Reference Center (FoF)
- JSTOR
- African-American History
- Literature Resource Center (GALE)
- NoveList Plus (EBSCO)
- Student Resources in Context
- World History-Ancient & Medieval Eras
- World History-The Modern Era

Unit Title:	The African Diaspor	
National	Grade Level Specific Standards as Student Objectives	
Core	for lesson work	Core Text Activities
Anchor	(Students will be able to)	
Standard		
	RI 1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to	
College &	support analysis of what the text says explicitly as	Students will be able to read and/or analyze
Career	well as inferences drawn from the text, including	works from a variety of genres in this unit,
Readiness	determining where the text leaves things	encompassing:
For	uncertain.	1. Essays (DuBois and Locke)
Reading	RI 2. Analyze how multiple themes or central ideas	2. Speech (Washington)
Standards	in a text interact, build on, and, in some cases,	3. Short stories (Hughes)
#1, 2, 4,	conflict with one another.	5. Poetry (Various Poets)
5, 6, 7,	RL 5. Analyze how an author's choices concerning	6. Novella (Larsen)
	how to structure a text shape the meaning in a	7. Film
College &	text.	8. Music
Career	RI 7. Synthesize and apply multiple sources of	
Readiness	information presented in different formats in	SUGGESTED SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT:
Speaking	order to address a question or solve a problem,	Students will be able to."synthesize and apply
Standards	including resolving conflicting information.	multiple sources of information presented in
#1, 2, 4	RL 10. Read informational text independently,	different formats in order to address a question
	proficiently, and fluently; read texts at the high	or solve a problem, including resolving
College &	end of range with scaffolding as needed.	conflicting information" in the form of a text-
Career	W1. Write arguments in which they a. Introduce a	supported persuasive essay which will ask them
Readiness	substantive claim, establish its significance,	to consider to what extent any three of the
Writing	distinguish it from alternate or opposing claims,	readings or other materials in the unit support
Standards	and create an organization so that claims, reasons,	the Black assimilation into mainstream
#1, 2, 4,	and evidence are purposefully and logically	American culture or agitation against it.
5, 7, 8, 9	sequenced,	
Collogo 9	b. Develop a claim and counterclaim thoroughly	
College & Career	and fairly, supplying the most relevant evidence,	
Readiness	while pointing out the strengths of their own claim	
Language	and the weaknesses of the counterclaim,	
Standards	c. Use precise words, phrases, and complex syntax	
#1, 2, 3,	to make explicit the relationships between claims	
4, 5, 6	and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and	
7, 3, 0	between claims and counterclaims.	
	d. Sustain an objective style and tone while	
	attending to the norms and conventions of the	
	specific discipline as well as to the audience's	
	knowledge, values, and possible biases, e. provide	
	a concluding statement or section that follows	
	logically from the argument and offers a reflection	
	or recommendation.	
	WA Produce writing in which the organization	
	W4. Produce writing in which the organization,	
	development, and substance and style are	

	appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	
	W5. Strengthen writing as needed by planning,	
	revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new	
	approach, focusing on addressing what is most	
	significant for a specific purpose and audience.	
	W 7. Perform short, focused research projects and	
	more sustained research; synthesize multiple	
	authoritative sources on a subject to answer a	
	question or solve a problem.	
	W 8. Analyze evidence gathered from multiple	
	authoritative print and digital sources; assess the	
	credibility and accuracy of the information and its	
	usefulness and relevance for the specific task,	
	purpose, and audience; and integrate selected	
	information into the text, following a standard format for citation.	
	SL 1. Initiate and participate effectively in group discussion on grades 1112 topics, texts, and	
	issues being studied in class.	
	a. Prepare for discussions by distilling the evidence	
	or information about the material under study and	
	explicitly draw on that preparation in discussions,	
	b. Cooperate with peers to set clear goals and	
	deadlines, establish roles, and determine ground	
	rules for decision making,	
	c. Propel conversations forward by asking	
	questions that test the evidence and by sharing	
	findings that clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and	
	conclusions,	
	d. Summarize accurately the comments and claims	
	made on all sides of an issue and determine what	
	additional information, research, and tasks are	
	required for the team to complete the task,	
	e. Evaluate whether the team has met its goals.	
	L1. Observe conventions of grammar and usage.	
	L2. Observe conventions of capitalization,	
	punctuation, and spelling	
	L3. Make effective language choices: Write and	
	edit work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a	
	style manual.	
College &	RL 1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to	
Career	support analysis of what the text says explicitly as	
Readiness	well as inferences drawn from the text, including	
For	determining where the text leaves things uncertain.	
Reading	RL 2. Analyze how multiple themes or central ideas in	
Standards	a text interact, build on, and, in some cases, conflict	

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#1, 2, 4,	with one another.	
5, 10	RL 3. Analyze the impact of the author's choices	
	regarding how to develop and relate elements of a	
College &	story or drama.	
Career	RL 5. Analyze how an author's choices concerning	
Readiness	how to structure a text shape the meaning in a text.	
Writing	RL 6. Analyze an author's use of satire, sarcasm,	
Standards	irony, understatement, or other means that requires	
	a reader to understand various layers of meaning in a	
#1, 2, 4, 5	text.	
l	RL 10. Read literature independently, proficiently,	
College &	and fluently; read texts at the high end of range with	
Career	scaffolding as needed.	
Readiness	W1. Write arguments	
Speaking	W4. Produce writing in which the organization,	
Standards	development, and substance and style are	
#1, 4	appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	
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College &	W5. Strengthen writing as needed by planning,	
Career	revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach,	
	focusing on addressing what is most significant for a	
Readiness	specific purpose and audience.	
Language	SL 1. Initiate and participate effectively in group	
Standards	discussion on grades 1112 topics, texts, and issues	
#1, 2, 3,	being studied in class.	
4, 5, 6	a. Prepare for discussions by distilling the evidence or	
	information about the material under study and	
	explicitly draw on that preparation in discussions,	
	b. Cooperate with peers to set clear goals and	
	deadlines, establish roles, and determine ground	
	rules for decision making,	
	c. Propel conversations forward by asking questions	
	that test the evidence and by sharing findings that	
	clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions,	
	d. Summarize accurately the comments and claims	
	made on all sides of an issue and determine what	
	additional information, research, and tasks are	
	required for the team to complete the task,	
	e. Evaluate whether the team has met its goals.	
	L1. Observe conventions of grammar and usage.	
	L2. Observe conventions of capitalization,	
	punctuation, and spelling	
	L3. Make effective language choices: Write and edit	
	work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a style	
	manual.	
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Unit Five: Redemption Songs-Linking the African Literary and Musical Legacies

Unit Overview:

This unit examines the vital role of music in African Cultures in general, as well as its use as a means of social protest and empowerment. The core of this unit is a research project on the Blues and other types of modern protest music throughout the Diaspora.

This unit also introduces the following skills:

- Unit vocabulary
- Close readings and analysis of texts for atmosphere, mood, diction, and various poetic devices.
- Development of research and library skills.
- Development of multi-media presentation skills.

Essential Questions

Why is music such a vital part of African cultures?

- What defines the Blues and why is it such an important African-American art form?
- How has Black music helped to define American culture in general?
- How does the theme of musical/artistic misappropriation function both literally and figuratively in this unit?
- How has music contributed to the empowerment of Africans throughout the Diaspora?

Enduring Understandings

Group Discussions: Students will address the following questions, among others, via varying modes of discussion, including but not limited to Socratic seminars, think-pair-shares, and fishbowls.

"1955" Topics/Questions:

- 1. Gracie Mae and Traynor are thinly-veiled fictional versions of real(famous) people, however they also symbolize broader American societal ills. How so?
- 2. The story begins in 1955 and ends in 1977. Consider the significance of these dates, as well as those in between.
- 3. Consider how the different fates of Traynor and Gracie Mae suggest that there are two different definitions of success in America. What are they? Which character does Walker suggest is more successful?

Ma Rainey's Black Bottom Topics/Questions:

Is Ma Rainey a feminist character? Why or why not?

• Power plays a big role in Ma Rainey's Black Bottom. Who really has the power at each point in the play, and how do they get

it? What 'power plays' are made throughout the story, and are they successful?

- Ma believes that "only black people understand the blues." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- Ma's band members have difficulty communicating with one another. If you had to analyze and solve their communication problems, what would you recommend?
- Many of the characters, including Levee, Slow Drag and Toledo, tell personal stories throughout the play that have little to

do with the actual plot. What purpose does this serve, and why did Wilson include it?

• What is the significance of attire in the play (for example,

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Levee's shoes)?

• Music is used as a way to encapsulate a culture and a time period in the play. Describe a time when modern music accomplished this in your life, and explain why it was able to do so.

Classroom Application

Independent Reading/Research:

- Research using the Internet and a book so that a student reads both writing about and by the Journalistic Alter Ego
- Reading 3 chapter segments of Moving Violations in preparation for group discussions and presentations for whole class discussions
- Reading with different focus on Hockenberry's commentary on human nature in chapters 19-24 of Moving Violations

Materials/Student Resources:

- Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* (Wilson)
- "Sonny's Blues" (Baldwin)
- "1955" (Walker)

DVDS and Other Media:

Music by Billie Holiday, Bob Marley, Miriam Makeba, Fela Kuti, Duke Ellington, and various Blues, Jazz, and Rock 'n Roll artists.

Databases through school media center:

- Bloom's Literary Reference Center (FoF)
- JSTOR
- Literature Resource Center (GALE)
- NoveList Plus (EBSCO)
- Student Resources in Context
- World History-Ancient & Medieval Eras
- World History-The Modern Era African-American History

SOURCES:

http://flushinghighschool.enschool.org/ourpages/auto/2012/2/1/40718867/Ma Raineys Study G uide - Final.pdf

Unit Title:			
National	Grade Level Specific Standards as Student Objectives		
Core	for lesson work	Core Text Activities	
Anchor	(Students will be able to)		
Standard			
	RI 1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to		
College &	support analysis of what the text says explicitly as	SUGGESTED SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT:	
Career	well as inferences drawn from the text, including		
Readiness	determining where the text leaves things	Redemption Song Wiki Project	
For	uncertain.		
Reading	RI 2. Analyze how multiple themes or central ideas	Students will be able to:	
Standards	in a text interact, build on, and, in some cases,	Use research databases and other CHS Library	
#1, 2, 4,	conflict with one another.	resources to conduct research on the work,	
5, 6, 7,	RL 5. Analyze how an author's choices concerning	life, and times of recording artists and	
	how to structure a text shape the meaning in a	musicians throughout the African Diaspora	
College &	text.	who	
Career	RI 7. Synthesize and apply multiple sources of	A. pioneered the Blues	
Readiness	information presented in different formats in	OR	
Speaking	order to address a question or solve a problem,	B. used music to effect social change.	
Standards	including resolving conflicting information.		
#1, 2, 4	RL 10. Read informational text independently,	The project will encompass both guided and	
	proficiently, and fluently; read texts at the high	independent research and will take place over	
College &	end of range with scaffolding as needed.	approximately four weeks.	
Career	W1. Write arguments in which they a. Introduce a		
Readiness	substantive claim, establish its significance,	The project will culminate in each student's	
Writing	distinguish it from alternate or opposing claims,	creation of an online wiki page that will consist	
Standards	and create an organization so that claims, reasons	of the following components:	
#1, 2, 4,	, and evidence are purposefully and logically		
5, 7, 8, 9	sequenced,	A well-documented student created	
Callaga 9	b. Develop a claim and counterclaim thoroughly	fictional "memoir" of the artist/musician,	
College &	and fairly, supplying the most relevant evidence,	based on the student's thorough research of	
Career	while pointing out the strengths of their own claim	his/her life and times. (30 POINTS)	
Readiness	and the weaknesses of the counterclaim,	2. An analytical discography containing at least	
Language	c. Use precise words, phrases, and complex syntax	five of the artist's pivotal songs or musical	
Standards	to make explicit the relationships between claims	pieces, accompanied by links to music	
#1, 2, 3,	and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and	samples.	
4, 5, 6	between claims and counterclaims.	(30 POINTS)	
	d. Sustain an objective style and tone while	3. A creatively composed 9x12 three-	
	attending to the norms and conventions of the	dimensional quilt panel representing the artist	
	specific discipline as well as to the audience's	and his/her work, composed using previously-	
	knowledge, values, and possible biases, e. provide	researched traditional American quilt pattern	
	a concluding statement or section that follows	templates. (20 POINTS)	
	logically from the argument and offers a reflection	3. Constructive and substantive student	
	or recommendation.	feedback and interaction via the Comments	
		section of individual pages. (20 POINTS)	
	W4. Produce writing in which the organization,		
	development, and substance and style are		

	appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	
	W5. Strengthen writing as needed by planning,	
	revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new	
	approach, focusing on addressing what is most	
	significant for a specific purpose and audience.	
	W 7. Perform short, focused research projects and	
	more sustained research; synthesize multiple	
	authoritative sources on a subject to answer a	
	question or solve a problem.	
	W 8. Analyze evidence gathered from multiple	
	authoritative print and digital sources; assess the	
	credibility and accuracy of the information and its	
	usefulness and relevance for the specific task,	
	purpose, and audience; and integrate selected	
	information into the text, following a standard	
	format for citation.	
	SL 1. Initiate and participate effectively in group	
	discussion on grades 1112 topics, texts, and	
	issues being studied in class.	
	a. Prepare for discussions by distilling the evidence	
	or information about the material under study and	
	explicitly draw on that preparation in discussions,	
	b. Cooperate with peers to set clear goals and	
	deadlines, establish roles, and determine ground	
	rules for decision making,	
	c. Propel conversations forward by asking	
	questions that test the evidence and by sharing	
	findings that clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and	
	conclusions,	
	d. Summarize accurately the comments and claims	
	made on all sides of an issue and determine what	
	additional information, research, and tasks are	
	required for the team to complete the task,	
	e. Evaluate whether the team has met its goals.	
	L1. Observe conventions of grammar and usage.	
	L2. Observe conventions of capitalization,	
	punctuation, and spelling	
	L3. Make effective language choices: Write and	
	edit work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a	
0.11.0	style manual.	
College &	RL 1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to	
Career	support analysis of what the text says explicitly as	
Readiness	well as inferences drawn from the text, including	
For	determining where the text leaves things uncertain.	
Reading	RL 2. Analyze how multiple themes or central ideas	
Standards	in a text interact, build on, and, in some cases,	
#1, 2, 4,	conflict with one another.	
	RL 3. Analyze the impact of the author's choices	

5, 10	regarding how to develop and relate elements of a	
3, 10	story or drama.	
Callaga	RL 5. Analyze how an author's choices concerning	
College &	how to structure a text shape the meaning in a text.	
Career		
Readiness	RL 6. Analyze an author's use of satire, sarcasm,	
Writing	irony, understatement, or other means that requires	
Standards	a reader to understand various layers of meaning in	
#1, 2, 4, 5	a text.	
, _, ., .	RL 10. Read literature independently, proficiently,	
College &	and fluently; read texts at the high end of range with	
_	scaffolding as needed.	
Career	W1. Write arguments	
Readiness	W4. Produce writing in which the organization,	
Speaking	development, and substance and style are	
Standards	appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	
#1, 4	W5. Strengthen writing as needed by planning,	
	revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach,	
College &	focusing on addressing what is most significant for a	
Career		
Readiness	specific purpose and audience.	
	SL 1. Initiate and participate effectively in group	
Language	discussion on grades 1112 topics, texts, and issues	
Standards	being studied in class.	
#1, 2, 3,	a. Prepare for discussions by distilling the evidence	
4, 5, 6	or information about the material under study and	
	explicitly draw on that preparation in discussions,	
	b. Cooperate with peers to set clear goals and	
	deadlines, establish roles, and determine ground	
	rules for decision making,	
	c. Propel conversations forward by asking questions	
	that test the evidence and by sharing findings that	
	clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions,	
	d. Summarize accurately the comments and claims	
	made on all sides of an issue and determine what	
	additional information, research, and tasks are	
	required for the team to complete the task,	
	e. Evaluate whether the team has met its goals.	
	L1. Observe conventions of grammar and usage.	
	L2. Observe conventions of grammar and usage.	
	punctuation, and spelling	
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	L3. Make effective language choices: Write and edit	
	work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a style	
	manual.	

Unit Six: Get Up, Stand Up-Voices of Black Power and Protest

Unit Overview:

This unit explores and examines the ideas and language that both shaped and defined the black freedom, equality, and protest movements of the 1950s to the 1970s.

This unit also introduces the following skills:

- Unit vocabulary
- Students will be introduced to a comprehensive list of rhetorical devices, which they will learn be able to identify and analyze within the contexts of the readings in this unit.
- Students will learn to recognize and analyze the use of irony, tone, diction, and pacing in persuasive speaking/writing.
- Students will be (re)introduced to satire and its elements.

Essential Questions Enduring Understandings How does the literature of the Civil Rights Era and the Group Discussions: Students will address the following questions, **Black Power movements** among others, via varying modes of discussion, including but not reflect the often conflicting limited to Socratic seminars, think-pair-shares, and fishbowls. ideologies of Civil Rights leaders? "Letter from Birmingham Jail" How did the power of • What guarantees in the First Amendment are relevant to King's rhetoric and oratory protest actions? Explain why. contribute to the Civil Rights and Black Power • When King refers to "constitutional and God-given rights," what movements? do you think he means? How is satire often one of the most effective tools for What did King hope to accomplish by demonstrating publicly? social criticism? • King writes that he has "no alternative" but to demonstrate. Explain why he reached that conclusion. Instead of demonstrations, what alternatives would his critics have recommended? • Conflicts of values are inevitable. What are some of the values that were confronted in civil rights protests? Which of King's values were in conflict with values of those who criticized him? • In the face of large demonstrations, what were the legal responsibilities of the Birmingham police? How can police tell the difference between lawful protest and unruly or dangerous gatherings? • King gives direct evidence for "unavoidable impatience." What are his examples?

According to King, what is a "just law"? an "unjust law"?

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	What laws and social conditions did King want to change?	
	• According to King, what is a "moderate"? What is an "extremist"?	
	• Use these four questions for a more in-depth study of King's use of language.	
	• Consider King's audience. Why was it important for King to include the churches' response to the freedom movement and biblical allusions?	
	• Which shared values did King use to convince his critics of the rightness of his position?	
	• How was his argument strengthened through references to St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas and Martin Buber?	
	• In addition to concrete language, King uses allusion and figurative language. Where is his use of allusion most persuasive? Where is his use of allusion most persuasive? What rhetorical devices do you consider to be most effective?	

Classroom Application

Independent Reading/Research:

- Research using the Internet and a book so that a student reads both writing about and by the Journalistic Alter Ego
- Reading 3 chapter segments of Moving Violations in preparation for group discussions and presentations for whole class discussions
- Reading with different focus on Hockenberry's commentary on human nature in chapters 19-24 of Moving Violations

Materials/Student Resources:

- a. from Invisible Man (Ellison)
- b. Poetry and Short Stories (Amiri Baraka, Sonia Sanchez, Nikki Giovanni, Toni Morrison, Gwendolyn Brooks, Alice Walker, Gil Scott-Heron, Public Enemy)
- c. from The Fire Next Time (Baldwin)
- e. "Letter from Birmingham Jail" (MLK)
- f. "The Ballot or the Bullet" (Malcolm X)

DVDS and Other Media:

Angela Davis: Revolutionary Politics and Radical Connections(PBS)

Malcolm X: Black Nationalism (PBS)

Databases through school media center:

- Bloom's Literary Reference Center (FoF)
- African-American History
- JSTOR
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- World History-Ancient & Medieval Eras: World History-The Modern Era

SOURCES:

1. http://vitalnj.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/49df991d-9696-4ea0-a3a3-662bf1c36577/angela-davis-revolutionary-politics-and-radical-connections/

http://video.pbs.org/video/2190591468/

http://vitalnj.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/iml04.soc.ush.civil.malc1/malcolm-x-black-nationalism/

Unit Title:		
National Core Anchor Standard	Grade Level Specific Standards as Student Objectives for lesson work (Students will be able to)	Core Text Activities
College & Career Readiness For Reading Standards #1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, College & Career Readiness Speaking Standards #1, 2, 4 College & Career Readiness Writing Standards #1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 College & Career Readiness Language Standards #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	RI 1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves things uncertain. RI 2. Analyze how multiple themes or central ideas in a text interact, build on, and, in some cases, conflict with one another. RL 5. Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text shape the meaning in a text. RI 7. Synthesize and apply multiple sources of information presented in different formats in order to address a question or solve a problem, including resolving conflicting information. RL 10. Read informational text independently, proficiently, and fluently; read texts at the high end of range with scaffolding as needed. W1. Write arguments in which they a. Introduce a substantive claim, establish its significance, distinguish it from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization so that claims, reasons, and evidence are purposefully and logically sequenced, b. Develop a claim and counterclaim thoroughly and fairly, supplying the most relevant evidence, while pointing out the strengths of their own claim and the weaknesses of the counterclaim, c. Use precise words, phrases, and complex syntax to make explicit the relationships between claims and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claims and counterclaims. d. Sustain an objective style and tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the specific discipline as well as to the audience's knowledge, values, and possible biases, e. provide a concluding statement or section that follows logically from the argument and offers a reflection or recommendation.	"Letter from Birmingham Jail" and "The Ballot or the Bullet" Pretend you are living in 1963. Write a letter to the editor of the Birmingham Post-Herald or a newspaper of choice. Write an essay comparing and contrasting King's use of concrete and metaphoric language with Malcolm X's "The Ballot or the Bullet". In an essay, describe the rhetorical purpose of King's letter and analyze its stylistic and persuasive devices. To what extent are King and Malcolm X using different words and images to convey a similar message? Write a well-researched column/editorial relating one of the issues or ideas raised by King to contemporary society or a current event (e.g. Trayvon Martin).
	development, and substance and style are	

	appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	
	W5. Strengthen writing as needed by planning,	
	revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new	
	approach, focusing on addressing what is most	
	significant for a specific purpose and audience.	
	W 7. Perform short, focused research projects and	
	more sustained research; synthesize multiple	
	authoritative sources on a subject to answer a	
	question or solve a problem.	
	W 8. Analyze evidence gathered from multiple	
	authoritative print and digital sources; assess the	
	credibility and accuracy of the information and its	
	usefulness and relevance for the specific task,	
	purpose, and audience; and integrate selected	
	information into the text, following a standard	
	format for citation.	
	SL 1. Initiate and participate effectively in group	
	discussion on grades 1112 topics, texts, and	
	issues being studied in class.	
	a. Prepare for discussions by distilling the evidence	
	or information about the material under study and	
	explicitly draw on that preparation in discussions,	
	b. Cooperate with peers to set clear goals and	
	deadlines, establish roles, and determine ground	
	rules for decision making,	
	c. Propel conversations forward by asking	
	questions that test the evidence and by sharing	
	findings that clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and	
	conclusions,	
	d. Summarize accurately the comments and claims	
	made on all sides of an issue and determine what	
	additional information, research, and tasks are	
	required for the team to complete the task,	
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	e. Evaluate whether the team has met its goals.	
	L1. Observe conventions of grammar and usage.	
	L2. Observe conventions of capitalization,	
	punctuation, and spelling	
	L3. Make effective language choices: Write and	
	edit work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a	
0 11 0	style manual.	
College &	RL 1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to	
Career	support analysis of what the text says explicitly as	
Readiness	well as inferences drawn from the text, including	
For	determining where the text leaves things uncertain.	
Reading	RL 2. Analyze how multiple themes or central ideas in	
Standards	a text interact, build on, and, in some cases, conflict	
#1, 2, 4,	with one another.	
	RL 3. Analyze the impact of the author's choices	

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5, 10	regarding how to develop and relate elements of a	
	story or drama.	
College &	RL 5. Analyze how an author's choices concerning	
Career	how to structure a text shape the meaning in a text.	
Readiness	RL 6. Analyze an author's use of satire, sarcasm,	
Writing	irony, understatement, or other means that requires	
Standards	a reader to understand various layers of meaning in a	
#1, 2, 4, 5	text.	
#1, 2, 4, 3	RL 10. Read literature independently, proficiently,	
6 II 0	and fluently; read texts at the high end of range with	
College &	scaffolding as needed.	
Career	W1. Write arguments	
Readiness	W4. Produce writing in which the organization,	
Speaking	development, and substance and style are	
Standards	appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	
#1, 4	W5. Strengthen writing as needed by planning,	
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College &	revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach,	
Career	focusing on addressing what is most significant for a	
Readiness	specific purpose and audience.	
	SL 1. Initiate and participate effectively in group	
Language	discussion on grades 1112 topics, texts, and issues	
Standards	being studied in class.	
#1, 2, 3,	a. Prepare for discussions by distilling the evidence or	
4, 5, 6	information about the material under study and	
	explicitly draw on that preparation in discussions,	
	b. Cooperate with peers to set clear goals and	
	deadlines, establish roles, and determine ground	
	rules for decision making,	
	c. Propel conversations forward by asking questions	
	that test the evidence and by sharing findings that	
	clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions,	
	d. Summarize accurately the comments and claims	
	made on all sides of an issue and determine what	
	additional information, research, and tasks are	
	required for the team to complete the task,	
	e. Evaluate whether the team has met its goals.	
	L1. Observe conventions of grammar and usage.	
	L2. Observe conventions of capitalization,	
	punctuation, and spelling	
	L3. Make effective language choices: Write and edit	
	work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a style	
	manual.	

Unit Seven: No Woman, No Cry- Cross Cultural Womanist Voices

Unit Overview:

In this unit, students will read at least two novels by contemporary women writers, one African, and one African-American. The core texts are Sula by Toni Morrison and either Purple Hibiscus (Adichie) or The Joys of Motherhood (Emecheta). Students will read one novel independently and the other in class.

This unit also introduces the following skills:

- Unit vocabulary
- Close reading and analysis of text
- (Re)introduction to and examination of satire, irony, magical realism, symbolism
- Expository essay practice

Essential Questions

How are black women's roles defined by their relationships with black men and by the broader world that often

- controls black men?
- How is DuBois's concept of a "double consciousness" become even more complex/problematic when it is applied to Black women?
- Where and how do the life experiences of women throughout the diaspora converge and diverge?
- How is a woman's journey to selfrealization defined in this unit's readings?

Enduring Understandings

Group Discussions: Students will address the following questions/topics, among others, via varying modes of discussion, including but not limited to Socratic seminars, think-pair-shares, and fishbowls.

- How does Sula force readers to put aside their conventional expectations and to enter a complex fictional (perhaps mythical)world?
- Consider how the novel portrays evil as perhaps good and vice versa.
- How do murder and self-mutilation become acts of love?
- Why aren't there simple answers to ordinary human problems?
- How do Nel and Sula function as literary foils? We are obviously supposed to view one in light of the other, yet the novel's title is Sula. Why?
- Ultimately, what is the definition of African-American womanhood as presented in this novel. Consider all of the women in the novel as a whole in your response.

Classroom Application

Independent Reading/Research:

- Research using the Internet and a book so that a student reads both writing about and by the Journalistic Alter Ego
- Reading 3 chapter segments of Moving Violations in preparation for group discussions and presentations for whole class discussions
- Reading with different focus on Hockenberry's commentary on human nature in chapters 19-24 of Moving Violations

Materials/Student Resources:

- a. Sula (Morrison)
- b. Purple Hibiscus* (Adichie)
- c. The Joys of Motherhood (Emecheta)

DVDS and Other Media:

"Four Women" by Nina Simone (via YouTube)

Databases through school media center:

- Bloom's Literary Reference Center (FoF)
- African-American History
- JSTOR
- Literature Resource Center (GALE)
- NoveList Plus (EBSCO)
- Student Resources in Context
- World History-Ancient & Medieval Eras
- World History-The Modern Era

SOURCES:

 $\frac{http://www.viterbo.edu/uploadedFiles/academics/letters/english/Discussion\%20Notes\%20for\%20}{Sula.pdf}$

Unit Title:		
National	Grade Level Specific Standards as Student Objectives	
Core	for lesson work	Core Text Activities
Anchor	(Students will be able to)	
Standard		
Callaga 0	RI 1. Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to	
College &	support analysis of what the text says explicitly as	Students will read <i>Sula</i> by Toni Morrison as a
Career Readiness	well as inferences drawn from the text, including	class text and choose either <i>Purple Hibiscus</i> by
For	determining where the text leaves things	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie or The Joys of
Reading	uncertain.	Motherhood by Buchi Emecheta as
Standards	RI 2. Analyze how multiple themes or central ideas	supplementary texts.
#1, 2, 4,	in a text interact, build on, and, in some cases,	
5, 6, 7,	conflict with one another.	For Sula, Students will be able to
3, 0, 7,	RL 5. Analyze how an author's choices concerning	1. Cite text to recognize and analyze the major
College &	how to structure a text shape the meaning in a	themes, symbols and motifs in the novel,
Career	text.	especially the themes of deception and duality.
Readiness	RI 7. Synthesize and apply multiple sources of	2. Analyze Morrison's use of the novel's
Speaking	information presented in different formats in	structure to emphasize its major themes.
Standards	order to address a question or solve a problem,	3. Examine her copious use of Biblical allusions
#1, 2, 4	including resolving conflicting information.	And Biblical names for symbolic purposes.
, _, .	RL 10. Read informational text independently, proficiently, and fluently; read texts at the high	4. Develop strong claims, supported with text
College &	end of range with scaffolding as needed.	about what the novel ultimately says about African-American womanhood.
Career	W1. Write arguments in which they a. Introduce a	Afficali-Afficiali Wolfiafillood.
Readiness	substantive claim, establish its significance,	After reading Sula, students will work in
Writing	distinguish it from alternate or opposing claims,	literature circles, based upon their chosen
Standards	and create an organization so that claims, reasons	secondary text for the purpose of comparing
#1, 2, 4,	, and evidence are purposefully and logically	and contrasting <i>Sula</i> with their secondary
5, 7, 8, 9	sequenced,	novel.
	b. Develop a claim and counterclaim thoroughly	
College &	and fairly, supplying the most relevant evidence,	For this part of the unit, students will be able
Career	while pointing out the strengths of their own	to:
Readiness	claim and the weaknesses of the counterclaim,	1. Read a novel and interpret a chosen novel
Language	c. Use precise words, phrases, and complex syntax	independently and apply the ideas of that
Standards	to make explicit the relationships between claims	novel to our collective reading of Sula.
#1, 2, 3,	and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and	2. Cite strong evidence from their independent
4, 5, 6	between claims and counterclaims.	text to support assertions on how the women
	d. Sustain an objective style and tone while	characters from the primary novel compare
	attending to the norms and conventions of the	and contrast with those in their secondary
	specific discipline as well as to the audience's	novel.
	knowledge, values, and possible biases, e. provide	3. Develop strong claims to support how each
	a concluding statement or section that follows	novel and its author ultimately define black
	logically from the argument and offers a reflection	womanhood.
	or recommendation.	
		SUGGESTED SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT:
	W4. Produce writing in which the organization,	In an expository essay, develop and support an
	development, and substance and style are	argument about what the differences in the

	appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	definitions in #3 above might suggest about the
	W5. Strengthen writing as needed by planning,	roles/expectations of black women in Africa
	revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new	versus the United States.
	approach, focusing on addressing what is most	
	significant for a specific purpose and audience.	
	W 7. Perform short, focused research projects and	
	more sustained research; synthesize multiple	
	authoritative sources on a subject to answer a	
	question or solve a problem.	
	W 8. Analyze evidence gathered from multiple	
	authoritative print and digital sources; assess the	
	credibility and accuracy of the information and its	
	usefulness and relevance for the specific task,	
	purpose, and audience; and integrate selected	
	information into the text, following a standard	
	format for citation.	
	SL 1. Initiate and participate effectively in group	
	discussion on grades 1112 topics, texts, and	
	issues being studied in class.	
	a. Prepare for discussions by distilling the	
	evidence or information about the material under	
	study and explicitly draw on that preparation in	
	discussions,	
	b. Cooperate with peers to set clear goals and	
	deadlines, establish roles, and determine ground	
	rules for decision making,	
	c. Propel conversations forward by asking	
	questions that test the evidence and by sharing	
	findings that clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and	
	conclusions,	
	d. Summarize accurately the comments and claims	
	made on all sides of an issue and determine what	
	additional information, research, and tasks are	
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Readiness	well as inferences drawn from the text, including	
For	determining where the text leaves things uncertain.	
Reading	RL 2. Analyze how multiple themes or central ideas	
Standards	in a text interact, build on, and, in some cases,	
		

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#1, 2, 4,	conflict with one another.	
5, 10	RL 3. Analyze the impact of the author's choices	
	regarding how to develop and relate elements of a	
College &	story or drama.	
Career	RL 5. Analyze how an author's choices concerning	
Readiness	how to structure a text shape the meaning in a text.	
Writing	RL 6. Analyze an author's use of satire, sarcasm,	
Standards	irony, understatement, or other means that requires	
	a reader to understand various layers of meaning in	
#1, 2, 4, 5	a text.	
	RL 10. Read literature independently, proficiently,	
College &	and fluently; read texts at the high end of range with	
Career	scaffolding as needed.	
Readiness	W1. Write arguments	
Speaking		
Standards	W4. Produce writing in which the organization,	
#1, 4	development, and substance and style are	
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Collogo	W5. Strengthen writing as needed by planning,	
College &	revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach,	
Career	focusing on addressing what is most significant for a	
Readiness	specific purpose and audience.	
Language	SL 1. Initiate and participate effectively in group	
Standards	discussion on grades 1112 topics, texts, and issues	
#1, 2, 3,	being studied in class.	
4, 5, 6	a. Prepare for discussions by distilling the evidence	
	or information about the material under study and	
	explicitly draw on that preparation in discussions,	
	b. Cooperate with peers to set clear goals and	
	deadlines, establish roles, and determine ground	
	rules for decision making,	
	c. Propel conversations forward by asking questions	
	that test the evidence and by sharing findings that	
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	manual.	_

Student Texts/Teacher Resources:

All trade books are listed below. Shorter texts, excerpts from longer texts, and teacher resources may be sourced from any of the following anthologies:

- 1. Black African Voices, Edited by James E. Miller et al. (Scott, Foresman and Company, 2003)- This is an existing and adopted text which is currently of the bookroom shelf.
- 2. The Prentice Hall Anthology of African-American Literature, Edited by Rochelle Smith and Sharon Hall (Prentice Hall, 2000).
- 3. African Roots/American Cultures: Africa in the Creation of the Americas, Edited by Sheila S. Walker (Rowman & Littlefield, 2001)

List of Units and Readings

I Africa Unite: Black Cross-Cultural Identity-Pan Africanism

- a. from The Souls of Black Folk (DuBois)
- b. "Africa for the Africans" and "The Future as I See It" (Garvey)
- c. from "I Speak of Freedom" (Nkruma Ghana)
- d. "Everyday Use" (Walker)
- e. Film Study- Bronx Princess (PBS-"POV")
- f. from All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes* (Angelou)

Summative Writing Assessment- Essay or Fictional Dialogue the Divergent Ideologies of DuBois and Garvey

- II. Three Little Birds: African and African-American Folklore and the Oral Tradition
- a. African proverbs and myths
- b. From Sundiata, an epic of Old Mali
- c. from Mules and Men* (Hurston)
- d. from The Magic Orange Tree- (Haitian Folk Tales)

Summative Writing/Oral Assessment - Original Folktale / Call and Response Oral Presentation

- III. Slave Driver: Slavery and Imperialism, A Common Bondage
- a. Poems (Phillis Wheatley, Jupiter Hammon, Frances Harper)

- b. Slave Songs (Spirituals)
- c. Personal narrative(s)/Nonfiction (Olaudah Equiano, Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Jacobs)
- d. Poetry/Short Stories (Wole Soyinka (Nigeria), Bessie Head, Nadine Gordimer (South Africa) et. al.)
- e. Things Fall Apart and No Longer at Ease* (Achebe-Nigeria)

Summative Writing Assessment - Processed Personal Narrative/College Application Essay

IV. Exodus: The Old Problems of The New Negro

(The Great Migration and the Harlem Renaissance/Negritude Movements)

- a. "On Mr. Booker T. Washington and Others" (DuBois)
- b. "The Atlanta Exposition Address" (Washington)
- c. Poetry: Dunbar, Hughes, J.W. Johnson, Cullen, McKay, Senghor (Senegal), Cesaire (Martinique) et al.
- d. The Ways of White Folks* (Hughes)
- e. from "The New Negro" (Locke)
- f. Passing* (Larsen)
- g. Film Study: Imitation of Life (Douglas Sirk-1959)

Summative Writing Assessment- "Is it better to agitate or assimilate?" (Pers. Essay)

- V. Redemption Songs: Linking African Literary and Musical Legacies
- a. Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* (Wilson)
- b. "1955" (Walker)
- c. "Sonny's Blues" (Baldwin)
- c. Music and Lyrics: Various Blues Artists, Bob Marley, Miriam Makeba, Fela Kuti et al.

Summative Assessment – Redemption Songs Wiki/Quilt Project (Research Project)

- VI. Get Up, Stand Up: Black Power and Protest
- a. from Invisible Man (Ellison)

- b. Poetry and Short Stories (Amiri Baraka, Sonia Sanchez, Nikki Giovanni, Alice Walker, Toni Morrison, Gwendolyn Brooks, Gil Scott-Heron, Public Enemy)
- c. from The Fire Next Time (Baldwin)
- e. "Letter from Birmingham Jail" (MLK)
- f. "The Ballot or the Bullet" (Malcolm X)

Summative Writing Assessment – Processed Essay Examination of Rhetorical Devices in Unit Readings

- VII. No Woman, No Cry: Contemporary Black Womanist Voices
- a. Sula (Morrison)
- b. Purple Hibiscus* (Adichie Nigeria)
- c. The Joys of Motherhood (Emecheta- Nigeria)

Summative Writing Assessment- Processed Expository Essay