

7th Language and Literature Subject Group Overview

Unit Name		Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
Time Frame		9 Weeks	10 Weeks	10 Weeks	7 Weeks
Course Name: 7 th Language and Literature	Standards	Target Standards: RL.7.6, RL.7.11, W.7.3a and d, W.7.4, W.7.5, W.7.8, W.7.9, L.7.1, and L.7.2.	Target Standards: W.7.2a, b, d, f, W.7.4, W.7.6, W.7.7, W.7.8, L.7.3, and L.7.6	Target Standards: W.7.3, W.7.4, W.7.5, W.7.9, W.7.11, L.7.1, L.7.2, L.7.3, and L.7.6.	Target Standards: RI.7.1, W.7.1, W.7.4, and L.7.6.
	Approaches To Learning Instructional Strategies	List Category: Communication Cluster: Communication Skills Skill Indicator: Give and receive meaningful feedback Use appropriate forms of writing for different purposes and audiences List Category: Social Cluster: Collaboration Skills Skill Indicator: Negotiate effectively	List Category: Communication Cluster: Communication Skills Skill Indicator: Give and receive meaningful feedback Use appropriate forms of writing for different purposes and audiences List Category: Social Cluster: Collaboration Skills Skill Indicator: Negotiate effectively	List Category: Communication Cluster: Communication Skills Skill Indicator: Give and receive meaningful feedback Use appropriate forms of writing for different purposes and audiences List Category: Thinking Cluster: Critical Thinking Skills Skill Indicator: Consider ideas from multiple perspectives	List Category: Communication Cluster: Communication Skills Skill Indicator: Give and receive meaningful feedback Use appropriate forms of writing for different purposes and audiences List Category: Thinking Cluster: Transfer Skills Skill Indicator: Combine knowledge, understanding and skills to create products or solutions
	Statement of Inquiry	Individual survival in challenging environments require both physical and emotional resources and affect personal and cultural perspectives.	Life experiences can impact perspectives and have a significant effect on one's identity and culture.	An author's style has enduring power because he/she tells about important or interesting events, people, and places.	Scientific researchers wonder how technology affects the development of adolescents.

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	Global Context	Identities and Relationships	Fairness and Development	Personal and Cultural Expression	Scientific and Technical Expression
	Key Concepts	Perspective	Perspective	Culture	Development
	Related Concepts	Point of View	Character	Style	Context
	Design Cycle Transdisciplinary	Writing Process – Research and Narrative	Writing Process – Informational and Argumentative	Writing Process – Narrative	Writing Process – Position Paper
	MYP Assessments/ Performance Tasks	<p>Common Assessments Title and Criterion (Performance Task):</p> <p>Description: Mid-Unit 1 Assessment: Identifying Perspective and Using Evidence from a Long Walk to Water</p> <p>Students will complete an assessment in which they make inferences from textual evidence about the differences in perspective of Nya and Salva in A Long Walk to Water. Students will also respond to an Evidence-Based Selected Response item to further demonstrate their progress with analyzing text. This is a reading assessment: the purpose is for students to</p>	<p>Common Summative Title and Criterion (Performance Task):</p> <p>Description: Mid-Unit 1 Assessment: Informational Text</p> <p>This is a reading assessment: The purpose is for students to demonstrate their ability to cite textual evidence, central idea, and author’s purpose. The assessment will focus on a text that the class has not yet analyzed. Students will complete selected- and constructed-response items that assess their ability to analyze the text.</p>	<p>Common Summative Title and Criterion (Performance Task):</p> <p>Description: Mid-Unit 1 Assessment: Using Evidence to Support Analysis:</p> <p>Students read a text about The Harlem Renaissance, then answer selected and constructed response questions in which they analyze the text and support their conclusions with evidence from the text.</p> <p>MYP Objectives/GSE Standards Addressed: RI.7.1 MYP Criteria: A</p> <p>Description: End of Unit 1 Assessment: Reading Poetry: Analyzing Structure and Language in “I Shall Return”</p> <p>Students read “I Shall Return” and answer constructed and selected response questions about</p>	<p>Common Summative Title and Criterion (Performance Task):</p> <p>Visual Representation of Position Paper</p> <p>This performance task gives students a chance to demonstrate the ideas and evidence of their AAP recommendation position papers in a multimedia format. Students will be crafting and sharing a visual representation of their position papers, including their claim, reasons, and evidence based on their research and the decision-making process in Unit 2. This task addresses ELA CCLS RI.7.1, W.7.1, W.7.4, and L.7.6.</p> <p>MYP Criteria: A, B, C, D</p> <p>Mid Unit 1</p> <p>“The Development of the Young Brain”: Listening for Main Idea and Supporting Details</p>

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	<p>demonstrate their ability to cite textual evidence that articulates a character’s perspective in a text, specifically in regard to how the plot unfolds and how a character responds to change. This assessment is not meant to formally assess students’ writing.</p> <p>MYP Objectives/GSE Standards Addressed: RL.7.1 and RL.7.6</p> <p>MYP Criteria: A, B</p> <p>Description: Mid-Unit 2 Assessment: Comparing “Water for Sudan” and A Long Walk to Water</p> <p>For this assessment, students will analyze how the author of A Long Walk to Water uses and elaborates on historical facts to convey her ideas about how people survive in South Sudan.</p> <p>MYP Objectives/GSE Standards Addressed: RL.7.1, RL.7.9, RI.7.1</p> <p>MYP Criteria: A, B</p> <p>Description: End of Unit 2 Assessment: Literary Analysis-Writing about the Theme of Survival</p> <p>Students respond to the following prompt: “What</p>	<p>MYP Objectives/GSE Standards Addressed: RL.7.1, RI.7.1, RI.7.2 and RL.7.3</p> <p>MYP Criteria: N/A</p> <p>Description: End of Unit 1 Assessment: End of Unit 1 Argument Essay about <i>Lyddie</i>/ <i>Am Malala</i>/ <i>The Breadwinner</i></p> <p>Students will plan, draft, and revise an argument essay that responds to this prompt:</p> <p><i>The Breadwinner:</i> Was it acceptable that Parvana went against cultural expectations to provide for her family? Support your position with evidence from the novel. Be sure to acknowledge competing views, and refer only to information and events in the book.</p> <p>MYP Objectives/GSE Standards Addressed: RL.7.1, RL.7.3, W.7.1, W.7.9a L.7.1, L.7.2, and W.7.5</p> <p>MYP Criteria: C, D</p> <p>Description: Mid-Unit 2 Assessment: How Chávez Develops His Claims in the Commonwealth Club Address</p> <p>This is a reading assessment: Students complete selected-response items to demonstrate their ability to identify a claim and how it is developed. The assessment will focus on a section of Chávez’s Commonwealth Club Address</p>	<p>structure, figurative language, sound and form.</p> <p>MYP Objectives/GSE Standards Addressed: RL.7.4, RL.7.5, and L.7.5a.</p> <p>MYP Criteria: C, D</p> <p>Description: Mid-Unit 2 Assessment: Analyzing Storyteller’s Craft: Comparing Written and Oral Stories, and Analyzing Purpose and Craft in Various Harlem Renaissance stories</p> <p>In Part 1, students reread a poem from Unit 1 (“Harriet Tubman”), and then watch that poem performed live. They analyze how a storyteller uses her body and voice to convey meaning. In Part 2, students read a new excerpt “The Boy and the Bayonet” and answer constructed and selected response questions about the meaning of specific words, word choice and use of figurative language, and how this excerpt serves the overall purpose.</p> <p>MYP Objectives/GSE Standards Addressed: Part 1: RL.7.1, RL.7.7; Part 2: RI.7.1, RI.7.4, RI.7.6, L.7.4a, b, L.7.5b, c</p> <p>MYP Criteria: A, C, D</p> <p>Description: End of Unit 2 Assessment: Essay: Analyzing Stories of the Harlem Renaissance</p> <p>Students write a literary argument discussing how three works from the Harlem Renaissance best demonstrate the theme of dreams</p>	<p>This assessment centers on ELA CCLS RI.7.7 and SL.7.2. Students will analyze the main idea and details in the video “Development of the Young Brain,” which features Dr. Jay Giedd, a prominent researcher in the field of adolescent neurobiology. They will also compare a portion of the video to the transcript of the video.</p> <p>MYP Criteria: A</p> <p>End of Unit 1</p> <p>Analyzing the Main Idea and Supporting Details in “You Trouble” This assessment centers on ELA CCLS RI.7.1, RI.7.2, RI.7.5, RI.7.6, and L.7.6. Students will analyze the main idea and supporting ideas in a text that links digital media, brain development, and adolescent behavior by filling out the same chart they have been practicing throughout Unit 1. They also will answer selected response questions about the author’s purpose (RI.7.6), vocabulary (L.7.6), text structure (RI.7.5) and text-based evidence (RI.7.1).</p> <p>MYP Criteria: A, B, D</p> <p>Mid Unit 2</p> <p>This is a two-part assessment. Both Parts 1 and 2 share one reading, “Can You Unplug for 24 Hours?” Each part also includes additional video or text.</p> <p>Part I: Tracing and Evaluating Arguments</p> <p>Part 1 of this assessment centers on NYSP12 ELA CCLS RI.7.8 and SL.7.3. Students will watch a video,</p>
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		<p>poem incorporating the views and experiences of selected characters.</p> <p>MYP Objectives/GSE Standards Addressed: RL7.6, RL7.11, W7.3a, W7.3d, W7.4, W7.5, W7.8, W7.9, L7.1 and L7.20</p> <p>MYP Criteria: A,B,C,D</p>		<p>storyboards for the End of Unit 3 assessment. While they wait for feedback from the teacher, the students begin working on their illustrations using some basic artistic techniques. Finally, based on the feedback they receive from the teacher, the students write a final draft of the text, which they add to the illustrated pages of their books.</p> <p>MYP Objectives/GSE Standards Addressed: W.7.3, W.7.4, W.7.5, W.7.9, W.7.11, L.7.1, L.7.2, L.7.3, and L.7.6</p> <p>MYP Criteria: A, B, C, D</p>	MYP Criteria: A, B, C, D
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