
Advanced Language and Composition Syllabus

Unit 1: Style Analysis/Close Reading

Setting Class Goals
Annotating a Novel
Integrating Quotes
Analyzing Diction, Imagery, Detail, and Figurative Language
Writing the Group Free Response Essay
Writing Theme Statements
Analyzing Structure and Syntax
Writing the Autobiographical Narrative
Patterns of Development

- Description
- Process Analysis
- Examples
- Definitions
- Comparison/Contrast
- Division and Classification
- Causal Analysis

Revising for Voice, Word Choice, and Syntax
Inner/Outer Discussion
Gaggle Net Electronic Discussion
Literary Analysis Test

Unit 2: Persuasion/Argumentation

Recognizing Appeals in Prose and Advertising
Other Persuasive Techniques in Advertising
Persuasive Preface – *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*
AP-style Multiple Choice Questions – *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*
Ad Parodies
Comparing Persuasive Letters
Introduction to Logic: Induction and Deduction
Analyzing the Persuasive Essay
Writing the Persuasive Essay: SAT Essay
Inner/Outer Discussion
Gaggle Net Electronic Discussion
Identifying Logical Fallacies
Analyzing Persuasive Speeches

- Patrick Henry's Speech to the 2nd Virginia Convention
- President Bush's War with Iraq Speech
- Choosing a Speech to Evaluate – Top 100 Speeches

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Presenting Speech Evaluations
Writing the Comparison/Contrast Essay
Discussing a Current Controversial Issue: Racism
Writing the AP-style Free Response Essay: Alfred Green Speech
Five President's Call for War
Discussing a Current Controversial Issue: Political Correctness
Writing the Persuasive Essay: Setting Personal Goals
Discussing a Current Controversial Issue: Education

Unit 3: Understanding Satire

Defining Satire: Horatian and Juvenalian

Satire in multiple genres:

- Mark Twain's "The War Prayer"
- Stephen Crane's "War is Kind"
- Kurt Vonnegut's "Harrison Bergeron"
- Jonathon Swift's "A Modest Proposal"
- Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
- Judy Syfer's "I Want a Wife"
- The Borowitz Report
- Suzanne Britt's "That Lean and Hungry Look"
- Stephen Leacock's "A, B, and C: The Human Element in Mathematics"

Satire in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

The Satire Project

Inner/Outer Discussion

Gaggle Net Electronic Discussion

Literary Analysis Test

Writing the AP-style Free Response Essay

WebQuest

Unit 4: Analyzing Current Events

Columnist Project

Discussing a Current Controversial Issue: Affirmative Action

Avoiding Plagiarism

Writing the Current Event Research Paper

Discussing a Current Controversial Issue: Homelessness

Writing the AP-style Free Response Essay

Eliminating Wordiness