

# WGSD Curriculum -- Contemporary Lit and Composition

## Author's Purpose and Craft

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### High Priority Standard (CCSS, State, National, TILS, CREDE, etc.)

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.9-10.5](#) Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulate time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.9-10.5](#) Analyze in detail how an author's ideas or claims are developed and refined by particular sentences, paragraphs, or larger portions of a text (e.g., a section or chapter).

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.9-10.6](#) Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance that point of view or purpose.

### Learning Goal

Students will be able to analyze the author's purpose and effectiveness in utilizing literary and rhetorical techniques to express a theme.

### Proficiency Scales

4: The student demonstrates an in-depth inference or advanced application, or innovates with the learning goal.

- 3: The student demonstrates mastery of the learning goal by
- analyzing a point of view and shifts in point of view in a literary text and their impact on meaning.
  - analyzing how an author establishes mood and tone.
  - analyzing author's structural choices, such as flashback, in medias res, and mixed genres in developing theme.
  - analyzing ambiguity within a text and its impact on theme.

2: The student demonstrates he/she is nearing the learning goal by

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● recognizing or recalling specific vocabulary, such as: <i>irony, point of view, understatement, purpose, flashback, frame narratives, and other rhetorical terms.</i></li><li>● performing specific processes, such as<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● recognizing or recalling examples of sarcasm, irony, and understatement in a literary text.</li><li>● determining point of view in a literary text.</li><li>● identifying mood, tone, and structural techniques.</li><li>● recognizing varied genres within a single text.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>1: The student demonstrates a limited understanding or skill with the learning goal.</p>
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### Learning Targets

- Students will analyze a point of view and shifts in point of view in a literary text and their impact on meaning.
- Students will distinguish between what is directly stated from the intended meaning (ie. satire, sarcasm, irony, understatement).
- Students will analyze how an author establishes mood and tone.
- Students will analyze author's structural choices, such as flashback, in medias res, and mixed genres.

### Learning Design

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## Collaborative Discussion

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#### High Priority Standards (CCSS, State, National, TILS, CREDE, etc.)

- [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.11-12.1](#) Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
- [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.11-12.2](#) Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.
- [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.11-12.3](#) Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, identifying any fallacious reasoning or exaggerated or distorted evidence.

#### Learning Goal

Students will be able to participate in a variety of collaborative discussions on substantive topics with peers.

#### Proficiency Scales

4: The student demonstrates an in-depth inference or advanced application, or innovates with the learning goal.

3: The student demonstrates mastery of the learning goal by

- initiating and participating effectively in a range of collaborative discussions, including one-on-one, small groups, whole-class, and teacher-led.
- preparing effectively for discussion by reading and researching the

material under study. ([CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.9-10.1a](#))

- drawing on reading and research to stimulate thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. ([CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.9-10.1b](#))
- propelling conversations by posing and responding to questions that broaden the topic under study; actively incorporating others into the discussion; clarifying, verifying, or challenging ideas and conclusions. ([CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.9-10.1c](#))
- responding thoughtfully and respectfully to diverse perspectives, summarizing points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualifying or justifying their own views and making new connections in light of new evidence and ideas. ([CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.9-10.1a](#)d)
- evaluating the credibility and accuracy of information presented.
- evaluating a speaker's point of view, logic, and use of rhetoric.
- demonstrating awareness of audience and choosing language and listening skills appropriate for college or professional settings.

2: The student demonstrates he/she is nearing the learning goal by

- recognizing or recalling specific vocabulary, such as: *academic discourse, consensus, paraphrase, point of view, textual support, evidence, bias, perspective, collegiality, rhetoric and rhetorical strategies.*
- Performing specific processes, such as:
  - working with peers to establish rules for collegial discussions and decision making.
  - participating actively in one-on-one, small-group or class discussions in a thoughtful and appropriate manner.
  - preparing for participation in a discussion.

1: The student demonstrates limited understanding or skill with the learning goal.

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Learning Targets

- Students understand terms and processes necessary for college or professional discourse.
- Students engage in academic discourse in a variety of group settings.
- Students debrief process and product of the collaborative discussion.

Learning Design

High Priority Standards (CCSS, State, National, TILS, CREDE, etc.)

- [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.11-12.1](#) Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
- [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.11-12.2](#) Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
- [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.11-12.3](#) Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

Learning Goal

Students will be able to demonstrate command of the conventions and structure of standard English grammar and usage in context when writing.

Proficiency Scales

- 4: The student demonstrates an in-depth inference or advanced application, or innovates with the learning goal.
- 3: The student demonstrates mastery of the learning goal by
- recognizing and applying standard English as appropriate for college or professional settings.
  - writing sentences free of run-on and fragment errors.
  - choosing words and phrases for effect.
  - choosing punctuation according to guidelines of standard English.
  - recognizing and replacing vague pronouns.
  - recognizing variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking
  - identifying and using strategies to improve expression in conventional language including subject-verb agreement, pronoun reference, and misplaced and dangling modifiers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● using punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/restrictive parenthetical elements.</li> <li>● varying sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.</li> <li>● choosing language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating both wordiness and redundancies.</li> <li>● recognizing and correcting inappropriate shifts in verb voice, number, and mood.</li> <li>● Choosing gender-appropriate or gender-neutral pronouns depending on context.</li> </ul> <p>2: The student demonstrates he/she is near the learning goal by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● recognizing basic vocabulary such as: phrases, pronoun, standard/nonstandard, voice, mood, case, convention, clarity, conciseness, nonrestrictive/restrictive clause, wordiness, style, rhetoric.</li> <li>● recognizing errors in isolation.</li> </ul> <p>1: The student demonstrates little understanding or skill with the learning goal.</p>
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### Learning Targets

- Students will apply principles of standard academic English as appropriate for a college or professional setting.
- Students will identify words and phrases for effect.
- Students will choose punctuation according to guidelines of standard academic English.
- Students will recognize and replace vague pronouns.
- Students will recognize and correct variations from standard academic English in their own and others' writing and speaking.
- Students will identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
- Students will use punctuation according to conventions of standard academic English .
- Students will vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.
- Students will choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely.
- Students will recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice (active/passive) and mood.

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High Priority Standards (CCSS, State, National, TILS, CREDE, etc.)

- [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.11-12.4](#) Present information, findings, and supporting evidence, conveying a clear and distinct perspective, such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning, alternative or opposing perspectives are addressed, and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and a range of formal and informal tasks.
- [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.11-12.5](#) Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.
- [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.11-12.6](#) Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating a command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grades 11–12 Language standards 1 and 3 [here](#) for specific expectations.)
- High School TILS Strand II: Information Literacy: Students will be able to research and synthesize information; use a variety of digital resources; retrieve and evaluate reliability and accuracy from appropriately cited sources; draw evidence-based conclusions in order to prove comprehension of course objectives.
- High School TILS Strand IV: Tools of the Trade: Students will be able to use appropriate digital tools within and across content areas in preparation for post-secondary experiences.

Learning Goal

Students present their substantive knowledge and ideas using clear evidence, concise logic, and appropriate style based on purpose, audience, and occasion.

Proficiency Scales

- 4: The student demonstrates an in-depth inference or advanced application, or innovates with the learning goal.
- 3: The student demonstrates mastery of the learning goal by



- presenting information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically.
- making strategic use of multimedia and digital media.
- choosing flexibly among rhetorical techniques according to task purpose, audience and occasion.
- demonstrating a command of academic English.

2: The student demonstrates he/she is nearing the learning goal by

- recognizing or recalling specific vocabulary, such as: *delivery, purpose, audience, occasion, tone, inflection, and poise.*
- performing specific processes, such as:
  - making adequate presentations to an audience of peers after making teacher-suggested revisions.
  - making use of some digital resources.
  - demonstrating awareness of the conventions of academic English.

1: The student demonstrates limited understanding or skill with the learning goal.

### Learning Targets

- Students learn and rehearse the skills necessary for addressing an audience effectively.
- Students review terms relevant to academic presentation.
- Students give a variety of presentations and give and receive feedback.

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## Research

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### High Priority Standards (CCSS, State, National, TILS, CREDE, etc.)

- [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.7](#) Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
- [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.8](#) Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.
- [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.9](#) Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- High School TILS Strand II: Information Literacy: Students will be able to research and synthesize information; use a variety of digital resources; retrieve and evaluate reliability and accuracy from appropriately cited sources; draw evidence-based conclusions in order to prove comprehension of course objectives.
- High School TILS Strand IV: Tools of the Trade: Students will be able to use appropriate digital tools within and across content areas in preparation for post-secondary experiences.

### Learning Goal

The student will be able to conduct a sustained research project in order to successfully answer a question.

### Proficiency Scales

4: The student demonstrates an in-depth inference or advanced application or innovates with the learning goal.

3: The student demonstrates mastery of the learning goal as evidenced by

- using research, experience, and imagination to convey information on a chosen topic.
- using advanced database searches effectively.
- evaluating source material for relevance and reliability.
- annotating and organizing information from sources systematically.
- integrating and documenting relevant source material into original compositions.
- narrowing or broadening the inquiry when appropriate.
- synthesizing multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating a nuanced understanding of the topic.

2: The student demonstrates he/she is nearing the learning goal by

- recognizing or recalling specific vocabulary, such as: *multi-genre, in-text citation, criteria, source citation, Works Cited, synthesize, documentation, annotation, search criteria, plagiarism, credibility, database, plagiarism, primary and secondary source, search terms,*.
- performing specific processes, such as:
  - selecting and revising a topic.
  - choosing relevant resources.
  - taking effective notes.
  - developing a research question
  - developing a supportable thesis.
  - organizing and synthesizing information collected from more than one source.
  - demonstrating use of appropriate citations.
  - composing different genres that are connected by the same theme

1: The student demonstrates limited understanding or skill with the learning goal.


### Learning Targets

- Students choose a topic and develop a research question.
- Students are instructed in effective database search methods.
- Students develop a clear and supportable thesis.
- Students collect relevant and varied sources.
- Students evaluate sources for relevancy and reliability.
- Students refine research questions readily.
- Students choose a personally effective method of taking and organizing notes.
- Students understand what constitutes plagiarism and how to maintain academic honesty.

### Learning Design

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High Priority Standards (CCSS, State, National, TILS, CREDE, etc.)

- [Literacy.L.11-12.CCSS.ELA-4](#) Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on *grades 11–12 reading and content*, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
- [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.11-12.5](#) Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

Learning Goal

Students will be able to demonstrate command of grade-level vocabulary and the terminology of literary analysis.

Proficiency Scale

- 4: The student demonstrates an in-depth inference or advanced application, or innovates with the learning goal.
- 3: The student demonstrates mastery of the learning goal by
  - using context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase. ([CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.11-12.4a](#))
  - identifying and correctly using patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech. ([CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.11-12.4b](#))
  - consulting general and specialized reference materials (e.g.,

	<p>dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, its part of speech, its derivatives, its etymology, or its standard usage. (<a href="#">CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.11-12.4c</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● analyzing nuances of the meaning of words with similar denotations but differing connotations. (<a href="#">CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.11-12.5b</a>)</li> <li>● interpreting figurative language. (<a href="#">CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.11-12.5a</a>)</li> <li>● correctly using the terminology of literary analysis in context of the analysis of literature and nonfiction texts.</li> <li>● analyzing words for Greek and Latin roots. (CCSS.ELA- <a href="#">Literacy.L.11-12.CCSS.ELA-4</a>)</li> </ul> <p>2: The student demonstrates he/she is nearing the learning goal by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● recognizing or recalling basic vocabulary, such as: <i>stem, prefix, suffix, context clue, derivatives, denotation, connotation, diction, teacher-specified list of rhetorical and literary terms, basic meanings of Greek and Latin word parts.</i></li> <li>● performing basic processes such as recognizing grade-level and domain-specific vocabulary in isolation.</li> </ul> <p>1: The student demonstrates a limited understanding or skill with the learning goal.</p>
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### Learning Targets

- Students will recognize Latin and Greek word parts and their meanings within English words.
- Students will match new words in and out of context with their definitions.
- Students will identify connotation of words in context.

- Students will use new words correctly in original compositions.

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