





Forward Planning

Long-Term Semester Planning

Academic Year: 2022-2023

Class: S3

Subject: L1 English

Teacher: Rachel Dessert

No. Students: 26





Curriculum – Long-Term Planning 2022-2023

Date	Learning Objectives	Activities	Resources	Key Competences*	Learning Outcomes / Assessment
Beginning of September to mid October	Truth, lies and the art of persuasion Understand how to differentiate between fact, fake news, and opinion. Recognise arguments and identify both written and spoken persuasive techniques (rhetoric). Conduct independent research on the internet and identify effective and reliable sources. Prepare, present and support arguments in an oral debate. Compose an argumentative essay.	Quiz – can you spot fake news? Listening to debates and speeches, reading newspaper articles, and identifying techniques. Choosing and preparing debate topics followed by group debates. Writing workshop – how to write a structured essay.	Newspaper articles based on current affairs. blogs, podcasts, internet news websites, YouTube, and various other media. Online debate websites – text-based and video supports. Class Padlet designed by teacher filled with resources to be used on and offline. Worksheets on how to write a structured essay.	1 3 4 5 6 7 8	Students will improve their critical reading skills. Individual reading comprehension assessment. Students will work in teams to learn how to conduct effective internet research, become discerning readers, find reliable facts, and use rhetoric to be persuasive debaters. Group oral debate - individual assessment. Audience participation and vote for winners. Students will understand the necessity for clear, structured, and supported written arguments. Final assessment is a written argumentative essay.





Mid October	Introduction to the Gothic genre – Edgar Allan Poe's poetry and prose Recognise Gothic conventions. Conduct effective and targeted research and take useful notes. Collaborate to create an informative and eloquent mini biography. Develop critical response to poetry. Develop rudimentary comparing and contrasting skills when reading poetry.	Short film viewing - an audio visual and text-based introduction to the Gothic genre. Individual internet research on Edgar Allan Poe's life followed by collaborative feedback and writing. Poetry reading - personal response and discovery of analytic toolbox. Writing workshop – comparing two poems.	Pictures, texts, and short films showing Gothic conventions in literature. Selected internet sites on Edgar Allan Poe. Annabel Lee and poetry analysis glossary. Annabel Lee and a poem of personal choice on same theme.	1 3 4 5 8	Students will recognize the Gothic literary and film conventions. Students will hone their research and writing skills. Mini-biography oral presentation and peer assessment. Students will develop creative writing skills. A short poem on the theme of love and loss – written assessment. Students will begin to explore critical analysis in poetry. Poetry appreciation and comparison – written assessment.
Early November to end of December	Charles Dickens and Victorian London Introduction to Dickens, London in Victorian times, historical and social background. Child poverty and	Reading/listening comprehension on Dickens and his era. First chapter close reading – language skills,	Various articles, videos and slideshows on Victorian London and Dickens' life and work. A Christmas Carol by	1 4 5	Students will recognize character development and explore the idea of redemption. Students will act out a couple





	labour.	character portrait, Gothic.	Charles Dickens.	6	of the staves in the novella in class.
	Explore descriptive writing techniques, character development, themes, and complex narrative.	Guided reading of novella in class and at home. Act out a couple staves in class from a script.	The playwright version on A Christmas Carol.	8	Students will show plot, character and language understanding through creative writing.
	Read and act out together the book A Christmas Carol.				Tiny Tim grows up and remembers his childhood – eulogy for Scrooge at the time of his death, written in the style of Dickens. Written/Oral assessment.
January to	Roll of Thunder, Hear				written/Oral assessment.
Mid February	My Cry: Equality. History and Perseverance Introduction to American slavery in the 1930's. Question the idea of "equality" and what it means. Explore the nuances of the author's writing style while practicing essential writing skills. Skills include - using prescise verbs, personification, writing thesis statements,	Read together and independently the book. Guiding students on history, vocabulary, author's purpose and writing style. Fill out the pre-reading bias worksheet and discuss with the class. Complete writing prompts, reflect on reading passages and strengthen reading skills directed by	The book Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor. Various writing prompts, reading passages and activities to dive deeper in to strengthening our writing and reading skills. Escape Room prompts and questions.	1 4 5 6 8	Students will reflect on "equality" and debate some pre-reading bias they might have around this idea. Students will use learned writing techniques to create their own writing response to the plot, characters, and themes. Students will understand what discrimination and slavery looked like in America during the 1930's. Students learn to work as a





	understanding and using dialect in writing, developing paragraphs, writing conclusions and proofreading practice.	the teacher. Students will perform an Escape Room activity together as a group.			team to complete an Escape Room activity. Written/Oral assessment.
Beginning of March to End of April	Gothic Science fictionFrankenstein Research Mary Shelley's life and work, 19 th century society, art, and science. Explore the Frankenstein myth and the evolution of the monster in popular culture. Explore the complex narrative voice (alternative points of view epistolary narrative, non-linear storyline). Discuss issues relating to themes (nature vs nurture, art and science, hubris, science and technology, the	Presentations on certain aspects of 19 th century context and Mary Shelley's life and work. Role-play – anticipation of the story. Guided reading five chapters at a time. Interdisciplinary project – forensic science. Trial role-play with characters from novel and jury deliberation with final judgement and sentencing.	Internet sites on Mary Shelley and 19 th century society and culture. Powerpoint and film extracts on evolution of the monster. Frankenstein by Mary Shelley Literature and film clips - how a trial works.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Students will show knowledge of the historical and cultural context of the novel and the author's influences. Individual presentations - peer assessment. Students will demonstrate a thorough knowledge of plot and language strategies. Reading comprehension – key passages. Students will show knowledge and understanding of characters and their motivation and themes of the novel. Trial by jury – Justine. To be conceived and performed as





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of May to end of June Un ba Vie Po the correct of	he Wednesday Wars History in the 1960's Inderstand the ackground of the fietnam war, American rolitics, way of life in he late 1960's. xplore and identify haracter development and changes hroughout the book. Itudents will make connections with the ook and discuss about ullying, discrimination, and equality. Compare and contrast ome of Shakespeare's lays and how they atroduced in the story and affect the main haracters.	Research individually the years 1967-1968 specifically looking at the Vietnam War, Politics, and Justice. Character development chart to be filled out while reading the book. Write a news article for the newspaper introduced in the book. Look at the parallel storylines between Shakespeare and The Wednesday Wars. Written and oral assessment in the form of a short essay.	The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt. Character development chart worksheet. Non-fiction books, internet sites or articles to research the Vietnam War, the late 1960s, Shakespeare. Grammar and language exercises will be selected as necessary to accompany the text.	1 4 5 6	Students will have a better understanding of what life was like in the late 1960s regarding the war, politics, and justice issues. In class discussions will deepen students thinking around the topics of bullying, discrimination and equality. Students will make connection between the main character and the plot of the book to some of Shakespeare's famous plays. Students will demonstrate understanding of the book and its themes/ Written and oral assessment in the form of a short essay.





- * Link to 8 key competences:
 - 1. Literacy (reading and writing)
 - 2. Multilingualism
 - 3. Mathematics, Science, Technology and Engineering
 - 4. Digital
 - 5. Personal, Social and Learning to Learn
 - 6. Citizenship
 - 7. Entrepreneurship
 - 8. Cultural Awareness and Expression