Englewood Public School District English Language Arts Grade 8 First Marking Period

Unit 1: Legacies

Overview: In this unit, students will focus on the theme of "legacy" through memoirs, speeches, poetry, and novels. Students will also analyze tone, inflection, style, and word choice in a variety of informational and narrative texts. Students will also compare different media presentations of the same topic and conduct research.

Time Frame: 35-45 Days

Enduring Understandings:

People write memoirs to document and gain an understanding of their lives. Speechwriters use proven rhetorical techniques to write effective speeches.

Essential Questions:

What legacies do memoirists intend to leave behind when they pass away? How do people communicate their hopes and dreams?

Topics and Objectives	Activities	Resources	Assessments
Topics	Quickwrites: Students	Texts:	Formative
Routine Writing Guided Reading	quickly react to quotes from the text and write short connection pieces in their writer's notebooks. (CRP4) • https://freeology.co	The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch https://archive.org/stream/The.last.Lecture#page/n1/mode/2up	Assessments:
Keynote Presentations Introduction to Memoirs	m/graphicorgs/note- taking-organizer/	"Punctuating Nonessential Information" by Standards	Students will be evaluated on the quality of their
Twenty-First Century Themes and Skills include: • The Four C's	Guided Reading: Students will respond to questions about the text using evidence from text to support their	Solution Video: The Last Lecture	quick-writes. Students will be evaluate on their responses to the
Global Awareness Objectives	answer choices. (CRP4) Open-Ended Response: 1. What details from Randy's	http://www.cmu.edu/randyslect ure/	Guided Reading Questions. Summative Assessment
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SL.8.5. Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.

RI.8.1. Cite the textual evidence and make relevant connections that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

W.8.10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, metacognition/self-correction, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

SL.8.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

SL.8.4. Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate

Students will strengthen their writing abilities through routine writing and responding to Guided Reading Questions.

Students will hone their abilities to deliver presentations.

to the successes he had later in life? Cite evidence to support your answer. (CRP4, CRP8, CRP11)

Students will create a Prezi or a keynote presentation with the 5 most important lessons learned from *The Last Lecture*. (CRP4, CRP11, 9.2.8.B.3)

• https://prezi.com/

Scholastic Magazine

"A Final Farewell" http://online.wsj.com/news/artic les/SB120951287174854465?m od=tff_main_tff_top Students will be evaluated on the quality of their presentations.

Benchmark Assessments:

- Common Formative Assessment
- Exact Path

Alternative Assessments:

Students will share their quick-writes with a partner.
Students will share their guided reading answers

Students will share their guided reading answers with a small group and make changes as needed.

Students will share their open-ended responses via Google Docs in order to gain peer feedback.

Students will share their presentations with the class.

Formative Assessments:

- Do Nows
- Journals
- Exit Tickets

Summative Assessment:

Students will be evaluated on the quality of their research and presentations.

Alternative Assessments:

The class will discuss how the article answers the question posed in its title.

Topics

Connecting Memoirs to Real-World Issues

Research

Primary/Secondary Sources

Twenty-First Century Themes and Skills include:

- The Four C's
- Global Awareness
- Health Literacy

Objectives

Students will read "Why is Pancreatic Cancer So Deadly?" as an introduction to the subject and take notes. (CRP4)

 https://freeology.com/gr aphicorgs/note-takingorganizer/

Students will conduct research on pancreatic cancer. They will cite their sources using MLA format and write brief summaries of each source they use. (CRP7, CRP11, 8.1.8.A.1)

Texts:

Why is Pancreatic Cancer So Deadly? http://www.scientificamerican.c

om/article.cfm?id=why-ispancreatic-cancer-so-deadlysteve-jobs

Companion Texts:

Scholastic Magazine

"MLA General Format"

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/ml

eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

SL.8.5. Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.

RI.8.1. Cite the textual evidence and make relevant connections that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

RI.8.2. Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.

W.8.7. Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

W.8.3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and wellstructured event sequences.

W.8.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, voice and style are appropriate to task,

Students will be able to research a topic and present their findings clearly and effectively.

- http://www.mayoclinic.c om/health/pancreaticcancer/DS00357
- http://www.cancer.org/c ancer/pancreaticcancer/o verviewguide/pancreatic -cancer-overview-whatis-pancreatic-cancer

Students will create Prezis presenting evidence from their research defining pancreatic cancer, statistics, and treatments. (CRP4, **CRP7**, **CRP11**)

• www.prezi.com

a formatting and style guide/ mla general format.html

"What is the Endocrine System?" https://newsela.com/read/libanatomy-endocrine-systemhormones

Students will also discuss why this article is a secondary source.

Students will peer review their MLA citations for accuracy.

Students will present their Prezi presentations.

Topics

Memoir Writing

Peer Review

Twenty-First Century Themes and Skills include:

- The Four C's
- Global Awareness

Students will learn about SOAPTone (Subject, Occasion, Audience, Purpose, and Tone) and discuss these for a memoir. (CRP4)

http://apcentral.collegeb oard.com/apc/public/pre ap/teachers corner/4520 0.html

Ernest Hemingway: For Sale, Baby Shoes Never Worn http://news.rapgenius.com/Erne st-hemingway-six-word-storylyrics#note-1223461

Companion Texts:

Scholastic Magazine

Formative Assessments:

- Do Nows
- **Journals**
- **Exit Tickets**

Summative Assessment:

Students will be evaluated on the quality of their memoirs.

purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

W.8.5. With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

W.8.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.

SL.8.2. Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind its presentation.

RI.8.1. Cite the textual evidence and make relevant connections that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

RI.8.2. Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.

Objectives

Students will understand the conventions of the memoir genre.

Students will be able to write their own memoirs.

Students will read Ernest Hemingway's famous sixword memoir, analyzing the author's word choice. (CRP8)

Using Hemingway's memoir as a model, students will construct their own Six-word memoirs and submit them to www.Smithteens.com (CRP4, CRP6, CRP11)

Students will write their own memoirs using SOAPTone. (CRP4, CRP6, CRP11)

"The Terror"
https://www.commonlit.org/en/t
exts/theterror?search_id=4535271

"In My Mom's Shoes" https://www.commonlit.org/en/t exts/in-my-mom-sshoes?search_id=4535271

Alternative Assessments:

Students will find a read aloud other memoirs but varied authors.

Students will illustrate their 6-word memoirs and present them.

Students will share and review their memoirs.

Then students will revise their memoirs accordingly.

Topics

Rhetoric in Speech

Speech Writing

Twenty-First Century Themes and Skills include:

- The Four C's
- Global Awareness
- Civic Literacy

Objectives

Students will understand how rhetoric is used in speeches.

Students will be able to effectively use rhetorical strategies in speech writing.

Students will read Bill Clinton's DNC 2012 speech. Then, students will read and analyze its rhetorical strategies, applying what they've learned from reading "10 rhetorical strategies... (9.2.8.B.3)

 https://freeology.com/gr aphicorgs/note-takingorganizer/

Students will listen to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech and analyze its rhetorical strategies. (9.2.8.B.3)

 https://freeology.com/gr aphicorgs/note-takingorganizer/

Texts:

Bill Clinton's DNC 2012 Speech http://www.nytimes.com/intera ctive/2012/09/04/us/politics/de mocratic-convention-speechesannotated.html? r=0#billclinton

"10 rhetorical strategies that made Bill Clinton's DNC speech effective"

http://www.poynter.org/2012/1

0-rhetorical-strategies-that-made-bill-clintons-dnc-speech-effective/187705/

"Nine Rhetorical Devices for Your Next Speech"

http://www.mrmediatraining.co
http://www.mrmediatraining.co
<a href="mailto:m/2011/03/15/nine-rhetorical-devices-f

Formative Assessments:

- Do Nows
- Journals
- Exit Tickets

Summative Assessments:

Students will be evaluated on the quality of their speech writing and delivery.

Students will be evaluated on the quality of their open-ended responses.

W.8.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, voice and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Gradespecific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

W.8.1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

Students will research a current controversy and pick a side in the argument. (9.2.8.B.3, 8.1.8.A.1, 6.2, 6.3, CRP7, CRP8, CRP11)

Students will write speeches which use rhetoric to convince listeners that their position is valid. (8.1.8.A.1, 6.2, 6.3, CRP7, CRP8, CRP11)

 https://valenciacollege.e du/wp/cssc/documents/S ampleArgumentOutline. pdf

Students will watch the visual recording of Dr.
King's speech and re-watch Prof. Pausch's *The Last Lecture*. Compare and contrast Dr. King's and Prof. Pausch's delivery.

 http://www.readwritethi nk.org/files/resources/les son_images/lesson378/v enn.pdf

Open ended response: How does the author's choice of words impact the meaning and tone of the speech?

Media:

"I Have A Dream" by Dr.
Martin Luther King Jr. (audio)
http://www.americanrhetoric.co
m/speeches/mlkihaveadream.ht
m

The Last Lecture http://www.cmu.edu/randyslecture/

Companion Texts:

Scholastic Magazine

"Steve Jobs' Stanford University Commencement Speech" https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/steve-jobs-stanford-university-commencement-speech?search_id=4535773

Malala Yousafzai's Nobel Peace Prize Lecture" https://www.commonlit.org/en/t exts/malala-yousafzai-s-nobellecture?search_id=4535773

Alternative Assessments:

Students will debate the effectiveness of strategies used in each speech.

Students will present their speeches to the class.

For each speech, students will revisit SOAPTone (Subject, Occasion, Audience, Purpose, and Tone). They will identify the purpose of each speech, words the speaker chose that reflect the tone, identify the extended metaphors, and evaluate the motives behind each presentation.

Students will share their open-ended responses with a partner.

RL.8.1. Cite the textual evidence and make relevant connections that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

RL.8.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are

Topics

Different Points of View

Poetry

Compare and Contrast

Students will read *The House on Mango Street* and respond to Guided Reading Questions. (6.2., 6.3)

Students will close read the chapter "Smart Cookie" from *Mango Street* and open-ended respond to the

Texts:

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

"A Dream Deferred" by Langston Hughes https://www.poemhunter.co m/poem/dream-deferred/

Formative Assessments:

- Do Nows
- Journals
- Exit Tickets

Students will be evaluated on their responses to the

used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

RL.8.5. Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts and analyze how the differing structure of each text contributes to its meaning and style.

RL.8.6. Analyze how differences in the points of view of the characters and the audience or reader (e.g., created through the use of dramatic irony) create such effects as suspense or humor.

RL.8.5. Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts and analyze how the differing structure of each text contributes to its meaning and style.

W.8.1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

Twenty-First Century Themes and Skills include:

- The Four C's
- Global Awareness

Objectives

Students will be able to compare and contrast poems' messages.

Students will understand how to analyze differing points of view as conveyed in literature. following questions (6.2, 6.3, CRP4, CRP8):

- 1. Analyze the different points of view of the mother and daughter.
- 2. What does the story say about success? Find evidence in the story to support your answer.
- 3. What is the difference between intelligent and educated? Which person would you hire to do a job? Which person would you entrust with money? Why?
- 4. "How are poverty and shame related in this chapter?"
- 5. In the last line, why is the mother disgusted? Should she be? Why or why not?

Students read Hughes' "A Dream Deferred" and choose another poem to compare to it. (CRP4, CRP8)

- The structure of each poem and how that contributes to the message
- The diction (specific words) that most influence the message of the poem
- The speaker's message about disappointment, death, or failure
- http://www.readwritethi nk.org/files/resources/les son_images/lesson378/v enn.pdf

Companion Texts:

Scholastic Magazine

"To Think of Time" by Walt Whitman http://www.poets.org/viewmedia.php/prmMID/21927

"Fear of the Future" by John Koethe http://www.poets.org/viewmedia.php/prmMID/21761

"Blues" by Elizabeth Alexander http://www.poets.org/viewmedi a.php/prmMID/16188

"Hay for the Horses" by Gary Snyder http://www.poets.org/viewmedia.php/prmMID/15436

"Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night" https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/ poem/do-not-go-gentle-goodnight Guided Reading Questions.

Summative Assessments:

Students will be evaluated on their open-ended responses.

Students will be evaluated on the quality of their analytical essays.

Alternative Assessments:

Students will share their open-ended responses aloud in small groups.

Students will discuss their guided reading answers and correct them as necessary.

Students will peer review their comparative essays using a PARCC rubric.

SL.8.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

SL.8.2. Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind its presentation.

RI.8.1. Cite the textual evidence and make relevant connections that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

RI.8.2. Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.

W.8.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

Students will write a short essay comparing and contrasting the two poems. (CRP4, CRP6, CRP11)

Topics

Hopes and Dreams

Memoir, concluded

Twenty-First Century Themes and Skills include:

- The Four C's
- Global Awareness

Objectives

Students will be able to discern an author's purpose.

Students will be able to delineate the argument of a speech.

Students will read selections from *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* **(6.2, 6.3)**

Students will watch Malala Yousafzai's speech to the U.N., watch the video from the U.N. and read the article. (6.2, 6.3)

Students will respond to three open-ended questions (**CRP4**, **CRP11**).

1. Why is it so surprising that Malala is speaking to the UN about peace?
2. Malala makes reference to many famous prophets and leaders. Choose two and explain how they have influenced her.
3. What is Malala's central argument about education?

Students will participate in a Socratic Seminar on the question: "What can education do to empower the disenfranchised across the world and in America? (6.2, 6.3, CRP4, CRP8, 9.2.8.B.3)

Texts:

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

"At UN, Malala Yousafzai rallies youth to stand up for universal education" http://webtv.un.org/watch/at-un-malala-yousafzai-rallies-youth-to-stand-up-for-universal-education/2542492853001/;

Video:

Malala's Speech to UN from July 12, 2013 http://webtv.un.org/watch/malala-yousafzai-un-youth-assembly/2542094251001/http://webtv.un.org/watch/malala-yousafzai-un-youth-assembly/2542094251001/

Companion Texts:

Scholastic Magazine

"Pakistan's Malala: Global symbol, but still just a kid" http://www.cnn.com/2012/10/15/world/malala-profile

"Evaluating Media: The Best Tool for the Job" by Standards Solution

Formative Assessments:

- Do Nows
- Journals
- Exit Tickets

Summative Assessments:

Students will be evaluated on the quality of their open-ended responses.

Students will be evaluated on their performance in the Socratic Seminar.

Alternative Assessments:

Students will discuss the author's purpose for writing her memoir.

Students will participate in a Socratic Seminar on the question.

W.8.3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

W.8.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, voice and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

W.8.5. With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

W.8.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.

Topics

PARCC NWTs

Objectives

Students will gain a better understanding of EBSRs and TECRs.

Students will hone their understanding of narrative elements.

Students will practice completing NWTs.

Instructors will select the reading and writing NWT lessons that best meets their students' needs.

Narrative Reading Tasks

<u>Lesson 1: Introducing the EBSR and TECR</u>

<u>Lesson 2: Narrative Story</u> <u>Reading Strategies</u>

Lesson 3: Evaluating Evidence

<u>Lesson 4: Practice Completing</u> the Narrative Task

Narrative Writing Tasks

<u>Lesson 1: Introduction to the</u> <u>Prose Constructed Response on</u> the Narrative Task

<u>Lesson 2: Writing from a Point of View</u>

<u>Lesson 3: Practice Completing</u> the Prose Constructed Response

Lesson 4: From Proficiency to Advanced-Proficiency

Reading PARCC NWT Lesson 4

their peers.

Students will share their open-ended responses via Google Docs and provide constructive criticism to

Writing PARCC NWT Lesson 4

Accommodations and Modifications:

Students with special needs: Support staff will be available to aid students related to IEP specifications. 504 accommodations will also be attended to by all instructional leaders. Physical expectations and modifications, alternative assessments, and scaffolding strategies will be used to support this learning. The use of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) will be considered for all students as teaching strategies are considered. Additional safety precautions will be made along with additional staff so all student can fully participate in the standards associated with this curriculum.

ELL/ESL students: Students will be supported according to the recommendations for "can do's" as outlined by WIDA - https://www.wida.us/standards/CAN_DOs/

Students at risk of school failure: Formative and summative data will be used to monitor student success at first signs of failure student work will be reviewed to determine support this may include parent consultation, basic skills review and differentiation strategies. With considerations to UDL, time may be a factor in overcoming developmental considerations. More time and will be made available with a certified instructor to aid students in reaching the standards.

Gifted and Talented Students: Students excelling in mastery of standards will be challenged with complex, high level challenges related to the complexity of the reading and writing requirements. This will include allowing more opportunities to demonstrate creativity and allow for student choice.

English Language Learners

- Provide peer support for working with speeches
- Shorten assignments to focus on mastery of key concepts.
- Teacher modeling
- Peer modeling
- Develop and post routines
- Label classroom materials
- Word walls
- Give directions/instructions verbally and in simple written format.
- Provide audiotapes of textbooks and have the student follow the text while listening
- Allow students to use a dual language dictionary

Special Education

- Provide peer support for working with speeches
- Utilize modifications & accommodations delineated in the student's IEP
- Work with paraprofessional
- Use multi-sensory teaching approaches that provide helpful visual, auditory, and tactile reinforcement of ideas.
- Work with a partner
- Give directions/instructions verbally and in simple written format.
- Provide extra time to complete assignments.

At-Risk

- Provide peer support for working with speeches
- Using visual demonstrations, illustrations, and models
- Give directions/instructions verbally and in simple written format.
- Peer Support
- Increase one on one time
- Teachers may modify instructions by modeling what the student is expected to do
- Instructions may be printed out in large print and hung up for the student to see during the time of the lesson.

Gifted and Talented

- Students will present their speeches to another class
- Students will create a visual presentation of their speech
- Curriculum compacting
- Inquiry-based instruction
- Independent study
- Higher order thinking skills
- Adjusting the pace of lessons
- Interest based content
- Real world scenarios
- Student Driven Instruction

Adjust the pace of lessons	Review behavior
	expectations and adjust for
	personal space or other
	behaviors as needed.
	Oral prompts can be given.

Integration of 21st Century Standards NJSLS 9:

9.2.8.B.3 Evaluate communication, collaboration, and leadership skills that can be developed through school, home, work, and extracurricular activities for use in a career.

Interdisciplinary Connections:

Social Studies:

- 6.2. World History/Global Studies: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically and systematically about how past interactions of people, cultures, and the environment affect issues across time and cultures. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions as socially and ethically responsible world citizens in the 21st century.
- 6.3 Active Citizenship in the 21st Century: All students will acquire the skills needed to be active, informed citizens who value diversity and promote cultural understanding by working collaboratively to address the challenges that are inherent in living in an interconnected world.

Integration of Technology Standards NJSLS 8:

8.1.8.A.1 Demonstrate knowledge of a real-world problem using digital tools.

Career Ready Practices:

- CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.
- CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- CRP7. Employ valid and reliable research strategies.
- CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them
- CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity.