

Cornwall-Lebanon School District Curriculum Overview

Honors Classical Studies, 12th Grade

36 length of time in weeks	Concepts & Competencies	Common Assessments	Academic Standards (PA Core if applicable)
Unit 1 5	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rhetoric</u></p> <p>Students will read sections of Aristotle’s <i>Gorgias</i> and Plato’s <i>Rhetoric</i> as a foundational basis for the reading and writing of this class. This will be followed by lessons and practice in literary criticism.</p> <p>*Note – this unit is taught in conjunction with Unit 3</p>	<p>Major Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Analysis of rhetoric via Aristotle and Plato ➤ Literary criticism analysis paper ➤ Literary Criticism PPT/class presentation ➤ MP exam 	<p>CC 1.2E CC 1.2J CC 1.2K CC 1.5A CC 1.5D-G</p>
Unit 2 12	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>European Literature</u></p> <p>Students will spend several months exploring works of European literature, as well as responding to literature in the form of essays, research papers, and projects. Literature includes passages from the <i>Bible</i>, Nietzsche, <i>The Prince</i>, <i>Othello</i> and <i>Inferno</i>. Politics and art are also a focus of this unit.</p>	<p>Major Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Biblical symbol analysis ➤ Reading/analysis quizzes for each scene of <i>Othello</i> and canto of <i>Inferno</i> ➤ <i>Othello</i> scene analysis project/class presentation ➤ Midterm exam 	<p>CC 1.2K CC 1.2L CC 1.3 A-K CC 1.5B</p>
Unit 3 1	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>College Writing</u></p> <p>Students will complete two college essays. These essays are excellent practice in academic writing, as well as practical for students who are still in the process of applying to college. Peer review, self-reflection, and revision is a large aspect of this unit.</p> <p>*Note – this unit is taught in conjunction with Unit 1</p>	<p>Major Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ College Essay Portfolio 	<p>CC 1.2K CC 1.4 A-X</p>
Unit 4 3	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Writing and Analysis</u></p> <p>This unit will require students to analyze their own writing, as well as the writing of others. It will begin with a lesson on rhetorical situation and rhetorical appeals, building on skills</p>	<p>Major Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lou Gehrig speech analysis ➤ Literary analysis/research paper for “The Yellow Wallpaper” 	<p>CC 1.2D CC 1.2F CC 1.2G CC 1.2K</p>

		from unit 1. It will also explore research techniques and how to identify bias in research. Peer review, self-reflection, and revision is a large aspect of this unit. *Note – this unit is taught in conjunction with Unit 5		CC 1.4 A-X CC 1.5C
Unit 5	8	<u>Middle Eastern/Russian Literature</u> Students will continue to study the use of Rhetoric in Middle Eastern and Russian literature. They will explore literature in political, religious, and social contexts. This unit will explore writings such as the <i>Quran</i> , <i>The Mother</i> , and <i>The Communist Manifesto</i> , <i>Torah</i> . *Note – this unit is taught in conjunction with Unit 4	Major Assessments ➤ Reading quizzes ➤ Communist Manifesto Analysis ➤ MP Exam ➤ Reflection/analysis essays	CC 1.2A-C CC 1.2H CC 1.2J-L CC 1.3A-K
Unit 6	7	<u>Indian/African Literature</u> Students will read ancient Eastern literature and analyze the literature in political, religious, and social contexts. Texts include <i>Ramayana</i> , <i>Bhagavad Gita</i> , and <i>The Epic of San Jara of Mali</i> .	➤ Reflection/analysis essays ➤ Reading quizzes ➤ Final Exam	CC 1.2K CC 1.3A-K