TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS CURRICULUM GUIDE



English Department

EN504 College Writing

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Township of Union Public Schools is to build on the foundations of honesty, excellence, integrity, strong family, and community partnerships. We promote a supportive learning environment where every student is challenged, inspired, empowered, and respected as diverse learners. Through cultivation of students' intellectual curiosity, skills and knowledge, our students can achieve academically and socially, and contribute as responsible and productive citizens of our global community.

Philosophy Statement

The Township of Union Public School District, as a societal agency, reflects democratic ideals and concepts through its educational practices. It is the belief of the Board of Education that a primary function of the Township of Union Public School System is to formulate a learning climate conducive to the needs of all students in general, providing therein for individual differences. The school operates as a partner with the home and community.

Course Description

College Writing is a one-semester course that is offered to college-bound students in the 11th and 12th grades. The course focuses on the skills required for writing papers at the college level. Specifically, students will be taught how to write papers following both MLA (Modern Language Association) and APA (American Psychological Association) guidelines. In addition to following specific style guidelines, students will learn how to (1) incorporate formulaic writing strategies, (2) write and interpret universal proofreading symbols, and (3) distinguish between credible and non-credible sources of information.

Recommended Textbooks

Purdue University's on-line versions of MLA and APA guidelines. (Owl Writing Lab)

Standards At-A-Glance

	Reading	Writing	Speaking and Listening	Language
Unit 1	RI.11-12.1	W.11- 12.1,4,5,6	SL.11-12.1	L11-12.1,2
Unit 2	RL.11-12.1, 7	W.11-12.1,2,5- 9	SL.11-12.1-4, 6	L11-12.1,2
Unit 3	RI.11-12.1	W.11- 12.1,4,5,6	SL.11-12.1	L11-12.1,2
Unit 4	RI.11- 12.1,2,6,7	W.11- 12.1,2,4,5,6,7,8	SL.11-12.1	L11-12.1,2
Unit 5	RI.11-12.1	W.11-12.1,2-6, 10	SL.11-12.1-4	L11-12.1,2

Pacing Guide

-	Anticipated Length of Time (days)	
Unit 1	15 days	
Unit 2	20 days	
Unit 3	15 days	
Unit 4	30 days	
Unit 5	8 days	

Unit 1: MLA--The Basics

Unit Summary

Incorporating MLA format, students will write a 2-page position paper on a teacher-selected controversial current event (semester 1) or a 2-page paper which argues that a specific person of African-American heritage deserves to be honored in the Smithsonian Museum (semester 2/Black History Month). Within this process, students will learn how to write a thesis statement, an introductory paragraph using the funnel method, and cohesive body paragraphs. Other skills include summarizing, paraphrasing, transitioning, citing sources, and interpreting universal proofreading symbols.

- Why write? What makes writing worth reading?
- How is writing organized?
- How do effective writers hook and hold their readers?
- How do I know if a source is credible?
- What are the proofreading marks used to edit and correct academic papers?
- How do I format a documented paper?

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Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards
Accurately cite strong and thorough textual evidence, (e.g., via discussion, written response, etc.), to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferentially, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.	RI.11-12.1
Suggested Materials/E	Educational Resources
Upfront Magazine, UHS Library Da	atabases for Current Event Articles

WRITING		
Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards	
Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence. B. Develop claim(s) and counterclaims avoiding common logical fallacies and using sound reasoning and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant evidence for	W.11-12.1	

each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.

- C. Use transitions (e.g. words, phrases, clauses) to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
- D. Establish and maintain a style and tone appropriate to the audience and purpose (e.g. formal and objective for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
- E. Provide a concluding paragraph or section that supports the argument presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

W.11-12.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Gradespecific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

W.11-12.5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, trying a new approach, or consulting a style manual (such as MLA or APA Style), focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

W.11-12.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

W.11-12.4

W.11-12.5

W.11-12.6

Suggested Materials/Educational Resources

Upfront Magazine, UHS Library Databases for Current Event Articles
Purdue University Writing Owl (MLA Guidelines):
https://owl.english.purdue.edu/

Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards
SL.11-12.1Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on- one, in groups, and teacher-led) with peers on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.	SL.11-12.1
Suggested Materials/	Educational Resources

LANG	UAGE	
Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards	
Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. A. Apply the understanding that usage is a matter of convention, can change over time, and is sometimes contested.	L.11-12.1	
Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. A. Observe hyphenation conventions.	L.11-12.2	
B. Spell correctly.		
Suggested Materials/E	ducational Resources	
Purdue University Writing Owl		

	ASSESSN	IENT PLAN	
District/School Formative Assessment Plan			t/School Summative ssessment Plan
Proofreading practice Quizzes on MLA formatting, thesis writing Outlining Citation practice		Unit test MLA documer	nted paper
District/School Texts			District/School lementary Materials
N/A District/School		ol Writing Task	
Task Primary Focu		IS	Secondary Focus
PBA#1: MLA documented paper	Works Cited page, in-text citations, thesis, MLA formatting, locating and citing evidence		Language Conventions

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INSTRUCTIONAL BEST PRACTICES AND EXEMPLAR	S
Various Writing Rubrics	

Unit 2: MLA Literary Analysis Paper

Unit Summary

Incorporating MLA format, students will write a 3-4-page literary analysis paper that incorporates two related sources of information, one video and one short story.

Within this process, students will learn how to write a thesis statement, an introductory paragraph using a quotation as a hook, cohesive body paragraphs, and a conclusion that references the quotation. Other skills include summarizing, paraphrasing, transitioning, and interpreting proofreading symbols.

- Why write? What makes writing worth reading?
- How is writing organized?
- How do effective writers hook and hold their readers?
- How does writing reflect thinking and vice versa?
- How is writing reflected and expressed in film?
- How do I know if a source is credible?
- What are the proofreader's marks used to revise/correct academic papers?

Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards
Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.	RL.11-12.1
Analyze multiple interpretations of a story, drama, or poem (e.g., recorded or live production of a play or recorded novel or poetry), evaluating how each version interprets the source text. (e.g., Shakespeare and other authors.)	RL.11-12.7
Suggested Materials/F	 Educational Resources

WRITING		
Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards	
W.11-12.1. Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.	W.11-12.1	

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

W.11-12.5

W 11-12.2

Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, trying a new approach, or consulting a style manual (such as MLA or APA Style), focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

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.

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. (MLA or APA Style Manuals).

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

W.11-12.6

W.11-12.7

W.11-12.8

W.11-12.9.

Suggested Materials/Educational Resources

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Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards	
Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with peers on <i>grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues,</i> building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.	SL.11-12.1	
Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, qualitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.	SL.11-12.2	
Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, assessing the stance, premises, links among ideas, word choice, points of emphasis, and tone used.	SL.11-12.3	
Present information, findings and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically. The content, organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	SL.11-12.4	
Suggested Materials/Educational Resources		

LANGUAGE		
Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards	
Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. A. Apply the understanding that usage	L.11-12.1	

is a matter of convention, can change over time, and is sometimes contested. L.11-12.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. A. Observe hyphenation conventions. B. Spell correctly.	L.11-12.2	
Suggested Materials/Educational Resources		

	ASSESSM	ENT PLAN	
District/School Formative		District/School Summative	
Assessment Plan		A	ssessment Plan
Proofreading practice		Unit test	
Quizzes on MLA formatting,	thesis writing	MLA documer	nted paper
Outlining			
Citation practice			
District/School T	exts	1	District/School
		·	lementary Materials
N/A		UHS Library E	Databases
District/Schoo		I Writing Tasks	3
Task	Primary Focu	S	Secondary Focus
PBA#1: MLA documented	Works Cited page, in-text		Language Conventions
paper	citations, thesis, MLA		
	formatting, locating and		
	citing evidence		

INSTRUCTIONAL BEST PRACTICES AND EXEMPLARS		
Various Writing Rubrics		

Unit 3: APA-The Basics

Unit Summary

Incorporating APA format, students will write a 2-page position paper on a teacher-selected controversial current event and/or issue relevant to teens. Within this process, students will learn how to write a thesis statement, an introductory paragraph using the funnel method, and cohesive body paragraphs. Other skills include summarizing, paraphrasing, transitioning, and interpreting universal proofreading symbols.

- .Why write? What makes writing worth reading?
- How is writing organized?
- How do effective writers hook and hold their readers?
- How do I know if a source is credible?
- How do I format a documented paper?

Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards
Accurately cite strong and thorough textual evidence, (e.g., via discussion, written response, etc.), to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferentially, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.	RI.11-12.1
Suggested Materials/E	I Educational Resources
Upfront Magazine, UHS Library Da	atabases for Current Event Articles

WRI	TING
Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards
Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence. B. Develop claim(s) and counterclaims avoiding common logical fallacies and using sound reasoning and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases. C. Use transitions (e.g. words,	W.11-12.1

phrases, clauses) to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

- D. Establish and maintain a style and tone appropriate to the audience and purpose (e.g. formal and objective for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
- E. Provide a concluding paragraph or section that supports the argument presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
- W.11-12.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Gradespecific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

W.11-12.5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, trying a new approach, or consulting a style manual (such as MLA or APA Style), focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

W.11-12.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

W.11-12.4

W.11-12.5

W.11-12.6

Suggested Materials/Educational Resources

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Purdue University Writing Owl (MLA Guidelines):
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Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards
Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (oneon-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with peers on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.	SL.11-12.1
Suggested Materials/	Educational Resources

LANG	UAGE	
Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards	
Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. A. Apply the understanding that usage is a matter of convention, can change over time, and is sometimes contested.	L.11-12.1	
Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. A. Observe hyphenation conventions.	L.11-12.2	
B. Spell correctly.		
Suggested Materials/Educational Resources		

	ASSESSN	IENT PLAN	
District/School Formative Assessment Plan			t/School Summative ssessment Plan
Proofreading practice		Unit test	
Quizzes on APA formatting, thesis writing		APA documer	nted paper
Outlining			
Citation practice			
District/School Texts			District/School
		Supp	lementary Materials
N/A		UHS Library [Databases
	District/Schoo	Writing Task	S
Task	Primary Focus		Secondary Focus
PBA#1: APA documented	Works Cited page, in-text		Language Conventions

formatting, locating and citing evidence	paper
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INSTRUCTIONAL BEST PRACTICES AND EXEMPLARS		
Various Writing Rubrics		

Unit 4: APA-Health Issue

Unit Summary

Incorporating APA format, students will write a 5-page on a student-selected health issue. Within this process, students will learn how to write a thesis statement, an introductory paragraph using an anecdote, cohesive body paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph that references the anecdote. Students will locate and apply credible sources, both on-line and print. Other skills include summarizing, paraphrasing, transitioning, and interpreting proofreading symbols.

- Why write? What makes writing worth reading?
- How is writing organized?
- How do effective writers hook and hold their readers?
- How do I know if a source is credible?

REAI	DING
Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards
Accurately cite strong and thorough textual evidence, (e.g., via discussion, written response, etc.), to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferentially, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.	RI.11-12.1
Determine two or more central ideas of a text, and analyze their development and how they interact to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of the text.	RI.11-12.2
Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text in which the rhetoric is particularly effective, analyzing how style and content contribute to the power, persuasiveness or beauty of the text.	RI.11-12.6
Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words in order to address a question or solve a problem.	RI.11-12.7

Suggested Materials/Educational Resources

WRI	TING
Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards
Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.	W.11-12.1
C. Use transitions (e.g. words, phrases, clauses) to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims. D. Establish and maintain a style and tone appropriate to the audience and purpose (e.g. formal and objective for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing. E. Provide a concluding paragraph or section that supports the argument presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).	
W.11-12.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.	W.11-12.2
A. Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include formatting, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension. B. Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the	

audience's knowledge of the topic. C. Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts. D. Use precise language, domainspecific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic. E. Establish and maintain a style and tone appropriate to the audience and purpose (e.g. formal and objective for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing. F. Provide a concluding paragraph or section that supports the argument presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).		
W.11-12.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	W.11-12.4	
W.11-12.5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, trying a new approach, or consulting a style manual (such as MLA or APA Style), focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.	W.11-12.5	
W.11-12.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.	W.11-12.6	
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;	W.11-12.7	

synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

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. (MLA or APA Style Manuals).

W.11-12.8

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

W.11-12.9

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes.

W.11-12.10

Suggested Materials/Educational Resources

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Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards
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Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. A. Observe hyphenation conventions.	L.11-12.2
B. Spell correctly.	
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District/School For Assessment Pl			ct/School Summative ssessment Plan
Proofreading practice Quizzes on APA formatting, thesis writing Outlining Citation practice		Unit test APA documented paper	
District/School Texts		District/School Supplementary Materials	
N/A District/Schoo		UHS Library I I Writing Task	
Task	Primary Focu	S	Secondary Focus
PBA#1: APA documented paper	Works Cited points citations, these formatting, lociting evidence	page, in-text sis, APA cating and	Language Conventions

INSTRUCTIONAL BEST PRACTICES AND EXEMPLARS
Various Writing Rubrics

Unit 5: Reaction Paper

Unit Summary

Students will write a reaction paper after viewing a select historical documentary (i.e., The Central Park 5, Holocaust, Civil Rights movement). Students will apply skills in summarizing, transitioning, and providing supporting evidence. Students will incorporate their own responses/reactions to serious and often disturbing historical events that have been documented..

Essential Questions

What is justice? How can it be achieved?

Why do some people standby during times of injustice while others try to do something to stop or prevent injustice?

Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards
	Educational Resources

WRITING		
Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards	
Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.	W.11-12.1	
Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.	W.11-12.2	
Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)	W.11-12.4	
Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, trying a new approach, or consulting a	W.11-12.5	

style manual (such as MLA or APA Style), focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.	
Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.	W.11-12.6
Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes.	W.11-12.10

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SPEAKING AN	ND LISTENING	
Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards	
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Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, qualitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.	SL.11-12.2	
Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, assessing the stance, premises, links among ideas, word choice, points of emphasis, and tone used.	SL.11-12.3	
resent information, findings and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically. The content, organization, development,	SL.11-12.4	

and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	
Suggested Materials/E	ducational Resources

LANG	UAGE
Critical Knowledge and Skills	Standards
Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. A. Apply the understanding that usage is a matter of convention, can change over time, and is sometimes contested.	L.11-12.1
Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. A. Observe hyphenation conventions.	L.11-12.2
B. Spell correctly.	
Suggested Materials/6	Educational Resources
Purdue Univer	sity Writing Owl

District/School Formative		MENT PLAN District/School Summative	
Assessment F	Plan	Assessment Plan Reaction paper	
Note-taking			
District/School Texts		District/School	
		Supplementary Materials	
N/A		UHS Library Databases	
	District/Schoo	ol Writing Tasks	s
Task	Primary Focu	IS	Secondary Focus
PBA#1: Reaction paper Thesis, sumn locating and o		narizing,	Language Conventions
		citing evidence	

INSTRUCTIONAL BEST PRACTICES AND EXEMPLARS
Various Writing Rubrics