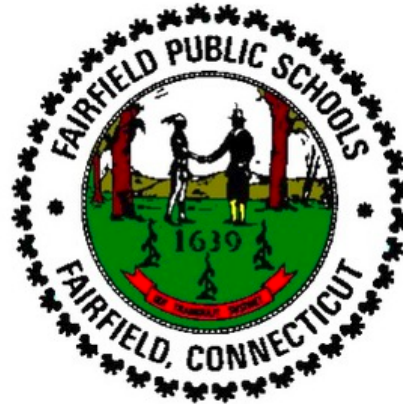


Fairfield Public Schools

English Curriculum

Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening, Language

Gender Perspectives in Literature



Gender Perspectives in Literature: Description

Gender Perspectives is a semester course, focusing on the analysis of the changing portrayal of gender roles in literature, film, and popular culture. Students will explore cultural assumptions about gender and read literary texts from multiple perspectives as they become familiar with literary theories concerning gender. Critical thinking, class discussions, and independent/field research are integral components of this course. Major assessments will include a memoir that focuses on gender, an exploratory essay, a research paper on a contemporary issue, an analysis of contemporary icons, and a creative project. At the end of the course, students will complete a final course project.

Gender Perspectives in Literature: Overview

Central Understandings	Course Essential Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students analyze and respond in literal, critical, and evaluative ways to a variety of complex texts that are read, viewed, and heard.• Students apply the principles of literary theory to deepen their comprehension of texts.• Students express, develop, and substantiate ideas and experiences through their own writing, artistic productions, and researched presentations.• Students write routinely over extended time frames and shorter time frames to develop and strengthen their writing.• Students contribute to classroom discourse by listening actively, synthesizing the ideas of others, and responding critically.• Students write with clarity and accuracy by adhering to the language and conventions of Standard English.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How are terms such as gender, sex, sexuality, gender identity, and feminism used and misused in today’s society?• What forces have been instrumental in shaping my own gender identity?• How do historical iconic figures reveal, establish, and perpetuate ideas about what it means to be male or female?• What effect does social/historical context and personal experience (race, socioeconomic status, religion, family, and sexual orientation) have on individual perception and enactment of gender roles?• How have stereotypes about maleness and femaleness come to exist, and what is their effect today?• What role do perceptions about gender play in the construction of power hierarchies (social institutions, business, politics, religion, personal relationships, and family dynamics) in today’s society?• How do messages about gender identity legitimize power and privilege?• To what extent are we, as individuals, manipulated by the messages that maintain existent power structures?• How does literature replicate, create, and reinforce images about maleness and femaleness?• How do contemporary literary theories help us to read in more critical and complex ways?• How can language and genre perpetuate notions about gender?

Gender Perspectives in Literature: Overview

Grammar, Usage, Mechanics, and Vocabulary

By the end of 11th grade, it is expected that students are able to demonstrate a mastery of grammar, usage, and mechanics concepts to be exhibited in 12th grade composition. Therefore, composition and grammar expectations are reviewed individually with students. Students are expected to follow MLA formatting rules for all formal writing.

Vocabulary study in all of our English elective courses is systematic, designed by teachers, and embedded into each unit. Vocabulary focus is on Tier 2 words – wide ranging words of high utility for literate language users. These are words that are more characteristic of written language and not so common in oral language/conversation (Hayes & Ahrens 1988). Further, students review advanced “word attack” strategies that include using context clues and reviewing appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots to determine the meaning of a word. Vocabulary study also includes Tier 3 words – domain specific words that are germane to the study of literature and literary theory. Lists of these Tier 3 words are developed before each unit.

Teacher Resources

Image Grammar, 2nd Edition by H. Noden

Words, Words, Words Teaching Vocabulary 4-12 by J. Allen

Bringing Words to Life: Robust Vocabulary Instruction by I. Beck, M. McKeown, and L. Kucan

Doing Literary Criticism: Helping Students Engage with Challenging Texts by T. Gillespie & L. Christenbury

Gender Perspectives in Literature: Year-at-a-Glance

Unit Title	Reading Focus	Writing Focus	Grammar/Usage/ Mechanics Focus	Summative Assessments
Introduction to Language, History, and Purpose of Gender Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make critical distinctions among what gender, sex, sexuality, and gender identity mean and how the terms are often used • Explore the history of feminism and gender studies • Recognize cultural and socially-situated assumptions regarding gender • Explore contemporary debates about gender as a biological versus cultural construct 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articulate how their gender identity has been shaped by individual experience. • Extended Narrative • Effective use of textual detail • Developing personal voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of major 11^h grade concepts: comma splice; consistent voice; punctuate restrictive and non-restrictive clauses • Individual review of composition and grammar concepts and expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative Writing. Memoir/memoirs, exploring their own experience developing gender identity
Influences on Gender: Icons, Archetypes, and Historical Contexts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify archetypal female and male images in film • Examine how female and male archetypes transcend cultural and historical boundaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct field research (interviews, observations) in order to see how identity issues were enacted in their everyday lives. • Use language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual review of composition and grammar concepts and expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploratory Essay

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze cultural artifacts (music lyrics, advertisements, clothing, and toys/entertainment) in order to understand the power and pervasiveness of socially constructed ideas about gender Evaluate various perspectives in contemporary scholarly thought about race, class, gender, and sexual orientation as they read and discuss nonfiction essays, articles, and other short texts Interpret themes and evaluate ideas that the texts offer in writing 	<p>effectively to convey the personal meaning derived from life events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize thinking for intended audience Use a strong and consistent voice in writing 		
Deconstructing Images that Replicate, Create, and Reinforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deconstruct how traditional archetypes in literature and image portray gender identity Apply contemporary gender theory to readings in order to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate research on literary theory about gender in their writing Analyze how language, including syntax and diction, demonstrate gender and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual review of composition and grammar concepts and expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Paper on a contemporary issue Presentation and analysis of contemporary icons

	<p>understand and be open to multiple perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect and analyze images (media, advertising, photography) to deconstruct how power is enacted on individual identity • Explore the complexity of identity (race, socioeconomic status, religion, family composition, and sexual orientation), using nonfiction essays and artifacts • Research literary theory about gender 	<p>assumptions about gender</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore, research, and present analysis of a contemporary icon 		
<p>Defining, Empowering, and Restructuring Ourselves and Culture through Awareness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annotating texts during close re-reading of texts to deepen interpretation of texts and gather evidence to support ideas in writing • Analyze the gender archetypes in Fairy Tales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define and/or reconstruct their own identity through a re-definition essay • Apply theory to the research and writing process • Begin to develop their own ideology based on theories explored in the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual review of composition and grammar concepts and expectations 	<p>Narrative; Literary Analysis</p>

		<p>course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write in varied styles and structures in order to mirror complex, paradoxical, and original ideas 		
<p>Culmination of Independent Inquiry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student directed Inquiry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student directed Inquiry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual review of composition and grammar concepts and expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student directed Inquiry Projects

Introduction to Language, History, and Purpose of Gender Studies

Overview

In this unit, students will explore cultural Assumptions about Gender by responding to the following questions:

- Students will be able to answer: How are terms such as gender, sex, sexuality, gender identity, and feminism used and misused in today's society?
- What is the value of engaging in gender studies?
- What forces have been instrumental in shaping my own gender identity?

Reading Focus

- Make critical distinctions among what gender, sex, sexuality, and gender identity mean and how the terms are often used
- Explore the history of feminism and gender studies
- Begin to recognize cultural and socially-situated assumptions regarding gender
- Explore contemporary debates about gender as a biological versus cultural construct

Writing Focus

- Articulate (through writing and discussion) how their gender identity has been shaped by individual experience.
- Extended Narrative
- Effective use of textual detail
- Developing personal voice

Grammar, Usage, Mechanics, and Vocabulary Focus

- Review of major 11^h grade concepts: comma splice; consistent voice; punctuate restrictive and non-restrictive clauses
- Individual review of composition and grammar concepts and expectations
- Unit-specific vocabulary

Connecticut Core Standards Emphasized in the Unit

READING

Key Ideas and Details:

RL.11-12.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence 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.11-12.2 Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of the text.

RL.11-12.3 Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).

Craft and Structure:

RL.11-12.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including words with multiple meanings or language that is particularly fresh, engaging, or beautiful. (Include Shakespeare as well as other authors.)

RL.11-12.5 Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure specific parts of a text (e.g., the choice of where to begin or end a story, the choice to provide a comedic or tragic resolution) contribute to its overall structure and meaning as well as its aesthetic impact.

RL.11-12.6 Analyze a case in which grasping a point of view requires distinguishing what is directly stated in a text from what is really meant (e.g., satire, sarcasm, irony, or understatement).

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas:

RL.11-12.7 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. (Include at least one play by Shakespeare and one play by an American dramatist.)

RL.11-12.9 Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth-, nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.

WRITING**Text Types and Purposes:**

W.11-12.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

W.11-12.3.a Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create a smooth progression of experiences or events.

W.11-12.3.b Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences,

events, and/or characters.

W.11-12.3.c Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, or resolution).

W.11-12.3.d Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.

W.11-12.3.e Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.

Production and Distribution of Writing:

W.11-12.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

W.11-12.5 Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

Research to Build and Present Knowledge:

W.11-12.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

SPEAKING & LISTENING

Comprehension and Collaboration:

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 11-12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

SL.11-12.1.a Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas.

SL.11-12.1.b Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

SL.11-12.1.c Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that probe reasoning and evidence; ensure a hearing for a full range of positions on a topic or issue; clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions; and promote divergent and creative perspectives.

SL.11-12.1.d Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives; synthesize comments, claims, and evidence made on all sides of an issue; resolve contradictions when possible; and determine what additional information or research is required to deepen the investigation or complete the task.

LANGUAGE

Conventions of Standard English:

L.11-12.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

L.11-12.1.a Apply the understanding that usage is a matter of convention, can change over time, and is sometimes contested.

L.11-12.1.b Resolve issues of complex or contested usage, consulting references (e.g., *Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English Usage*, *Garner's Modern American Usage*) as needed.

L.11-12.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

L.11-12.2.a Observe hyphenation conventions.

L.11-12.2.b Spell correctly.

Knowledge of Language:

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.

L.11-12.3.a Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's *Artful Sentences*) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

Vocabulary Acquisition and Use:

L.11-12.4 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.

L.11-12.4.a Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

L.11-12.4.b Identify and correctly use patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech (e.g., *conceive*, *conception*, *conceivable*).

L.11-12.4.c Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., 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 etymology, or its standard usage.

L.11-12.4.d Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

L.11-12.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

L.11-12.5.a Interpret figures of speech (e.g., hyperbole, paradox) in context and analyze their role in the text.

L.11-12.5.b Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.

L.11-12.6 Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, sufficient for reading, writing, speaking,

and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Influences on Gender: Icons, Archetypes, and Historical Contexts

Overview

During this unit students will respond to the following questions:

- How do historical iconic figures reveal, establish, and perpetuate ideas about what it means to be male or female?
- In what ways do historically embedded stereotypes of men and women replicate themselves in popular culture?
- What is the nature of identity?

Reading Focus

- Identify archetypal female and male images in film and discuss how such images pervade conscious and unconscious contemporary thought
- Examine how female and male archetypes transcend cultural and historical boundaries and influence contemporary assumptions
- Collect and analyze cultural artifacts (music lyrics, advertisements, clothing, and toys/entertainment) in order to understand the power and pervasiveness of socially constructed ideas about gender
- Evaluate various perspectives in contemporary scholarly thought about race, class, gender, and sexual

Writing Focus

- Conduct field research (interviews, observations) in order to see how identity issues were enacted in their everyday lives
- Use language effectively to convey the personal meaning derived from life events
- Organize thinking for audience
- Use a strong and consistent voice in writing
- Interpret themes and evaluate ideas that the texts offer in writing

Grammar, Usage, Mechanics, and Vocabulary Focus

- Individual review of composition and grammar concepts and expectations
- Unit-specific vocabulary

orientation as they read and discuss nonfiction essays, articles, and other short texts		
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Connecticut Core Standards Emphasized in the Unit

READING

Key Ideas and Details:

RL.11-12.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence 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.11-12.2 Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of the text.

RL.11-12.3 Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).

Craft and Structure:

RL.11-12.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including words with multiple meanings or language that is particularly fresh, engaging, or beautiful. (Include Shakespeare as well as other authors.)

RL.11-12.5 Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure specific parts of a text (e.g., the choice of where to begin or end a story, the choice to provide a comedic or tragic resolution) contribute to its overall structure and meaning as well as its aesthetic impact.

RL.11-12.6 Analyze a case in which grasping a point of view requires distinguishing what is directly stated in a text from what is really meant (e.g., satire, sarcasm, irony, or understatement).

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas:

RL.11-12.9 Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth-, nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.

WRITING

Text Types and Purposes

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 (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

W.11-12.2.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.

W.11-12.2.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.

W.11-12.2.d Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.

W.11-12.2.e Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

W.11-12.2.f Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

Production and Distribution of Writing:

W.11-12.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

W.11-12.5 Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

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

Research to Build and Present Knowledge:

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.

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.

SPEAKING & LISTENING

Comprehension and Collaboration:

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 11-12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

SL.11-12.1.a Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas.

SL.11-12.1.b Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

SL.11-12.1.c Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that probe reasoning and evidence; ensure a hearing for a full range of positions on a topic or issue; clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions; and promote divergent and creative perspectives.

SL.11-12.1.d Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives; synthesize comments, claims, and evidence made on all sides of an issue; resolve contradictions when possible; and determine what additional information or research is required to deepen the investigation or complete the task.

SL.11-12.2 Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) in order to make informed decisions and solve problems, evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source and noting any discrepancies among the data.

SL.11-12.3 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.

Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas:

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.

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.

SL.11-12.6 Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating a command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

LANGUAGE

Conventions of Standard English:

L.11-12.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

L.11-12.1.a Apply the understanding that usage is a matter of convention, can change over time, and is sometimes contested.

L.11-12.1.b Resolve issues of complex or contested usage, consulting references (e.g., *Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English Usage*, *Garner's Modern American Usage*) as needed.

L.11-12.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

L.11-12.2.a Observe hyphenation conventions.

L.11-12.2.b Spell correctly.

Knowledge of Language:

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.

L.11-12.3.a Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's *Artful Sentences*) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

Vocabulary Acquisition and Use:

L.11-12.4 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.

L.11-12.4.a Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

L.11-12.4.b Identify and correctly use patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech (e.g., *conceive*, *conception*, *conceivable*).

L.11-12.4.c Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., 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 etymology, or its standard usage.

L.11-12.4.d Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

L.11-12.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

L.11-12.5.a Interpret figures of speech (e.g., hyperbole, paradox) in context and analyze their role in the text.

L.11-12.5.b Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.

L.11-12.6 Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Deconstructing Images that Replicate, Create, and Reinforce

Overview

By the End of this unit, students will be able to respond to the following questions:

- How have stereotypes about maleness and femaleness come to exist, and what is their effect today?
- What role do perceptions about gender play in the construction of power hierarchies (social institutions, business, politics, religion, personal relationships, and family dynamics) in today’s society?
- How do messages about gender identity legitimize power and privilege?
- To what extent are we, as individuals, complicit in reinforcing the messages that maintain existent power structures?
- To what extent are we, as individuals, manipulated by the messages that maintain existent power structures?
- How does literature replicate, create, and reinforce images about maleness and femaleness?
- How do contemporary theories help us to read in more critical and complex ways?
- How can language and genre perpetuate notions about gender?

Reading Focus	Writing Focus	Grammar, Usage, Mechanics, and Vocabulary Focus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deconstruct how traditional archetypes in literature and image portray gender identity • Apply contemporary gender theory to readings in order to understand and be open to multiple perspectives • Collect and analyze images (media, advertising, photography) to deconstruct how power is enacted on individual identity • Explore the complexity of identity (race, socioeconomic status, religion, family) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate research on literary theory about gender in their writing • Analyze how language, including syntax and diction, demonstrate gender and assumptions about gender • Explore, research, and present analysis of a contemporary icon • Revise and edit work carefully to eliminate errors and communicate ideas clearly and concisely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual review of composition and grammar concepts and expectations • Unit-specific vocabulary

<p>composition, and sexual orientation), using nonfiction essays and artifacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze contemporary literary theory about gender 		
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Connecticut Core Standards Emphasized in the Unit

READING

Key Ideas and Details:

RI.11-12.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence 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.

RI.11-12.2 Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of the text.

RI.11-12.3 Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.

Craft and Structure:

RI.11-12.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).

RI.11-12.5 Analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the structure an author uses in his or her exposition or argument, including whether the structure makes points clear, convincing, and engaging.

RI.11-12.6 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.

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas:

RI.11-12.7 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.11-12.8 Delineate and evaluate the reasoning in seminal U.S. texts, including the application of constitutional principles and use of legal reasoning (e.g., in U.S. Supreme Court majority opinions and dissents) and the premises, purposes, and arguments in works of public

advocacy (e.g., *The Federalist*, presidential addresses).

RI.11-12.9 Analyze seventeenth-, eighteenth-, and nineteenth-century foundational U.S. documents of historical and literary significance (including The Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address) for their themes, purposes, and rhetorical features.

WRITING

Text Types and Purposes:

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.a Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.

W.11-12.1.b Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly 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.

W.11-12.1.c Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax 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.

W.11-12.1.d Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

W.11-12.1.e Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

Production and Distribution of Writing:

W.11-12.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

W.11-12.5 Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

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Research to Build and Present Knowledge:

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.

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W.11-12.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

SPEAKING & LISTENING

Comprehension and Collaboration:

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 11-12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

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Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas:

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Conventions of Standard English:

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L.11-12.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

L.11-12.2.a Observe hyphenation conventions.

L.11-12.2.b Spell correctly.

Knowledge of Language:

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.

L.11-12.3.a Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's *Artful Sentences*) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

Vocabulary Acquisition and Use:

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L.11-12.5.a Interpret figures of speech (e.g., hyperbole, paradox) in context and analyze their role in the text.

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Defining, Empowering, and Restructuring Ourselves and Culture through Awareness

Overview

By the end of the unit, students will be able to respond to the following questions:

- How is the nature of identity not only individual and complex but also in flux?
- How do imagination and writing allow one to envision and shape one's selfhood?
- To what extent are we free to shape ourselves within cultural paradigms?
- To what extent are society and the individual defined, challenged, and inspired by each other?
- How do portrayals of maleness and femaleness inspire new insights?
- What are the potential benefits of scholarly research and writing in analyzing texts, images, and/or contemporary issues?
- How can playing with language and genre allow us to explore and realize new and different ideas?

Reading Focus	Writing Focus	Grammar, Usage, Mechanics, and Vocabulary Focus
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annotating texts during close re-reading of texts to deepen interpretation of texts and gather evidence to support ideas in writing• Analyze the gender archetypes in Fairy Tales• Recognize the relationship between their own shifting consciousness regarding gender identity and its cultural implications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define and/or reconstruct their own identity through a <i>re-definition</i> essay• Apply theory to the research and writing process• Begin to develop their own ideology based on theories explored in the course• Write in varied styles and structures in order to mirror complex, paradoxical, and original ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual review of composition and grammar concepts and expectations• Unit-specific vocabulary

Connecticut Core Standards Emphasized in the Unit

READING

Key Ideas and Details:

RL.11-12.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence 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.11-12.2 Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of the text.

RL.11-12.3 Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).

Craft and Structure:

RL.11-12.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including words with multiple meanings or language that is particularly fresh, engaging, or beautiful. (Include Shakespeare as well as other authors.)

RL.11-12.5 Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure specific parts of a text (e.g., the choice of where to begin or end a story, the choice to provide a comedic or tragic resolution) contribute to its overall structure and meaning as well as its aesthetic impact.

RL.11-12.6 Analyze a case in which grasping a point of view requires distinguishing what is directly stated in a text from what is really meant (e.g., satire, sarcasm, irony, or understatement).

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas:

RL.11-12.7 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. (Include at least one play by Shakespeare and one play by an American dramatist.)

RL.11-12.9 Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth-, nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.

WRITING

Text Types and Purposes:

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 (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

W.11-12.2.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.

W.11-12.2.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.

W.11-12.2.d Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.

W.11-12.2.e Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

W.11-12.2.f Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

W.11-12.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

W.11-12.3.a Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create a smooth progression of experiences or events.

W.11-12.3.b Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

W.11-12.3.c Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, or resolution).

W.11-12.3.d Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.

W.11-12.3.e Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.

Production and Distribution of Writing:

W.11-12.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

W.11-12.5 Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on

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Comprehension and Collaboration:

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SL.11-12.6 Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating a command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

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L.11-12.2.a Observe hyphenation conventions.

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L.11-12.3.a Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's *Artful Sentences*) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

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Independent Student Inquiry

Unit Overview

In this culminating unit, students will apply the knowledge and skills they have learned from the course to the development of an independent inquiry project.

Reading Focus	Writing Focus	Grammar, Usage, Mechanics, and Vocabulary Focus
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Form and pursue a line of intellectual inquiry related to the literature and ideas examined in this course• Conduct independent research, create a product and a processed written piece, and deliver a presentation to further explore an idea or concept from the course• Reflect on how this independent study project has extended their thinking and learning and how their work reflects who they are as academics and as human beings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a prospectus for their Independent Inquiry Project• Use technology to research, create a product, or present their independent study	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual review of composition and grammar concepts and expectations

Connecticut Core Standards Emphasized in the Unit

READING

Key Ideas and Details:

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RL.11-12.3 Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).

Craft and Structure:

RL.11-12.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including words with multiple meanings or language that is particularly fresh, engaging, or beautiful. (Include Shakespeare as well as other authors.)

RL.11-12.5 Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure specific parts of a text (e.g., the choice of where to begin or end a story, the choice to provide a comedic or tragic resolution) contribute to its overall structure and meaning as well as its aesthetic impact.

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Integration of Knowledge and Ideas:

RL.11-12.7 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. (Include at least one play by Shakespeare and one play by an American dramatist.)

RL.11-12.9 Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth-, nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.

Key Ideas and Details:

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RI.11-12.3 Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.

Craft and Structure:

RI.11-12.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical

meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).

RI.11-12.5 Analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the structure an author uses in his or her exposition or argument, including whether the structure makes points clear, convincing, and engaging.

RI.11-12.6 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.

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas:

RI.11-12.7 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.11-12.8 Delineate and evaluate the reasoning in seminal U.S. texts, including the application of constitutional principles and use of legal reasoning (e.g., in U.S. Supreme Court majority opinions and dissents) and the premises, purposes, and arguments in works of public advocacy (e.g., *The Federalist*, presidential addresses).

RI.11-12.9 Analyze seventeenth-, eighteenth-, and nineteenth-century foundational U.S. documents of historical and literary significance (including The Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address) for their themes, purposes, and rhetorical features.

WRITING

Text Types and Purposes:

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.a Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.

W.11-12.1.b Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly 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.

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W.11-12.1.d Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

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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.

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W.11-12.2.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.

W.11-12.2.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.

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W.11-12.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

W.11-12.9.a Apply *grades 11-12 Reading standards* to literature (e.g., "Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth-, nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics").

W.11-12.9.b Apply *grades 11-12 Reading standards* to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the reasoning in seminal U.S. texts, including the application of constitutional principles and use of legal reasoning [e.g., in U.S. Supreme Court Case majority opinions and dissents] and the premises, purposes, and arguments in works of public advocacy [e.g., *The Federalist*, presidential addresses]").

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L.11-12.2.b Spell correctly.

Knowledge of Language:

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syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

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L.11-12.4.a Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

L.11-12.4.b Identify and correctly use patterns of word changes that indicate different meanings or parts of speech (e.g., *conceive*, *conception*, *conceivable*).

L.11-12.4.c Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., 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 etymology, or its standard usage.

L.11-12.4.d Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

L.11-12.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

L.11-12.5.a Interpret figures of speech (e.g., hyperbole, paradox) in context and analyze their role in the text.

L.11-12.5.b Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.

L.11-12.6 Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.