

Norwood Public Schools

Grade 10 CP2

Description (including primary objectives and outcomes):

This curriculum is appropriate for grade 10 students who are at risk for passing the MCAS and who are struggling with English. They are students who will thrive in a small learning community because they will have more access to individualized attention and will benefit from extra help with their ELA skill. During the year the students will study such genres as novels, short stories, poetry, drama, and non-fiction. Through these works students will study vocabulary, grammar, and writing. In writing students will be able to understand, structure, and write an open response and a 5 paragraph essay. Students will also be able to determine the meaning of words through context clues in literature. In literature they will be able to find details in the reading and also will be able to understand themes and motifs that run throughout a piece of literature. They will learn to be contributing members of the classroom community showing respect for individuals, their ideas, and their differences. They will evaluate the choices they make inside and outside the classroom in an attempt to make choices that will improve their relationships in our school community. Emphasis is also placed on preparation for the MCAS exam in March. Students are required to read one summer reading selection chosen by the department. Assessment of all grade 10 students includes the department-wide midyear exam, the MCAS test, and the grade 10 final exam.

Learning Experiences:

Writing

- MCAS Open Response
- 4/5 Paragraph Essay
- Chapter Questions

Reading

- Discuss, analyze, and respond to fiction
- Read various MCAS Reading Comprehension Passages

Speaking and Listening

- Discussions based on literature
- Reading novels aloud in class

Content Outline

- Student writing: Prompts for Open Response, 4/5 Paragraph Essay, Journals, MCAS Prep
- Class Notebooks
- Literary terms
- Writing based grammar skills
- Vocabulary from texts
- 3 core texts
- Media Literacy and *The Great Debaters*

Resources Used

- Materials posted on classroom wiki site
- *The Accident, Of Mice and Men, Night, and The Glass Menagerie*
- *The InterActive Reader* (poetry & non-fiction)
- Online resources

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