

Composition II/AP Language: Dual Credit College Now JCCC								
Units of Study	Proposed Time	Essential Questions	Content Suggestions	Unit Objectives	Formal Writing Assignments	Sample Assessments and Project Learning	State Standards	JCCC Competencies
Public Education Reform	5-weeks	How should education be defined?	"School is Bad for Children" Jonathan Holt	Discuss Rhetorical Situation-- Analyzing Tone	Diagnostic Essay: What are the main goals of education and is America achieving its goals?	Complete Essential Questions Grid	Throughout the Semester: College Prep Writing Focus and Critical Thinking Skills	Integrate the research process into the basic writing process
		What should the main goals of education be?	"When I Heard the Learned Astronomer" Walt Whitman and "Reading the River" Mark Twain	Author's Purpose		Socratic Discussions	Expository Text Writing and Persuasive Text Writing and Using Effective Research and Using Ethical Research Practices	Begin writing tasks with appropriate methods for discovering ideas, gathering materials, and comprehending concepts from secondary sources
		Who bears primary responsibility for a student's education? The student? The school? The community?	"The Sanctuary of School"	Annotations	3-5 page Debate Essay arguing for education reform	Toulmin Strategies	Throughout the Semester: Reading Standards Figurative Language/Types of Characters? Shared Characteristics of Cultures	Decide on a suitable controlling idea and arrangement of supporting ideas for compositions with explanatory, evaluative, and argumentative purposes drawing on secondary sources (including field, library and on-line sources).
		What changes in American education should be recommended?	"Why Colleges Shower Their Students with A's"	Close Reading	Timed Writing: 5 paragraph Rhetorical Analysis of Virginia Woolf-- Excerpt from A Room of One's Own		Text Characteristics: Revises, Confirms Predictions? Generates and Responds to Questions/Historical Cultural, Social Aspects/Compares and Contrasts Literature/Meaning Through Structural Analysis	Write essays that synthesize original positions with the ideas of others and develop the student's thesis with critically sound and interesting sources.

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		Is formal or informal education more important?	"College Pressures"	Reading against the grain			Meaning Through Structural Analysis	Make and assist others to make significant revisions in the organization and development of ideas using comments from the instructor and/or other students.
			"The Myth of the Cave" Plato	Summarizing and Recognizing Fallacy			Theme, Tone, Point of View/Meaning Through Structural Analysis/Text Features Connotation and Denotation	Develop a written style within the conventions of standard edited prose.
			Documentary Excerpts: Waiting for Superman--I would like to schedule a field trip to a KC Charter school and an inner-city school to gain perspective	Author's Tone and Purpose			Revises, Confirms Predictions/Generates and Responds to Questions	Demonstrate ability to read and think critically about texts
			Podcast-GreenDot Charter Schools--Locke High School	ethos, pathos, logos			Paraphrasing and Organization/Identify Topic/Main Idea/Details and Theme	Profile texts and determine appropriate audiences and potential biases.
			Dr. Phil--Episode on Cheating	Argumentative Structure: Claim, Reasons, Support, Warrants, Opposing Viewpoints, Refutation,			Adjusts Reading Rate/Uses Context Clues/Reference Materials	Comprehend and summarize the content and intention of academic texts.

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Obedience to Authority	4-weeks	To what extent should we obey the orders of an authority figure?	"Group Minds" Doris Lessing	Thinking with Contraries	3-5 page Argumentative Synthesis--Are teenagers conformist? or At what point should a citizen break from authority?	Visual Synthesis Group Project: Students will research historical example of obedience to authority and present a Google Presentation		Evaluate the biases and reliability of sources.
		What is the extent to which ordinary individuals would obey the clearly immoral orders of an authority figure?	"The Perils of Obedience" Stanley Milgram	Author's Purpose, Tone, Diction, Syntax		Written Responses to Questions		
		What are the dilemmas inherent in obeying the orders of an authority?	"The Lottery" Shirley Jackson	Annotations and determining main ideas	Timed Writing: Rhetorical Analysis of Thoreau's Civil Disobedience			
		What are the dilemmas inherent in disobeying the orders of an authority?	"The Stanford Prison Experiment" Zimbardo	Analyzing structure				
		Why is man prone to obey?	"Disobedience as Psychological and Moral Problem" Erich Fromm	Synthesizing voices from multi-genres				
			"The Use of Force"					
			View Clips from A Few Good Men, In My Country, A Class Divided					
Brave New World: Huxley	4-weeks	Is technological advancement incompatible with history, literature and religion?	Brave New World- Aldous Huxley	Marxist Theory	Timed Writing: Argument Essay/Literary Analysis	Propaganda Project: Or Illuminated Text Project		

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		To what extent have we become a pleasure seeking society?	Clips from Century of Self	Analyzing Rhetoric of Dystopic Novels		Guided Reading Questions		
		What is the role of media and marketing in creating a complacent, contented, society?	Clips from Merchants of Cool	Study of Satire		Day of no technology experiment		
		What are the modern day "soma's"? Is the Huxleyan Prophecy coming true?	Amusing Ourselves to Death: Neil Postman	Argue a position using quotes and textual evidence as support				
Consumerism in America: The "Mega Phenomenon"	4-weeks	Do individual consumers have control over the market?	"Affluenza"	KU Library Field Trip: Database research strategies	5-7 page Researched Argumentative Synthesis: Students research a specific topic within the broad topic of excess in America.			
		Does the benefit of "progress" (ie. accessibility, convenience, low cost) outweigh the cost to individual health, environment, economy etc?	Documentary-- Super Size Me	Argumentative Structure, Evaluation for Biases and Source Credibility, Field Research, Interviewing: Open-ended questions, Summary, Attribution and Documentation, Synthesis of varied sources to create a persuasive point of view		Documentary Analysis Note-taking guides		

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			Documentary--The High Cost of Low Price		Source Grids--note-taking/prewriting for final essay			
			"The End of Excess" Time Magazine					
					Timed Writing: Synthesis Essay (If significant number of AP students enroll)			
			No Impact Man: Colin Beavin					
Grammar Study	Daily Study of Sentences							
Rhetorical Strategies	Introduction and application of new rhetorical strategies weekly							
AP Practice Exams	Multiple Choice Practice for students enrolled in AP Language							