# UNIT OF STUDY

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## UNIT GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS

### IMPORTANT CONCEPTS/UNDERSTANDINGS:

- Diction is one way an author uses his voice in a text.
- Diction is the author’s word choice, finding the perfect word.
- Diction overlaps with other literary concepts, like denotation and connotation.

### ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- What is diction?
- How do I recognize good use of it?
- Can I tell one writer's writing (style, voice) from another by diction alone?

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## STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:

**Ongoing SLE's**

- R.10.10.23 - Recognize the impact of diction, imagery, style, and figurative language on tone, mood, and theme, using literary terminology
- R.9.10.9 - Analyze techniques used to convey point of view or impressions, including language (diction), organization, tone, and context

**SPECIFIC DECLARATIVE KNOWLEDGE – What I know**

- Analyze how diction affects the meaning of a text

**SPECIFIC PROCEDURAL KNOWLEDGE – What I need to do**

- Identify specific words that affect the meaning of the text

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## UNIT ASSESSMENTS

(Include tasks related to Dimensions 3 and 4 and Bloom's Taxonomy)

- Compose a diction lesson to exchange with peers
- Test over diction and several other components of voice about halfway through the voice book.
- Several diction exercises from voice books

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## ACTIVITIES AND LEARNING EXPERIENCES

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<th>Bellringer – APK by asking them what they remember about diction from last year. (We covered it in 9th grade Pre-AP.)</th>
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<td>- talk about “forbidden words”</td>
<td>Discovering Voice</td>
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<td>- do a diction exercise from <em>Holes</em></td>
<td>Voice Lessons</td>
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<td>- start composing a “Perfect Words” list we will continue adding to</td>
<td>Reading and Writing from Literature</td>
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Next day do a diction exercise from a Dickens excerpt that includes a graphic organizer

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## Career Connections

- Literary critic
- writer