UNIT OF STUDY

Subject/Course: Title: Ironing Out Irony (3) English Pre-AP bolded Length: 2 weeks

Topic: Irony and Ambiguity Grade: 9 Designer: Ellen Hope

UNIT GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS

IMPORTANT CONCEPTS/UNDERSTANDINGS: **ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:**

Irony is an integral part of literature.

Irony and ambiguity can apply to every aspect of

storytelling.

Persuasive writing has an argument.

Appeals are essential to persuasion.

What is irony?

W.4.9.11

W.6.9.11

W.6.9.12

on sentence structure

How does irony affect the reader? How does irony affect the writing? Why does an author use irony?

What is the purpose of persuasive writing?

Apply grammatical conventions for capitalization,

Use punctuation correctly and recognize its effect

How do appeals affect the reader?

punctuation, formatting, and spelling

Use colons and dashes effectively in writing

STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:

Ongoing SLEs

R.10.9.23

Explain the use of verbal irony, dramatic irony,

and situational irony

R.10.9.20

Identify and define literary terms

R.10.9.22

Identify literary elements in a work

R.9.9.12

Define fallacies and identify fallacies in a text

W.4.9.4

Write clear and varied sentences

W.7.9.6

Use concrete information for elaboration

SPECIFIC PROCEDURAL KNOWLEDGE - What I

need to do

Write a character description

Write a persuasive essay (process)

SPECIFIC DECLARATIVE KNOWLEDGE - What I

know

Demonstrate word knowledge

Understand diction

Use context clues to understand the meaning of

words

Understand irony (verbal irony, situational irony,

and dramatic irony) and ambiguity

Analyze situational irony and the surprise ending

Analyze ambiguity

Interpret contradictions

Define the following: claim/opinion, evidence, emotional appeals, logical appeals, anecdotes

UNIT ASSESSMENTS

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

Open Responses (identifying irony, fallacies, etc)

Write a persuasive essay

Traditional Assessments:	Other Evidence of Learning:
Quiz/Test over irony terminology	Holt Reader, interpreting and vocabulary
Quiz/Test over appeals (logical and emotional), ability to distinguish between the two	development of The Gift of the Magi
	Evaluating an Argument for "A Defense of the
	Jury System" in Holt Adapted Reader
	Essay to parents using appeals (persuasive)
	Specify which type of irony a piece of writing is
	Evaluate an argument, identify the fallacies
	Bellringers, double-entry journals, annotation

ACTIVITIES AND LEARNING EXPERIENCES	Resources
Unit information: This unit will teach students how to use irony and how to	
identify it in literature as well as real world situations.	Elements of Literature
Bellringers daily to activate prior knowledge, incorporate mini-lessons of grammar, or use as a pre-discussion topic	Powernotes
	Outside texts
Introduction information pages 284-285	Smartboard
Powernotes over irony (possibly interactive cloze)	LSD 4-step vocab
3/2/1 Response for Irony: 3 things you learned, 2 things you have trouble	200 · step votati
with, 1 question you have (exit slip from intro day)	Internet
LSD 4-step vocabulary on irony, verbal irony, situational irony, dramatic irony, and ambiguity	The Holt Reader
Categorize various different items as verbal, situational, or dramatic irony	The Holt Adapted Reader
Read "The Gift of the Magi" in The Holt Reader, page 140	Everyday Use
Read "The Lottery" and find examples of irony with group Pairs Read of "The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson	
Treasure hunt of ironic occurrences/ironic dialogue	
compare examples to the song "Ironic" by Alanis Morrissette—are they	
the same?	
annotation—come up with own examples if Irony in school (true or made-up)	
made ap,	
Evaluating an Argument for "A Defense of the Jury System" preread activity	
in Holt Adapted Reader, looking at logical and emotional appeals	
Differentiating between appeals (Everyday Use Activity)	

Write a personal essay/letter to parents using emotional and logical appeals (pathos and logos)

Comparing aspects of Rhetorical Triangle (three elements for creating or analyzing a text)

- □ Subject with evidence used
- □ Audience: their knowledge, ideas, attitudes, and beliefs
- Character of the rhetor (analyzer, creator)—how he or she uses personal character effectively in the text

Use of Cornell Note-taking throughout

Lit Lab book assessment (container project, newspaper article, collage project, author research, etc)

Career Connections

Cartoon satirist, journalist, political activist, lobbyist