UNIT OF STUDY 9

Title: Writing with a Bite

Subject/Course: AP Language and Composition Length: 3 weeks

Topic: Comedy/Satire Grade: 11 Designer: Sheryl Murtha

UNIT GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS

IMPORTANT CONCEPTS:

Satire is important for understanding of how

humor affects a work of literature

Satire is often included in the AP Language and Composition exam

An author employs satire in order to reveal tone.

Good writing primarily uses active voice. Active and passive voice affects tone.

Authors use parallel structure to provide emphasis.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

How is satire important for understanding humor?

How do we recognize satire in literature?

How does an author use satire to reveal tone?

How do we employ satire in our own writing?

Why is active voice used primarily in good writing? What is the effect of using active voice? What is the effect of using passive voice?

What is the effect of parallel structure in a work of literature?

How can we employ parallel structures correctly in our own writing?

STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:

R.9.11.3 R.9.11.6 R.10.11.2: Main Idea R.9.11.2 R.10.11.2 R.9.11.8: Author's Purpose R.9.11.1 R.9.11.3 R.9.11.5 R.9.11.6 R.9.11.7: Article Details

R.9.11.5 R.9.11.7 R.10.11.2 R.10.11.10 R.11.11.4: Inference

R.9.11.3: Vocabulary

R.9.11.5 R.10.11.23: Literary Element Analysis R.9.11.8 R.9.11.10 R.10.11.2 R.10.11.4 R.10.11.7 R.10.11.8 R.10.11.9 R.10.11.10 R.10.11.14

R.10.11.24: Analysis

R.9.11. 5 R.9.11.8 R.9.11.11 R.9.11.13 R.10.11.4 R.10.11.7 R.10.11.9 R.10.11.19 R.10.11.22 R.10.11.24: Literary Devices

R.9.11.2 R.10.11.2: Genre

W.5.11.3: Rhetorical Strategies

W.4.11.7: Revise for Content W.7.11.7: Word choice/meaning

W.4.11.9: Fragments/Run-ons

W.6.11.2: Active/Passive Voice

W.7.11.1: Literary Devices

W.4.11.9: Parallel Structure

SPECIFIC DECLARATIVE KNOWLEDGE-What I know

Recognize satire in a literary selection

Identify satire's purpose in a given selection.

Recognize satire in one's own writing.

Understand how an author uses satire to reveal tone.

Understand the uses of active/passive voice in writing.

Understand parallel structure

Recognize active and passive voice in literature

Recognize parallel structure in literature

Understand satire in film

Recognize satire in film

Define satire

SPECIFIC PROCEDURAL KNOWLEDGE-What I need to do

Find satire in a literary selection.

Write an analysis of a satirical work

Write satire

Write using active voice correctly.

Revise sentences from passive to active.

Write correctly using parallel structure

Identify parallel constructions in detailed and complex sentence

structures.

Identify parallel structures

Analyze for rhetorical strategies

Synthesize from a variety of sources

UNIT ASSESSMENTS

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

Write responses to literary passages

Write literary analysis of a TV episode that reflects understanding of satire.

In groups, students will analyze characters from "The Simpsons" Students will

Traditional Assessments:

Quizzes over readings AP multiple choice exam

Other Evidence of Learning:

Locate parallel structures in literature

Locate satire in literature

Write sentences using active voice

Passage annotations

ACTIVITIES AND LEARNING EXPERIENCES	Resources
Read, highlight, and annotate selected readings and/or passages from the resource list. (Group work) Whole-class discussion of vocabulary, rhetorical structures, etc. in each piece of writing.	"Insert Flap A and Throw It Away" S.J. Perelman
Write three levels of questions for selected passages. Share and discuss as whole group.	"A Modest Proposal" Jonathan Swift
Students write a double-entry journal for "A Modest Proposal." Using their journals and questions, students will conduct a Socratic seminar to discuss rhetorical strategies and Swift's use of satire.	Excerpts from <i>The Onion</i> "I Want a Wife"
After studying several satires, students will write satirical sentences and/or a brief satirical essay.	"Wouter Van Twiller" (Washington Irving)
Students will analyze a selected satirical piece and write an essay responding to a prompt on that essay.	"My Mother Never worked" (Bonnie Smith-
Identify the techniques of satire in "The Simpsons" Explain in writing how the techniques contribute to the work's meaning	Yackel)
Use visual literacy skills to analyze, interpret, and explain non-print media.	"Behind the Formaldehyde Curtain"

(Jessica Mitford)

synthesize from sources we have studied and write a synthesis analysis. "Things I Hope I Never Find Inside a Fortune Read, highlight, and annotate satirical article from *The Onion*. Analyze the methods Cookie" used to create satire. **Episodes of "The** Students find humorous Television ads and decide what makes them humorous. Simpsons" Analyze for rhetoric. Article from The Onion. Alternative reading assignments will come from the resource lisr. "Girl Moved to Tears by 'Of Mice and Men' Cliff's Notes. **Humor in Arguments Ch.** 13 Everything's an Argument (393) "God's Resignation Speech" (Timothy McSweeney-McSweeney.net) **Snippets of "The Daily** Show" and "The Colbert Report"

Career Connections

Television Analyst
Television Commentator