11th Grade ELA: Transformational Thinking 11.1 The Power of Language to Transform Lives

DURATION OF UNIT: 29 days (approx. 6 weeks)

Theme, Enduring Understandings, &		How Students will	Standards-based Essential	Strategies / Best Practices Used	Resources for
Essential Questions for This Unit	HSCE'S	Demonstrate Their	Skills & Concepts to be	to Explicitly Teach the Skills &	this Multi-Genre Unit
		Understanding	Targeted Throughout the Unit	Concepts	
Theme:	1.1.1-1.1.8	Summative Assessment (at	Reading:	Reading:	Anchor Text(s):
 Language transforms and is 		the end of the unit):	 Make supported 	 Stack The Deck game 	 Beowulf
transformed by humanity	1.2.1, 1.2.2,	Two parts:	inferences and draw	 Graphic Organizer 	
• In the transformation from oral	1.2.3	Part I: Responding to	conclusions	 Access prior knowledge 	• Canterbury Tales
language to the written word,	10110	Reading/Response to	 Use a variety of pre- 	 Literature Circles 	by Chaucer
universal truths of human nature	1.3.1-1.3.6,	Literature (Teacher	reading strategies	• CREATE	
were formalized.	1.3.9	p.16-23) "Wife's	 Demonstrate 	Attribute Web	Poetry:
	151155	Lament" and Speech	understanding of written	Story Map	• "The Wife's
Enduring Understandings:	1.5.1-1.5.5	and Interview with	information		Lament"
Oral tradition/storytelling	2.1.1-2.1.9,	Gregory Orr	Develop critical reading		
• The power of language to	2.1.11, 2.1.12	Part II: Synthesis	strategies		• "The Footsteps of
transform lives	2.1.11, 2.1.12	essay "Human Nature"	Understand how language		Columba"
• The journey	2.2.1, 2.2.2,		variety reflects and shapes		
• Honor	2.2.3,		experience	****	Nonfiction:
• Truth		Formative Assessments	Writing:	Writing:	• Speech and
Heroic codes	2.3.1, 2.3.2,	(throughout the unit):	Use evidence from texts mad to sympost a position	Quick Writes	Interview with
Value systems	2.3.3, 2.3.5,	• ACT Grammar: "The	read to support a position • Make connections	Constructed Response	Gregory Orr
• Use of language	2.3.6, 2.3.8	Footsteps of		Learning Logs	"Signatures On Our
Transformation/transformational		Columba" by Mary Robinson	 Use the writing process Write to demonstrate	Graphic Organizer	Own Frequency"
thinking	3.1.1-3.1.6,			Checklist for Revision	"Sara Tavares
	3.1.8-3.1.10	• Listening Exercise: "Sara Tavares Mixes	learning	Peer Editing	Mixes Portuguese,
Essential Questions:		Portuguese, African	Revise grammar in context	Persuasive writing	African Rhythms"
What evidence do I have that I am committed to learning?	3.2.1- 3.2.4,	Rhythms"	ContextCompose written essays	Analytical writing	(audio)
am committed to learning?Where will I find wisdom?	3.2.5	ACT Writing: MISD	that demonstrate logical	Synthesis writing	• "Metamorphosis:
		ELA 11.1 Assessment –	thinking and development		Inside the
When is loyalty to myself more important then loyalty to a	3.3.1, 3.3.2,	ACT PROMPT II (p.	of ideas		Chrysalis" (audio)
important than loyalty to a friend?	3.3.3, 3.3.6	54)	or recus		
How do I demonstrate that I am	2.4.1		Speaking & Listening:	Speaking & Listaning	
open-minded enough to learn	3.4.1		Demonstrate	Speaking & Listening:	
open-innided enough to learn			2		



 from my experiences? How do the heroes of literature reflect the values of the time? What journey will I take to become my own hero?" 	4.1.1-4.1.5	understanding of spoken information • Develop critical listening strategies	Q-Click/Clicker gameReader's Theater	
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Suggested Pacing Guide: (based on 50 minute classes)

Days 1-2	MISD ELA 11.1 Assessment – Portfolio:Political Cartoon (AST p.70-77)
Days 3-5	MISD ELA 11.1 Assessment – ACT PROMPT II (AST p.54-56)
Day 6	MISD ELA 11.1 Assessment – Grammar and Rhetoric Assessment (AST p.36-41)
Days 7-8	Common Introduction and Thematic Writing (TP p.4-8, APP #1a, #1b, #2-#5)
Day 9	"Inside the Chrysalis" (TP p.9-10, APP #5-#8) use with Q-Click/clicker game
Day 10	Introduce CREATE activity and model with any previous reading (TP p.11, APP #9a-b)
Days 11-15	Beowulf (TP 13-17, APP #5, #7, #11a-d, #12, #13, #14 a-b)
Days 16-21	"The Prologue" and "The Pardoner's Tale" Canterbury Tales (TP p.18-19, APP #7, #8, #16a-h, #17a-d, #18)
Days 22-26	Read self-selected Tale and write Literary Analysis Essay: "Human Behavior" (TP p. 20-21, APP #2, #4, #19-20)
Day 27	MISD ELA High School 11.1 Assessment—Portfolio LISTENING: "Sara Tavares Mixes Portuguese, African Rhythms" (AST p. 82-85)
Days 28-29	Summative Assessment, Parts I and II (AST p. 3-13, 16-21, original prompt (attached) and p.49-50)

TP=Teaching Plan APP=Appendix AST=Assessment CD

