

WCCUSD English Language Arts Transition to CCSS Guide Grade 10 Semester 1

August 20, 2013 - January 17, 2014: Prentice Hall Common Core 2012 Edition - Units 1 through 3

Secondary ELA curriculum in 2013-14 is comprised of the PH units from the new Common Core Edition. One unit required 4 - 6 week instructional module per semester. These teacher-developed modules are provided at a level supported by PH and other resources and activities are integrated Reading/Writing district assessment per state based on these modules. The first assessment will be delivered to sites by the beginning of November and needs to be completed prior to the end of Quarter 1 (January 17, 2014). Please pace the required 4-6 week module according

Required Module – Grade 10 Semester 1	
Essential Question: What is the 'American Dream' and is it the same for everyone?	
Required Novel: Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck	
Supporting Prentice Hall Selections* ONLY in new CCSS Edition (TEp.); **BOTH new TE and Timeless Voices SE No asterisk – ONLY in Timeless Voices (SEp.)	Additional Supporting Primary and Secondary Sources (to be provided)
The American Idea* (TE561) Desert Exile: The Uprooting of a Japanese Family** (TE586, SE300) Poem: "The Bean Eaters" by Gwendolyn Brooks (SE458)	Nonfiction: "Working But Still Poor" (The Week Staff, The Week Feb. 2, 2013) "A Quilt of a Country" (The Daily Beast/Newsweek Sep. 26, 2001) Poems: "I Hear America Singing" by Walt Whitman "I, Too" by Langston Hughes "My Pen Bleeds My American Dream" by David Mejia Images: Selected photograph(s) by Dorothea Lange
Instructional Strategies	Formative Assessments/Activities (support materials provided)
Close Reading Poetic devices/SOAPSTONE Analysis Informational Writing: Outline/graphic organizer to rough draft Speaking/Listening Researcher's/Peer Review Chairs (BAWP)	Synthesize the poems in 1 – 2 paragraphs explaining how each author's bias or perspective affects his/her language and tone. Deconstruct and analyze selected political cartoon(s).
Common Core ELA Focus Standards for 1 st Semester Module and Assessment	
Reading	