The following CCSSes are embedded throughout the trimester, present in all units applicable:

SL.11-12.1: Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions.

L.11-12.3: Apply knowledge of language to understand how it functions in different contexts.

L.11-12.4: Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words & phrases.

L.11-12.5: Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

L.11-12.6: Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain and domain-specific words and phrases.

Unit/			Resources/	
Essential Question	CCSS	Learning Target	Mentor Texts	Assessment
Independent Reading Unit What value is there in reading? How can I find books to read that both interest and challenge me?	RL11-12.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the texts says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.	RL11-12.1 I can define textual evidence. I can define inference and explain how to use evidence from the text to reach a logical conclusion. I can read closely and find answers explicitly in text and answers that require an inference. I can analyze an author's words and find pieces of textual evidence to support explicit and inferential questions.	Students select their own reading material for the trimester. They are challenged to read at least six books per twelve week trimester. Students use the site www.goodreads.com to review books, search for new books, and respond in a group forum to questions about their books.	Formative: In class reading time One-on-one student/teacher conferences Daily reading log 35 word review Visual tone analysis Summative:
	RL11-12.2 Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of the text.	RL11-12.2 I can define theme. I can analyze plot to determine two or more themes. I can determine how multiple themes work together to produce a complex piece of literature. I can define summary. I can compose an objective summary stating the key points of the text	Students are introduced to a wide range of reading materials through daily book talks by the teacher and/or other students.	Final exam reflection questions Reading ladder project
	RL11-12.3 Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story or drama (e.g., where story is set, how action is ordered, how characters are introduced and developed).	RL11-12.3 I can identify elements of a story or drama. I Can analyze how elements of a story or drama are developed and/or interrelated. I can		

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		analyze the impact of an	
		author's choices in	
		presenting elements of a	
		story or drama	
	RL11-12.4 Determine the meaning of	RL11-12.4 I can define and	
	words and phrases as they are used in the	identify various forms of	
	text, including figurative and connotative	figurative language. I can	
	meanings; analyze the impact of specific	distinguish between literal	
	word choices on meaning and tone,	and figurative language. I	
	including words with multiple meanings or	can recognize the	
	language that is particularly fresh,	difference between	
	engaging, or beautiful.(Include	denotative meanings and	
	Shakespeare as well as other authors.)	connotative meanings. I	
		can analyze how an	
		author's choice of specific	
		words evokes a particular	
		meaning or tone in a text	
		and how using language in	
		a new way creates an	
		engaging overall effect.	
		I can analyze how specific	
		word choices build on one	
		another to create a	
		cumulative impact on the	
		overall meaning and tone	
		of a text.	
	RL11-12.5 Analyze how an author's choices	RL11-12.5 can determine	
	concerning how to structure specific parts	how an author chose to	
	of a text (e.g., the choice of where to begin	structure specific parts of a	
	or end a story, the choice to provide a	text. I can analyze specific	
	comedic or tragic resolution) contribute to	parts of text and explain	
	its overall structure and meaning as well as	how the individual parts fit	
	its aesthetic impact.	into the overall structure. I	
		can analyze how an	
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RL11-12.10 <i>By the end of grade 12</i> , read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of the grades 11–CCR text complexity band <i>independently and proficiently</i> .	author's choice of structuring specific parts of a text affects the overall meaning. I can analyze how an author's choice of structuring specific parts of a text creates an aesthetic impact. RL11-12.10 I can recognize when the text I am reading is too easy or too difficult for me. I can determine reading strategies that will help me comprehend
	difficult texts. I can recognize when the text I am reading is too easy or too difficult for me. I can determine reading strategies that will help me comprehend difficult texts.
W11-12.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.	W11-12.9 I can define textual evidence. I can determine textual evidenced that supports my analysis, reflection, and/or research. I can compose written responses and include textual evidence to strengthen my analysis, reflection, and/or research.

	W11-12.10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single setting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.	W11-12.10 I can determine a writing format/style to fit my task, purpose, and/or audience. I can recognize that different writing tasks require varied time frames to complete. I can write for a variety of reasons.		
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Reading Workshop How can reading help me to understand the world around me? How can I use reading to learn about a subject and form an educated opinion on it?	RI 11-12.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including where the text leaves matters uncertain.	RI 11-12.1 I can identify textual evidence. I can define inference and explain how to use evidence from the text to reach a logical conclusion. I can read closely and find answers explicitly in text and answers that require an inference. I can analyze an author's words and find pieces of textual evidence to support explicit and inferential questions. I can determine places in the text that leave matters uncertain.	A variety of informational pieces from authors such as Mitch Albom and Leonard Pitts <i>Hate Mail From</i> <i>Cheerleaders</i> by Rick Reilly <i>The Composition of</i> <i>Everyday Life</i> Current articles from various news sources	Formative: Article of the Week Written responses to mentor texts Online style comparison studies Class discussion Group/partner discussion Summative: Final Exam
	RI 11-12.2 Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they build on one another to	RI 11-12.2 I can define central idea. I can determine two or more central ideas of a text. I can		

provide a complex analysis; provide an	determine how two or	
objective summary of the text.	more central ideas of a text	
objective summary of the text.	interact and build on one	
	another to develop a text	
	with complex meaning. I	
	can analyze how central	
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	ideas develop over the course of a text. I can	
	compose an objective	
	summary stating the key	
	points of a text.	
RI 11-12.3 Analyze a complex set of ideas	RI 11-12.3 I can determine	
or sequence of events and explain how	a complex set of ideas or	
specific individuals, ideas, or events	sequence of events	
interact and develop over the course of the	conveyed in a text. I can	
text.	analyze how specific	
	individuals, ideas, and/or	
	events interact and	
	develop within a complex	
	set of ideas or sequence of	
	events.	
	events.	
RI 11-12.4 Determine the meaning of	RI 11-12.4 I can identify	
words and phrases as they are used in a	various forms of figurative	
text, including figurative, connotative, and	language. I can distinguish	
technical meanings; analyze how an author	between literal and	
uses and refines the meaning of a key term	figurative language. I can	
or terms over the course of a text (e.g.,	recognize the difference	
how Madison defines faction in Federalist	between denotative	
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	meanings. I can recognize	
	words that have technical	
	meaning and understand	
	their purpose in a specific	
	text. I can analyze how a	
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	key term or terms are used
	and refined over the
	course of a text.
RI 11-12.5 Analyze and Evaluate the	RI 11-12.5 I can determine
effectiveness of the structure an author	how an author chose to
uses in his or her exposition or argument,	structure his/her
including whether the structure makes	exposition or argument. I
points clear, convincing, and engaging.	can analyze the structure
	of an author's exposition or
	argument and evaluate
	whether the structure is
	effective. I can determine if
	an author's structure is
	effective in making his/her
	points clear, convincing,
	and engaging. I can
	evaluate how an author's
	choice of structure impacts
	his/her audience.
	his/her addience.
RI 11-12.7 Integrate and evaluate multiple	RI 11-12.7 can identify
sources of information presented in	multiple sources of
different media or formats (e.g. visually,	information presented in
quantitatively) as well as in words in order	different media or formats
to address a question or solve a problem.	as well as in words to assist
	me in addressing a
	question or solving a
	problem. I can evaluate
	information I have
	gathered and determine its
	effectiveness in assisting
	me to address a question
	or solve a problem. I can
	integrate effective
	information I have

	gathered to appure a
	gathered to answer a
	question or solve a
	problem.
RI 11-12.10 By the end of grade 12, read	RI 11-12.10 I can recognize
and comprehend literary nonfiction at the	when the text I am reading
high end of the grades 11-CCR text	is too easy or too difficult
complexity band independently and	for me. I can determine
proficiently.	reading strategies that will
	help me comprehend
	difficult texts.
W11-12.4 Produce clear and coherent	W11-12.4 I can identify the
writing in which the development,	writing style that best fits
organization, and style are appropriate to	my task, purpose, and
task, purpose, and audience.	audience. I can use
	organizational/formatting
	structures (graphic
	organizers) to develop my
	writing ideas. I can
	compose a clear and logical
	piece of writing that
	demonstrates my
	understanding of a specific
	writing style.
W11-12.9 Draw evidence from literary or	W11-12.9 I can define
informational texts to support analysis,	textual evidence. I can
reflection, and research.	determine textual
	evidenced that supports
	my analysis, reflection,
	and/or research. I can
	compose written responses
	and include textual
	evidence to strengthen my
	analysis, reflection, and/or

		research.		
	W11-12.10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single setting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.	W11-12.10 I can determine a writing format/style to fit my task, purpose, and/or audience. I can recognize that different writing tasks require varied time frames to complete. I can write for a variety of reasons.		
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Essential	CCSS	Learning Target	Mentor Texts	Assessment
Question				
Editorial Writing	W11-12.1 Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant	W11-12.1 I can analyze influential topics or texts to determine an argument	<i>New York Times</i> editorial section	Formative: Class discussions
How can I effectively share my	sufficient evidence. W11-12.1.A Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the	that causes or has caused debate in society. I can choose a side of the	Various current editorials used as mentor texts	Responses to mentor texts
opinion? How can I acknowledge and refute	significance of claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically	argument, identify precise, knowledgeable claims, and establish the significance of	Modern Language Association Handbook	Individual online analysis of editorials
opposing opinions?	sequences claims(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.	the claims. I can identify alternate or opposing		Rough draft
opinions.	W11-12.1.D Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while	claims that counter my argument. I can organize		Peer editing workshop
	attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing. W11-12.E Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports	claims, counterclaims, reasons, and evidence into a logical sequence. I can anticipate my audience's		Summative: Editorial Essay
	the argument presented.	knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases		
		and develop my claims and counterclaims by pointing out the most relevant		

	strengths and limitations of
	both. I can present my
	argument in a formal style
	and objective tone. I can
	create cohesion and clarify
	relationships among claims
	and counterclaims using
	transitions as well as varied
	syntax. I can provide a
	concluding
	statement/section that
	supports my argument.
W11-12.4 Produce clear and coherent	W11-12.4 I can identify the
writing in which the development,	writing style that best fits
organization, and style are appropriate to	my task, purpose, and
task, purpose, and audience.	audience. I can use
	organizational/formatting
	structures (graphic
	organizers) to develop my
	writing ideas. I can
	compose a clear and logical
	piece of writing that
	demonstrates my
	understanding of a specific
	writing style.
W11-12.5 Develop and strengthen writing	W11-12.5 I can use
as needed by planning, revising, editing,	prewriting strategies to
rewriting, or trying a new approach,	formulated ideas. I can
focusing on what is most significant for a	recognize that a well-
specific purpose and audience.	developed piece of writing
	requires more than one
	draft. I can apply revision
	strategies with the help of

	others. I can edit my
	writing by checking for
	errors in capitalization,
	punctuation, grammar,
	spelling, etc. I can analyze
	my writing to determine if
	my purpose and audience
	have been fully addressed
	and revise when necessary.
	I can prepare multiple
	drafts using revisions and
	edits to develop and
	strengthen my writing. I
	can recognize when
	revising, editing, and
	rewriting are not enough,
	and I need to try a new
	approach.
W11-12.6 Use technology, including the	W11-12.6 I can identify
Internet, to produce, publish, and update	technology that will help
individual or shared writing products in	me produce, publish, and
response to ongoing feedback, including	update my individual or
new arguments or information.	shared writing products. I
	can determine the most
	efficient technology
	medium to complete my
	writing task. I can respond
	to ongoing feedback
	and/or new arguments for
	information to produce,
	publish, and update my
	writing projects.
W11-12.7 Conduct short as well as more	W11-12.7 I can define
sustained research projects to answer a	research and distinguish
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question (including a self-generated	how research differs from	
question) or solve a problem; narrow or	other types of writing. I can	
broaden the inquiry when appropriate;	focus my research around a	
synthesize multiple sources on the subject,	problem to be solved, a	
demonstrating understanding of the	central question that is	
subject under investigation.	provided, or a self-	
	generated question I have	
	determined. I can choose	
	several sources and	
	synthesize information to	
	answer my research	
	inquiry. I can determine if I	
	need to narrow or broaden	
	my inquiry based on the	
	information gathered. I can	
	create a research	
	paper/project to	
	demonstrate	
	understanding of the	
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	I can compose written	
	responses and include	
	textual evidence to	
	strengthen my analysis,	
	reflection, and/or research.	
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Annotated Bibliography Why Should I Care? Why Should Others Care?	 W11-12.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content. W11-12.2.A Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; including formatting (e.g., headlines), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension. W11-12.2.B Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic. W11-12.2.C Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts. W11-12.2.D Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic. W11-12.2.E Establish and maintain a 	W11-12.2 I can choose a topic and identify and select the most significant and relevant information to develop and share with my audience. I can define common organizational/formatting structures and determine the structure(s) that will allow me to organize my complex ideas so that each new element builds on what precedes it. I can analyze information, identify domain-specific vocabulary for my topic, incorporate techniques such as a metaphor, simile, and analogy, and organize information into broader categories than my chosen structure(s). I can present my information maintaining an objective tone and formal style that includes an introduction that previews what is to follow, supporting details, varied transitions and syntax, and a concluding	Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) Indiana University Purdue University Online Writing Lab <i>Modern Language</i> <i>Association Handbook</i> Sample annotated bibliographies	Formative: Writing group discussions Video find & share Peer editing workshop Summative: Annotated Bibliography Personal reflection

formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing. W11-12.2.F Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).	statement/section that supports the information presented.	
W11-12.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	W11-12.4 I can identify the writing style that best fits my task, purpose, and audience. I can use organizational/formatting structures (graphic organizers) to develop my writing ideas. I can compose a clear and logical piece of writing that demonstrates my understanding of a specific writing style.	
W11-12.5 Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.	W11-12.5 I can use prewriting strategies to formulated ideas. I can recognize that a well- developed piece of writing requires more than one draft. I can apply revision strategies with the help of others. I can edit my writing by checking for errors in capitalization, punctuation, grammar, spelling, etc. I can analyze	

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		my writing to determine if	
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		and revise when necessary.	
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		drafts using revisions and	
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	response to ongoing feedback, including	update my individual or	
	new arguments or information.	shared writing products. I	
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		medium to complete my	
		writing task. I can respond	
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		publish, and update my	
		writing projects.	
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	question (including a self-generated	how research differs from	
	question) or solve a problem; narrow or	other types of writing. I can	
	broaden the inquiry when appropriate;	focus my research around a	
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	reflection, and/or research.