

Seaside High School

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Course Title: Language, Culture and Society

Course Description: 01202 Course title: Language, Culture & Society (9-12)

Students will examine cultural influences on the English language. Through assigned readings, autobiographical excerpts, and examination of geographical dialects, students will gain an understanding of why they speak the way they do, what factors make their language what it is, and how this affects their understanding of who they are. Additionally, students will gain insight into the effect technology has had on written and verbal communication. Upon completion of this course, students will have gained an understanding of how language, both written and spoken, influences the ways in which people are perceived.

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Text/Course Materials: Pygmalion -George Bernard Shaw;

READING "Listen to, read, and understand a wide variety of	
informational and narrative text across the subject areas at school and	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.W.1 Write arguments to support claims in
on own, applying comprehension strategies as needed. *[ODE]	an analysis of substantive topics or texts using valid reasoning and
Suggested grade-level target for reading ON OWN: High School:	relevant and sufficient evidence.
1,500,000 words annually."	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.W.2 Write informative/explanatory texts
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.7 Integrate and evaluate content	to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and
presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and in	accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of
words.	content.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.8 Delineate and evaluate the argument	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.W.3 Write narratives to develop real or
and specific claims in a text, including the validity of the reasoning as	imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen
well as the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.	details and well-structured event sequences.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.9 Analyze how two or more texts	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.W.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in
address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to	which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task,
compare the approaches the authors take.	purpose, and audience.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.10 Read and comprehend complex	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.W.5 Develop and strengthen writing as
literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.	needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new
	approach.
LANGUAGE "gain control overconventions of standard English	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.W.6 Use technology, including the
grammar, usage, and mechanics"	Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate
CCSS.ELA - Literacy.CCRA.L.1 Demonstrate command of the	with others.
conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.W.7 Conduct short as well as more
speaking	sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating
CCSS.ELA - Literacy. CCRA.L.2 Demonstrate command of the	understanding of the subject under investigation.
conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.W.8 Gather relevant information from
spelling when writing	multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of
	each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
WRITING "Communicate supported ideas across the subject areas,	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.W.9 Draw evidence from literary or
including relevant examples, facts, anecdotes, and details appropriate	informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
to audience and purpose that engage reader interest; organize	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.W.10 Write routinely over extended time
information in clear sequence, making connections and transitions	frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time
among ideas, sentences, and paragraphs; and use precise words and	frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes,
fluent sentence structures that support meaning. Write narrative,	and audiences.
expository, and persuasive texts, using a variety of written forms-	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.L.1 Demonstrate command of the
including journals, essays, short stories, poems, research reports,	conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or
research papers, business and technical writing-to express ideas	speaking.
appropriate to audience and purpose across the subject areas. *[ODE]	
Suggested word length: High School, 500-1,500 words."	



Grading Policies: Work must be completed, following the assignment and in a timely manner—late work is generally not accepted unless prior arrangements have been made. After arrangements there is a 20% deduction on late work completed within a week. 50% deduction thereafter. Standard grades are based on percentage:

- 1) What is language?
- 2) What is culture
- 3) What is society?

IDEAS for the Term

Language, Culture and Society Ideas:	Uptalk – Upward inflection
Define Language, Culture and Society – Agree	Slang and our identity – perceptions of us.
on one definition for each.	What's the most sophisticated language?
Euphemisms – WHY? Let's find'm! Germanic	Pygmalion (My Fair Lady)
lack of euphemism.	What regions are affected by which languages
What is language? How do we communicate –	– Wisconsin (German) etc.
effectively? ZIP ZAP ZUP!	Write an essay in slang
Slang over the decades	Written Language vs. Spoken Language (nach
New York Times Dialect Quiz	der Schrift)
What American accent do you have –QUIZ?	READ Tweets and SNAPCHAT ALOUD
Sociolinguistics – Define and learn about.	Body Language – Ted Talk Power Pose
TED TALK Vera Regan	
Radiolab – Words	
How did English evolve? - Kate Gardoqui	