Summer Reading Assignments 2025-26

BJHS 10th Regular & Pre-AP English 10:

Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston & James D. Houston

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Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave by Frederick Douglass

Critical Literacy	Critical Literacy	Critical Literacy	Research Literacy	Research Literacy
Reception. Reading	Expression. Writing	Expression. Speaking	Reception. Reading	Expression. Writing
1. Read,	9. Compose	11. Participate	21. Locate and	24. Utilize
analyze, and	both short and	in	determine the	responsible
evaluate	extended	collaborative	usefulness of	and ethical
complex	narrative,	discussions	relevant and	research
literary and	informative/ex	involving	credible	practices to
informational	planatory, and	multiple	information to	write clear,
texts written	argumentative	perspectives,	answer a	coherent
from various	writings that	responding	question, solve	products with
cultural	are clear and	and	a problem, or	a command of
perspectives,	coherent, use	contributing	defend a	language
with an	an appropriate	with relevant	position.	suitable for a
emphasis on	command of	evidence and		particular
works	language, and	commentary.		target
originating	demonstrate			audience and
outside the	development,			purpose.
United States	organization,			25. Integrate
and the British	style, and tone			information
Isles from 1600	that are			from at least
to the present.	relevant to			two kinds of
3. Analyze how	task, purpose,			sources into
an author's	and audience.			writing, using
cultural	Examples:			quotations,
perspective	paragraphs,			paraphrases,
influences	constructed			and summaries
style,	responses,			that

Grade 10 Scope and Sequence

language, and	essays c. Write		consistently
themes.	arguments to		follow a
4. Interpret an	support claims		particular style
author's use of	in an analysis		guide.
characterizatio	of substantive		Examples:
n, connotation,	topics or texts,		MLA, APA
denotation,	using valid		
figurative	reasoning,		
language,	relevant and		
literary	sufficient		
elements, and	evidence,		
point of view	appropriate		
to create and	transitions, and		
convey	a concluding		
meaning in a	section that		
variety of texts.	follows from		
5. Analyze	and supports		
context and	the information		
organizational	presented.		
structures to			
determine			
theme, tone,			
and the			
meaning of the			
work as a			
whole.			
6. Compare			
and/or			
contrast the			
perspectives in			
a variety of			
fiction,			
nonfiction,			
informational,			
digital, and			
multimodal			
texts produced			
from diverse			
historical,			

cultural, and		
global		
viewpoints, not		
limited to the		
grade-level		
literary focus.		

Overview of the Grade 10 Summer Reading Unit

Tenth grade students will use the summer reading text to continue to develop skills introduced in the 9th grade. They will develop their skills in citing textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says and what is inferred from the text. They will also determine the theme of the text and analyze its development. The design of this unit teaches students to determine word and phrase meanings and the impact of word choice on meaning and tone. Students will learn how authors use structure, order, and time to create various effects in their works. They will use these techniques during planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or attempting a new approach in writing their own essays.

Following classroom activities specific to the reading material, students will use the skills they have developed to write an argument timed writing essay in which they will respond to a prompt that is specific to the summer reading novel. Students should demonstrate organizational skills to effectively make a claim about the work, incorporate relevant data to support their claim, and link their commentary to the claim and supporting data. The end product will demonstrate the student's ability to produce writing that is appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.