

ENGLISH HUMANITIES

YEAR 8

English

Pictures tell the Story

Embarking on a journey through the realm of visual literacy, students learn to decode the language of visual elements as they shape audience perceptions, evoke emotions, and convey thematic messages. The unit empowers students to craft their own stories, fostering a deepened ability to communicate effectively through narrative.

The Storyteller

Delving into the culture of our First Nations Australian Peoples, students explore a diverse range of texts that incorporate both visual and literary elements. Through critical examinations, students enhance their appreciation for cultural identity and storytelling. Students identify how texts reflect or challenge contexts through their aesthetic features and literary devices.

Rhapsody and Revolution

Students immerse themselves in a novel, unravelling its themes, symbolism, and character portrayals. Through analytical discussions, the unit encourages a deep dive into the narrative structure and literary techniques employed by the author. This study not only enhances literary appreciation but also connects students with broader societal reflections, offering insights into the human condition and the transformative power of narrative.

People to Remember

Students are introduced to the world of fame and glory, where personal histories and cultural identities converge. Through the examination of various texts, be it memoirs, film, songs, or short stories, the unit explores how authors articulate complex personal and social dynamics using figurative language and narrative techniques. Students create a persuasive speech, applying learned methods to express their ideas and perspectives.

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Humanities

Active Citizenship in Australia

In this unit, students delve into Australia's political system, examining the role of citizens in actively participating in democracy. They explore the impact of elections, political parties, interest groups, media, and individuals on government and decision-making processes. Students analyse the legislative process in Australia, investigating the types of laws and their application. Additionally, they explore the concept of national identity, considering the factors and influences that shape it and its role in fostering active citizenship.

Changing Nations: Urbanisation and Migration

This unit delves into the evolving human geography of countries, focusing on shifts in population distribution as a reflection of economic and social changes. Students explore the impact of urbanisation on economies and societies, particularly in low- and middle-income countries in the Asia region. The unit investigates the unique urban concentration in Australia and contrasts it with the United States, examining the reasons behind this phenomenon. Through case studies of internal migration in Australia and China, students analyse the effects of population redistribution. The unit also explores how international migration contributes to urban concentration in Australia and delves into the management and future challenges of urban areas in the country.

Empires and Shogunates

Step into the fascinating worlds of Ancient Rome and Japan under the Shoguns. Students explore the historical significance of these two powerful societies, delving into the causes and effects of key events, developments, and turning points. They investigate the lives and impacts of significant individuals, groups, and institutions that shaped Medieval Europe and Shogunate Japan. Through engaging historical inquiry, students develop critical questions about the past and learn to analyse sources to support their understanding.

Market Dynamics: Navigating Australian Economics and Business

Dive into the intricate world of economics and business in Australia. Students investigate the various factors that influence decision-making by individuals and businesses. They explore the role of Australia's taxation system in shaping financial decisions and support for the common good. Students learn essential skills in goal-setting and budgeting, preparing them to navigate consumer and financial contexts. This unit provides a thorough understanding of how economic principles apply in real-world scenarios, empowering students to make informed decisions.