

ENGLISH HUMANITIES

YEAR 9

English

Issues that Matter!

Engage with the pressing concerns of our time in "Issues that Matter!" This unit invites students to dive into the analysis of contemporary societal issues. Through a variety of activities, students will enhance their communication skills, learning to articulate their viewpoints clearly and persuasively. They will craft well-reasoned arguments, consider multiple perspectives, and present their ideas with confidence. This unit aims to develop critical thinkers who can actively participate in, and contribute to, societal discourse.

The Art of Survival: The Hunger Games

Immerse yourself in the gripping world of The Hunger Games with "The Art of Survival." Students will embark on an analytical journey through Suzanne Collins' acclaimed novel, focusing on its rich narrative elements. By dissecting character arcs, plot twists, thematic layers, and narrative techniques, students will sharpen their analytical and critical-thinking skills. This unit provides a platform for students to appreciate the intricate craftsmanship of the novel while reflecting on its social and political undertones, linking fiction to real-world contexts.

Beyond the Apocalypse

Enter the realm of dystopian futures in "Beyond the Apocalypse," where creative writing meets critical exploration. This unit challenges students to understand and create within the dystopian genre. Through world-building exercises, character development workshops, and thematic discussions, students will craft their own dystopian narratives. By studying influential dystopian texts, they will gain insights into the genre's conventions and its capacity to critique societal issues. This unit not only fosters creativity but also encourages students to engage deeply with questions about society and human nature.

Decoding Archetypes

Unlock the mysteries of storytelling in "Decoding Archetypes." This unit delves into the recurring symbols, characters, and themes found across diverse literary works. Students will learn to identify and interpret archetypal elements, understanding their significance and impact on narrative meaning. By examining a variety of texts, students will uncover the universal patterns that resonate throughout literature, gaining a richer appreciation for the human experience. This unit nurtures a deep understanding of how archetypes function in storytelling and their enduring influence across cultures and time periods.

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Geography

Biomes and Beyond: Exploring Global Food Systems

This unit focuses on the world's biomes, their characteristics, and significance as sources of food and fibre. Students examine biome distribution and their role in food production and security. They explore the effects of biome alteration and the challenges of expanding sustainable food production. The unit emphasizes studies from Australia and Asian countries, encouraging students to think critically about global environmental issues and food sustainability.

Global Interconnections: Exploring People and Places

Students investigate how people's choices and actions connect them to places worldwide. They examine the nature of these connections through product consumption and production, analysing their effects on different environments. The unit also covers the management of tourism and trade impacts on places. Drawing on examples from Australia and other countries, students develop a deeper understanding of global interconnectedness and its influence on places and environments.

Economics & Business

Business Insight: Navigating Financial Risks and Rewards

This unit explores consumer and financial risks and rewards within the Australian economy. Students examine the financial sector's influence on economic decision-making and its contribution to a prosperous economy. They analyse different strategies for managing financial risks and rewards, and investigate the roles and responsibilities of workplace participants. Through research and analysis, students develop critical thinking skills, framing investigations of economic issues, gathering data from various sources, and proposing courses of action using cost-benefit analysis. The unit challenges students to apply their economic and business knowledge to both familiar and hypothetical scenarios.

Best in the Business: Skills for a Competitive Edge

Students explore the dynamic and competitive nature of today's business environment. They investigate the range of skills needed to provide value as an employee and gain a favourable position in wage negotiations. The unit covers labour laws and business strategies for attracting top talent. Students examine Australia's financial sector, international trade patterns with Asia, and the concept of competitive advantage in business. Through research and analysis, they develop skills in interpreting economic trends, assessing consumer and financial impacts, and evaluating responses to economic and business issues. This unit prepares students to navigate the complexities of the modern business world.

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Civics and Citizenship

Democracy in Action: Navigating Australia's Political Landscape

This unit provides students with a comprehensive understanding of Australia's political system and its capacity for change. Students examine the influence of political parties, interest groups, media, and individuals on government and decision-making processes. They also explore global connectedness and its impact on contemporary Australian society. Through critical analysis of various sources, students compare different interpretations of civics and citizenship issues. The unit encourages active citizenship by teaching students to negotiate solutions to issues while considering multiple perspectives and democratic processes.

Justice in Action: Understanding Australia's Legal System

Students delve into the intricacies of Australia's court system, exploring its features, principles, and role in applying and interpreting Australian law. They analyse key principles of Australia's justice system and the court's function within it. The unit develops students' research skills as they investigate Australia's legal systems, critically evaluating information from diverse sources. Students learn to construct evidence-based arguments on civics and citizenship issues using appropriate texts and subject-specific language. By examining ways to be active and informed citizens in various contexts, this unit prepares students for engaged participation in Australia's legal and civic spheres.