

8th English Franzen Units of Study

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This document is continually updated to the newest curriculum materials -- no less than two weeks before the information is presented. This is a complete material list. Not all materials will be used during the year, but all standards will be covered.

All Year Reading, Writing, and Vocabulary Practice:

Journal writing roughly three days per week. Practice writing graded by length, comprehension and completion.

Personal book choice reading twice per week. Practice reading is graded by goal setting sheet and discussion with teacher.

Vocabulary practice will focus on word roots, prefixes, and suffixes.

Unit (contains multiple short author units): Suspense (August - November)

Standards:

All texts can be found in our online textbook: CommonLit.org

Anchor text and connected material: "The Monkey's Paw" by W.W. Jacobs short story

"The Monkey's Paw" W.W. Jacobs audiobook FULL CAST RADIO DRAMA — Chilling Tales for Dark Nights" audio version - 30 min.

"The Monkey's Paw" by Ricky Davis Jr. video - 30 min.

"The Monkey's Paw Bart Simpsons" by simpsons Bart video - 6 min.

Related tie-ins (grouped by connectedness):

"The Keys of Destiny" by Neil Philip short story

"Future of Storytelling: Paul Zak" video - 6 min.

"Shabnam Rezaei & Aly Jetha on 1001 Night PBS Invitation to World Literature" video - 15 min.

"Click-Clack the Rattlebag" by Neil Gaiman

"How to Make Your Writing Suspensful - Victoria Smith" by TedEd video - 5 min.

"Neil Gaiman, 'Click-Clack the Rattlebag' Live from the NYPL" video - 11 min.

"Why Is It Fun to Be Frightened?" by Margee Kerr informational article

"Why Do Some People Love Horror Movies?" by SciP video - 6 min.

Anchor author: Roald Dahl

"Lamb to the Slaughter" by Roald Dahl short story

"Roald Dahl | Lamb to the Slaughter - Full audiobook with text (AudioEbook)" by Lewis Kirk audio version - 18 min.

"Tales of the Unexpected - Roald Dahl - Ian Fleming - Lamb to the Slaughter - Susan George 1979" by Steve Hume video - 25 min.

"The Landlady" by Roald Dahl short story

"The Landlady - Roald Dahl" by Zach Walz audio version - 24 min.

"Tales of the Unexpected Series 1 Episode 5 The Landlady 21 Apr 1979" by Jefferson Dhoh video - 25 min.

"Ruthless" by William DeMille short story

"Button, Button" by Richard Matheson short story

"Button, Button - Richard Matheson" by Zach Walz audio version - 17 min.

"Moral Machines: How culture changes values" by nature video video - 5 min.

"Nightmare at 20,000 Feet" by The Twilight Zone video 25 min.

"Showdown" by Shirley Jackson short story

Anchor author: Edgar Allan Poe

"Annabel Lee" by Edgar Allan Poe poem

"How Do You Mend A Broken Heart? | 0-100" by Participant video - 3 min.

"The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allan Poe short story

"The Tell-Tale Heart by Edgar Allan Poe - Summary & Analysis" by Course Hero video - 7 min.

"The Tell-Tale Heart" by Michael Swertfager video - 16 min.

"Here's the Moment from the Finale of 'The Jinx'" by Forrest Wickman informational article with video clips

"Stress for Success" by Alison Pearce Stevens informational article

"Dream Within a Dream" by Edgar Allan Poe poem

"The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe poem

"The Raven by Edgar Allan Poe - Summary & Analysis" by Course Hero

"The Raven - Simpsons" by Agaliarept777 video - 6 min.

"Edgar Allan Poe's THE RAVEN" by trilobitepictures video - 12 min.

"Tragic Life of Edgar Allan Poe - Full Documentary - Biography" by Biography video - 44 min.

"(LoveSong, with Two Goldfish)" by Grace Chua poem

"Sonnet 18" by William Shakespeare poem

"Heart to Heart" by Rita Dove poem
"A Poison Tree" by William Blake

Anchor suspense video: "Rear Window" - 2 hrs.

Anchor writing: narrative

Unit: Harlem Renaissance (November - December)

"Lasting Contributions" by Diana Childress informational article
"How banning the African drum gave birth to American music - Chris Johnson - TEDxHudson" by TEDx Talks
"No Images" by William Waring Cuney poem
"We Wear the Mask" by Paul Laurence Dunbar poem
"Jabari Unmasked" by Nikki Grimes poem
"The Harlem Renaissance" by Jessica McBirney informational article
"Myths, misfits & masks: Sana Amanat at TEDxTeen 2014" by TEDx Talks video - 17 min.
"Negro Speaks of Rivers" by Langston Hughes poem
"Langston Hughes reads The Negro Speaks of Rivers" by Poetry Reading Live audio version - 3 min.
"Harlem" by Langston Hughes poem
"Langston Hughes: Leading Voice of the Harlem Renaissance - Biography" by Biography video - 4 min.
"America" by Claude McKay poem
"If We Must Die" by Claude McKay poem
"On Broadway" by Claude McKay poem
"Sonnet" by James Weldon Johnson
"Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou
"Duke Ellington" by Jessica McBirney informational article
"Duke Ellington - Pianist & Songwriter - Mini Bio - BIO" by Biography video - 4 min.
"Duke Ellington, 'Take the A Train'" by morrisoncoursevids video - 4 min.
"David's Old Soul" by Nikki Grimes poem
"I, too" by Langston Hughes poem
"Mother to Son" by Langston Hughes poem
"The Rose that Grew from the Concrete" by Tupac Shakur poem
"Thank You, M'am" by Langston Hughes short story
"'Thank You, Ma'am' by Langston Hughes – Audio Narration" by Ryan Dalusung audio version - 10 min.
"The Best Way to Deal with Failure" by Selin Malkoc information article
"Dance mama Dance" by Daniel Beaty poem

Unit: Survival (December - January)

Anchor text: "To Build a Fire" by Jack London short story
"Jack London - To build a fire (audiobook)" by Sebastian Ammerlynd audio version - 43 min.
"To Build a Fire by Jack London - In-Depth Summary & Analysis" by Course Hero video - 12 min.
"Jack London 'To Build a Fire' - Nexus Studios" by Nexus Studios video - 13 min.
"Of Feathers, Fat, and Freezing" by Donna DeVoe DiFolco informational article

Unit: Historical Drama (January)

Anchor text: "Strike Them Hard! The Baker Massacre" by Ramona Big Head play
"Blackfeet Nation: Remembers Bear River Massacre (Baker Massacre)" by Jeffrey Rhyner video - 10 min.
"Where The Spirit Lives - Drama" by Encore + video - 1 hr. 39 min.
"Helen Piopowaka Clarke and the Persistence of Prejudice" by Laura K. Ferguson informational article
"Remembering the victims of the Baker Massacre - June 21, 2021 - Naveen Day" by Bridge City News video - 4 min.

Unit: Research Industrial Revolution Inventions (February)

Anchor writing: informative essay

Unit: Weird Fiction & Scifi (Spring)

Anchor author: H.P. Lovecraft

- "Titan of terror: the dark imagination of H.P. Lovecraft - Silvia Moreno-García" by TED-Ed video - 5 min.
- "The Outsider" by H.P. Lovecraft short story
- "Lovecraft H.P. "The Outsider" (+illustrations)" by MSA Matthew video - 19 min.
- "Horror Short Film "The Outsider" - ALTER - H.P. Lovecraft Adaptation" by Alter video - 11 min.
- "Think Silent Films Are Boring? Watch Them Like This." by AutinMcConnell video - 10 min.
- "The Call of Cthulhu" by HPLHS Motion Pictures video - 47 min.

Anchor author: Ray Bradbury (Spring)

- "Ray Bradbury - Grandfather of the New Wave - Extra Sci Fi" by Extra Credits video - 6 min.
- "All Summer in a Day" by Ray Bradbury short story
- "All Summer in a Day" by Todd Noorman video - 30 min.
- "All Summer In a Day" by Collin Massey video - 10 min.
- "How to recognize a distopia - Alex Gendler" by TedEd - 6 min.
- "Someone Might be Watching -- An Introduction to Dystopian Fiction" by Shelby Ostergaard informational article
- "Earthlings, Meet Venus" by Rachel Slivnick informational article
- "Big Finish" by Erin Michelle Jendras short story
- "Momentum" by Catherine Doty poem
- "The Veldt" by Ray Bradbury short story
- "Bedtime Scaries - The Veldt by Ray Bradbury" by firehouselight audio version of the short story - 30 min.
- "The Ray Bradbury Theater - S04E11 - The Veldt (Aired 11-10-89)" by Paler Buras video - 24 min.
- "The Veldt' by RAY BRADBURY - Classic Radio Play - PAUL FREES Narrates" by Suspense & ESCAPE! radio play - 29 min.
- "Is Jurassic Park Possible?" by T.J. Resler informational article
- "The Pedestrian" by Ray Bradbury short story
- "The Pedestrian - Ray Bradbury" by Justin James audio version - 13 min.
- "Ray Bradbury Theater 'The Pedestrian'" by Mostly Anthologies video - 24 min.

Unit: Research Argumentative Writing (Spring)

Anchor writing: argumentative research essay

Unit: Poetry (Spring)

Anchor text: "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" by Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Unit: Narrative Nonfiction (April - May)

Anchor text: "The Diary of Anne Frank" by Goodrich and Hackett play

- "Anne Frank Play" by Sarah Hall audio version in multiple parts
- "The Path to Nazi Genocide" by United State Holocaust Memorial Museum video - 38 min.
- "Annex" by Anne Frank House virtual tour
- "Anne Frank's only existing film images - Anne Frank House" by Anne Frank House video - 1 min.
- "Who was Anne Frank? - Anne Frank House - Explained" by Anne Frank House video - 5 min.
- "Anne Frank: Her World and Her Diary" by United States Holocaust Memorial Museum - 12 min.
- "The Diary Of Anne Frank - Full Drama Movie - True Story" by Movie Central video - 1 hr. 40 min.

Unit: Greek Mythology (May)

- "Welcome to the Underworld" by Michael A Signal myth/article
- "Chiron, the Wisest Centaur" by Meredith Engel myth/article
- "Chiron - The Centaur Trainer of Heroes - The Origin of the Zodiac Sign of Sagittarius" by See U in History / Mythology video - 2 min.
- "Can you solve the riddle and escape Hades? - Dan Finkel" by TED-Ed - 5 min.
- "Theseus and the Minotaur" by E2BN.org myth/article

"Theseus and the Minotaur" by MiddleMan video - 2 min.

"Theseus in the Minotaur's Labyrinth - 3/3 - Greek Mythology in Comics - See U in History" by See U in History / Mythology video - 6 min.

"The scientific origins of the Minotaur - Matt Kaplan" By TED-Ed video - 5 min.

"The Story of Prometheus and Pandora's Box" by James Baldwin myth/article

"Arachne" by Olivia E. Coolidge myth/article

"The myth of Hades and Persephone - Iseult Gillespie" by TED-Ed video - 6 min.

"Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief" video clips - <2 hrs.

Anchor project: research Greek myth, god, or monster and creatively present research.

greekmythology.com used for one source