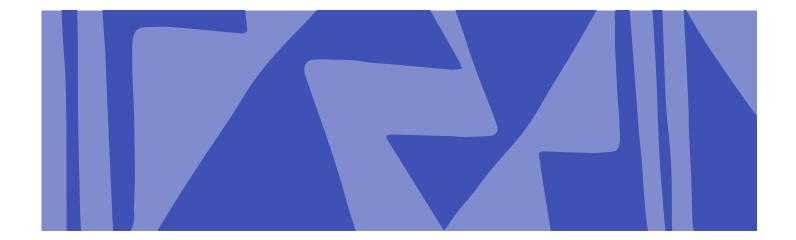
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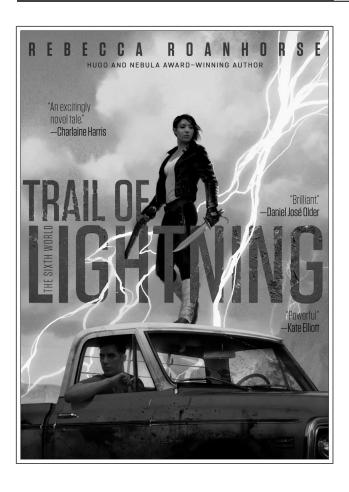
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Core Texts:



Trail of Lightning

by Rebecca Roanhorse

Genre:	Science Fiction
Story Origin:	Dinétah

Grade level:	7 - 12
Lexile Level:	HL700L

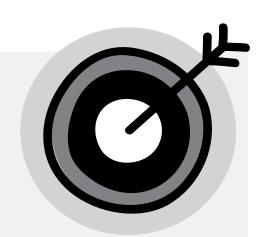
Unit Supporting Texts - Non-Fiction:

- **Appropriation**
 - **1** Native Cultural Appropriation
- **⚠** Critique of Rebecca Roanhorse's Trail of Lightning
- **♣** Diné Perspective on Anti-Blackness
- **The Dangers of the Appropriation Critique**
- **Scrutinized Identity**

UNIT 1 - DESIRED RESULTS



- Anti-black
- Cultural Appropriation and Misappropriation
- Intersectionality
- Inclusion
- · Culture Keepers



Essential Questions (based on yearlong Big Idea)	Enduring Understandings (based on yearlong Big Ideas)	
Who should have access to & ability to share cultural stories?	Should have access to & ability to share cultural stories (students will complete this EU at the end of the course based on their experiences in and outside of the classroom)	



Anchor Standards

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UNIT 1 - ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE

Transfer Statement:

We want our students to learn how to be critical readers (of various texts), listeners, and thinkers, so that in the long run, on their own, they will be empowered enough within their indigenous identities to persuasively, passionately, and clearly express their own perspectives via discussion or the written word (policy, stories, creative work).



Performance Assessment

SUSE GRASPS

Goal:

Argumentative Essay:

After reading the novel and the articles on Roanhorse, write an argumentative essay outlining your opinion on the situation.

- Given that Rebecca Roanhorse is not Diné, yet clearly uses Diné elements, do you agree with how she portrays Diné culture? If not, what can you do to challenge her influence in Native literature?
- Some Diné scholars argue that Rebecca Roanhorse's *Trail of Lightning* "twists Diné culture" for the sake of selling books, not honoring Diné culture and
- A. Maggie Hoskie is a fantastic example of a well-rounded female character with agency who, in the course of her work and life, has deal with instances of sexism, misogyny, and violence against women and girls.
 - 1a) What does Maggie symbolize?
 - 2a) Is Maggie's journey a metaphor for the challenges Indigenous women face?
- B. Argue for a theme of the entire novel. What message do you think Roanhorse was trying to convey through this story?
- C. Look more closely at Coyote, what purpose does he serve in the novel?
- D. Relationships are complicated. How does Maggie's relationship with Kai serve as a guiding force in the novel?

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STAGE 2



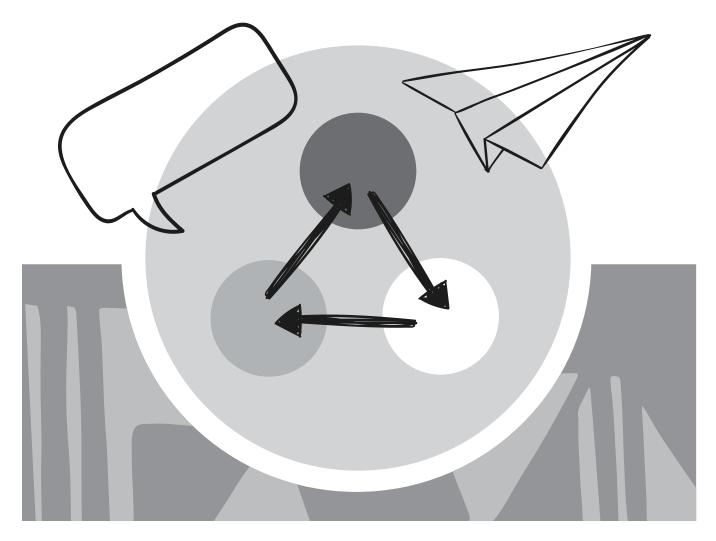
Performance Assessment continued

Role:	Student, teacher, cultural knowledge keeper
Audience:	Native School Boards, Students, Parents, Community Members, Cultural Knowledge Keepers, Publishing Industry
Scenario:	After reading Rebbeca Roanhorse's controversial novel, <i>Trail of Lightning</i> , choose a prompt and complete an essay that outlines your opinion on the subject
Product:	Argumentative Essay
Standards:	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.1 Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence, statements and fallacious reasoning

UNIT 1 - SCOPE + SEQUENCE

Core Emphasis on Big Ideas: Anti-black, Culture, Cultural Appropriation and Misappropriation, Intersectionality, Inclusion, Culture Keepers

and Essential Questions: (Essential questions that center equity, race, sovereignty, and self-determination) Who gets to tell our stories? (Who am I? Where do I come from? What can I speak to based on my experiences? What right or access should or do I have to other peoples' cultures or stories?)



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STAGE 3

LESSON 1

Lesson Narrative:

Suggested Timeframe: 4-5 45-minute class periods

Warm-up Suggestion: Open each class with a warm-up around grammar (mechanics and usage) and/ or vocabulary (especially vocabulary connected to the reading).

AIM: Who is allowed to tell certain stories? Can anyone share a story no matter where they are from or who they are? What makes something sacred? What are feelings around this issue? Students will look at these questions.

Mini-lesson: Brief introduction to the novel and the author. Make sure to acknowledge Roanhorse is not from Navajo Nation. Though she's writing about it, her indigenous roots are Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo. Bring up culture. Ask students what they think that is or what it is to them. Have them share out.

Workshop:

- Read Chapters 1-4 of Trail of Lightning
- Annotate the assigned chapters. Annotation of teacher's choice: graphic organizer online application such as, post-it notes, etc.
- Discussion: Your class has thoroughly reviewed this chapter. Have students discuss the motifs
 and how the first chapter sets the reader up for what to expect for the rest of the novel. Use your
 annotation sheet and the chapters Discussion Prep and Reflection Document. Break students up
 into groups of 3-4 and have them complete a 5-7 minute recorded discussion.
- Creative work: Have students write a short paragraph about what their clan/culture power would
 be; if students don't know their clans, have them think about what their cultural powers might be in
 connection to however they identify culturally. You can opt to have students draw a representation of
 this as well.
- Optional: Invite community member(s) for oral stories/ cultural stories connected to turquoise.

Closing: Exit Tickets for each 45 min class: Complete a "One & Done"

List one thing you learned OR
List one question you might have OR
List one thing you found interesting or cool!

Lesson Question(s):

- What is culture?
- · What makes something sacred?

4 Key Equity Terms

Culture

Embedded Assessment(s)

9/10th GRADE - UNIT 1

STAGE 3

LESSON 2

Lesson Narrative:

Suggested Timeframe: 4-5 45-minute class periods

Warm-up Suggestion: Open each class with a warm-up around grammar (mechanics and usage) and/ or vocabulary (especially vocabulary connected to the reading).

AIM: How does climate and the environment around us affect our culture?

Mini-lesson: We're learning that this is the 6th World and life after "Big Water." Introduce the idea of a setting. Ask them what they're learned from other teachers about "the setting" in a story in literature. Is it important? Or is it secondary to the characters and their story? Now ask them about the environment. Where do they live currently? Where are they from originally? Is the environment important to their culture and/or their cultural doings?

Workshop:

- Read Chapters 5-9 of Trail of Lightning
- Annotate the assigned chapters. Annotation of teacher's choice: graphic organizer, online application such as, post-it notes, etc.
- Writing Prompt: Coffee/Gohwééh is considered rare in this flooded/drought world. What are five other things you infer are also rare and why?
- Discussion: Your class has thoroughly reviewed this chapter. Use your annotation sheet and the
 chapters Discussion Prep and Reflection Document Have students engage in a discussion
 around this week's findings: ideas of culture, storyline, character development, etc. Conduct a
 Socratic Seminar.
- Creative work: Create a map that mirrors what the novel is talking about. What would Turtle Island/
 The United States look like after Big Water?

Closing: Exit Tickets for each 45 min class: Complete a "One & Done"

List one thing you learned OR
List one question you might have OR
List one thing you found interesting or cool!

Lesson Question(s):

 How does climate and the environment around us affect our culture?

Lange 1 Key Equity Terms

· Culture: Climate Change

Embedded Assessment(s)

Annotation • Discussion • Creative Work • Writing Prompt

9/10th GRADE - UNIT 1 STAGE 3

LESSON 3

Lesson Narrative:

Suggested Timeframe: 2-3 45-minute class periods

Warm-up Suggestion: Open each class with a warm-up around grammar (mechanics and usage) and/ or vocabulary (especially vocabulary connected to the reading).

AIM: Who gets to tell a story? This week students should have this question in the back of their mind while connecting it to the introduction of Coyote and thinking about how he is changing the story and what connection he has to Maggie and her story. Think about the power a story can have and think about what power Coyote has in Maggie's story. Do your students think Coyote is conscious of how what he's asking of Maggie now will change her life?

Mini-lesson: Brief introduction to the week's reading. We were just introduced to Coyote. What role does he play in the book/do you think he will play in the book? What is a coyote's role, if any, in your tribe's or your culture's and stories?

Workshop:

- Read Chapters 10-14 of Trail of Lightning
- Annotate the assigned chapters. Annotation of teacher's choice: graphic organizer, online application such as, post-it notes, etc.
- Writing Prompt: Coffee/Gohwééh is considered rare in this flooded/drought world. What are five other things you infer are also rare and why?
- Discussion: Your class has thoroughly reviewed this chapter. Use your annotation sheet and the chapters Discussion Prep and Reflection Document. Have students engage in a discussion around this week's findings: plot, coyote's role, Kai, etc. Break students up into groups of 3-4 and have them complete a fishbowl style discussion and rotate every 5-7 minutes. Students on the outer edge of the bowl have to grade the group of students inside the fishbowl using the **Discussion Rubric.**
- Creative work: Draw a picture of Coyote based on the description in the novel.

Closing: Exit Tickets for each 45 min class: Complete a "One & Done"

List one thing you learned OR List one question you might have OR List one thing you found interesting or cool!

L Key Equity Terms

· Appropriation and Cultural Knowledge Keepers

Embedded Assessment(s)

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STAGE 3

LESSON 4

Lesson Narrative:

Suggested Timeframe: 4-5 45-minute class periods

Warm-up Suggestion: Open each class with a warm-up around grammar (mechanics and usage) and/ or vocabulary (especially vocabulary connected to the reading).

AIM: What role does Nezghani play in this novel? Focus on the relationships between Maggie, Kai, Coyote, and Nezghani. Especially Nezghani.

Mini-lesson: Brief introduction to the week's reading. This week we're going to explore the character of Nezghani. Who is Nezghani? What role does he play in the book/do you think he will play in the book? Think about the type of relationship he has with Maggie. How would you describe it? Again going back to how we know people through their actions/inactions, words, dress, friends, family, etc.

Workshop:

- Read Chapters 15-19 of Trail of Lightning
- Annotate the assigned chapters. Annotation of teacher's choice: graphic organizer online application such as, post-it notes, etc.
- Discussion: Your class has thoroughly reviewed this chapter. Use your annotation sheet and the
 chapters Discussion Prep and Reflection Document. Have students engage in a discussion
 around this week's findings: plot, coyote's role, Kai, etc. Break students up into groups of 3-4 and
 have them complete a 5-7 minute recorded discussion.
- Creative work: Draw a picture of Nezghani based on the description in the novel.
- Option for inviting a Navajo community member for oral stories/ cultural stories connecting to Nezghani.

Closing: Exit Tickets for each 45 min class: Complete a "One & Done"

List one thing you learned OR
List one question you might have OR
List one thing you found interesting or cool!

Lesson Question(s):

· What role does Nezghani play?

4 Key Equity Terms

 Appropriation and Cultural Knowledge Keepers

Embedded Assessment(s)

9/10th GRADE - UNIT 1

STAGE 3

LESSON 5

Lesson Narrative:

Suggested Timeframe: 4-5 45-minute class periods

Warm-up Suggestion: Open each class with a warm-up around grammar (mechanics and usage) and/ or vocabulary (especially vocabulary connected to the reading).

AIM: What role does violence play in the novel and how elements of the Dine culture are portrayed? Explore the motif of violence in the book. Is it necessary to the telling of the story?

Mini-lesson: Brief introduction to the week's reading. Ask students if violence ever has a purpose? After receiving some answers, frame it in the context of the book and explore the motif of violence. Is the violence necessary in the novel? What role does violence play in the book/do you think it will play in the book? Think about the impact it has on you as a reader.

Workshop:

- Read Chapters 20-24 of Trail of Lightning
- Annotate the assigned chapters. Annotation of teacher's choice: graphic organizer, online application such as, post-it notes, etc.
- Discussion: Your class has thoroughly reviewed this chapter. Use your annotation sheet and the
 chapters Discussion Prep and Reflection Document. Have students engage in a discussion
 around this week's topic: violence in the novel. Conduct a Socratic Seminar.
- Writing prompt: Free write one page discussing your personal interpretation and reaction to the
 violence incorporated into the story. Does it feel earned? Does it ever feel "wrong?" Complete
 the writing prompt prior to the discussion, so students can have more time to think and articulate
 themselves.
- Option for a Navajo community member to share appropriate oral stories/ cultural stories connecting to violent acts and/or offering spaces for healing from violent acts.

Closing: Exit Tickets for each 45 min class: Complete a "One & Done"

List one thing you learned OR
List one question you might have OR
List one thing you found interesting or cool!

Lesson Question(s):

 What role does violence play in the novel and how elements of the Dine culture are portrayed?

Key Equity Terms

- Appropriation and Cultural Knowledge Keepers
- Anti-black

Embedded Assessment(s)

Annotation • Discussion • Writing Prompt

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LESSON 6

Lesson Narrative:

Suggested Timeframe: 4-5 45-minute class periods

Warm-up Suggestion: Open each class with a warm-up around grammar (mechanics and usage) and/ or vocabulary (especially vocabulary connected to the reading).

AIM: Look at the All-American in the novel. The place and the people are not only a safe haven for Maggie and Kai, but a resource that provides them more physical back-up as they head into battle. Discuss and investigate any deeper meanings behind the name All-American. Did Roanhorse do this on purpose?

Mini-lesson: What is the purpose of a symbol in a novel? What is a symbol? Optional prezi on symbolism that you can work through with the students. Is there any symbolism behind the All-American?

What are the connotations (words, feelings, ideas) that come to mind when you hear the term "All-American?" Write them down and as we read portions of the novel with the All-American and the people with the All-American in them revisit your list. Do any of those ideas match up?

Think about who lives in the All-American as well. Who runs it? Are they Native, black, white, a mix? Does that in any way add to what it means for the symbolism of the All- American?

Workshop:

- Read Chapters 25-29 of Trail of Lightning
- Annotate the assigned chapters. Annotation of teacher's choice: graphic organizer, online application such as, post-it notes, etc.
- Discussion: Your class has thoroughly reviewed this chapter. Use your annotation sheet and the chapters Discussion Prep and Reflection Document. Have students engage in a discussion around this week's topic: What does the All-American Symbolize? Break students up into groups of 3-4 and have them complete a fishbowl style discussion and rotate every 5-7 minutes. Students on the outer edge of the bowl have to grade the group of students inside the fishbowl using the **Discussion Rubric.**
- Writing prompt: Free write one page discussing your personal interpretation of the All-American. Is it symbolic? If so, in what way? Complete the writing prompt prior to the discussion, so students can have more time to think and articulate themselves.

Closing: Exit Tickets for each 45 min class: Complete a "One & Done"

List one thing you learned OR List one question you might have OR List one thing you found interesting or cool!

Lesson Question(s):

· Is there any symbolism behind the All-American?

Legity Terms

Appropriation and Cultural Knowledge Keepers

Embedded Assessment(s)

Annotation • Discussion • Writing Prompt

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STAGE 3

LESSON 7

Lesson Narrative:

Suggested Timeframe: 4-5 45-minute class periods

Warm-up Suggestion: Open each class with a warm-up around grammar (mechanics and usage) and/ or vocabulary (especially vocabulary connected to the reading).

AIM: Can Maggie survive the fight in the arena? This week you want to focus on predictions. How will the fight between Nezghani and Maggie in the arena end? Does Maggie have a chance?

Mini-lesson:

Brief introduction to the week's reading. Nezghani is a god and Maggie is a monster slayer, yes, but she is human at the end of the day despite the power of her clan powers. Ask students what predictions they have regarding the fight. Can they foresee any plot twists?

Workshop:

- Read Chapters 30-34 of Trail of Lightning
- Annotate the assigned chapters. Annotation of teacher's choice: graphic organizer, online application such as, post-it notes, etc.
- Discussion: Your class has thoroughly reviewed this chapter. Use your annotation sheet and the chapters Discussion Prep and Reflection Document. Have students engage in a discussion around this week's topic: Coyote (What does he really want?), Kai and Maggie (Do they have a plan?), Nezghani and Maggie (Who will win? Will it really be a fight to the death?). Break students up into groups of 3-4 and have them complete a 5-7 minute recorded discussion.
- Creative work. Character tree. Start with Maggie at the top and draw the other characters she's
 connected to and who is connected to them. You might also choose to have Nezghani at the top.

Closing: Exit Tickets for each 45 min class: Complete a "One & Done"

List one thing you learned OR
List one question you might have OR
List one thing you found interesting or cool!

Lesson Question(s):

Can Maggie survive?

4 Key Equity Terms

- Appropriation and Cultural Knowledge Keepers
- Whiteness

Embedded Assessment(s)

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STAGE 3

LESSON 8

Lesson Narrative:

Suggested Timeframe: 4-5 45-minute class periods

Warm-up Suggestion: Open each class with a warm-up around grammar (mechanics and usage) and/ or vocabulary (especially vocabulary connected to the reading).

AIM: Was the end of the novel satisfying (culturally, emotionally, etc.)?

Mini-lesson:

Brief introduction to the week's reading. Endings: Have students answer the question "What makes a "good" ending?"

Workshop:

- Read Chapters 35-38 of Trail of Lightning
- Annotate the assigned chapters. Annotation of teacher's choice: graphic organizer, online application such as, post-it notes, etc.
- Discussion: Your class has thoroughly reviewed this chapter. Use your annotation sheet and the
 chapters Discussion Prep and Reflection Document. Have students engage in a discussion
 around this week's topic: the novel's ending. Conduct a socratic seminar.
- Creative work. Create an artistic representation of the battle ground. It can be a drawing, a
 playlist of 5-10 songs with a small explanation of how the songs reflect the book's final chapters,
 a painting, beading, a storyboard (like a comic book), clay work, short story, a poem etc. Be open
 to other suggestions by students.

Closing: Exit Tickets for each 45 min class: Complete a "One & Done"

List one thing you learned OR
List one question you might have OR
List one thing you found interesting or cool!

Lesson Question(s):

 Was the end of the novel satisfying (culturally, emotionally, etc.)?

4 Key Equity Terms

 Cultural Appropriation and Misappropriation

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STAGE 3

LESSON 9

Lesson Narrative:

Suggested Timeframe: 4-5 45-minute class periods

Warm-up Suggestion: Open each class with a warm-up around grammar (mechanics and usage) and/ or vocabulary (especially vocabulary connected to the reading).

AIM: Address the controversy surrounding Rebecca Roanhorse.

Mini-lesson: Have students answer the following questions: where are you from? What place? What culture? What race and ethnicity do you belong to?

Now imagine someone from a different place wrote about the place you're from and your culture/ethnicity but did so incorrectly and then the writing became wildly popular and how outsiders now view the place you're from and the people in that place OR that writer shared information that wasn't theirs to share. Have students share their viewpoints. Explain that the class will be investigating a similar situation this lesson.

Workshop:

Read and Annotate the Following Articles

- Read adoption of Native children by white parents; controversy about appropriation and Roanhorse; 2nd controversy about appropriation and Roanhorse; 3rd controversy about appropriation and Roanhorse.
- Annotate the assigned chapters. Annotation of teacher's choice: graphic organizer, online application such as, post-it notes, etc.
- Discussion: Your class has thoroughly reviewed this chapter. Use your annotation sheet and the
 chapters Discussion Prep and Reflection Document. Have students engage in a discussion
 around this week's topic: Was Roanhorse appropriating? Did she do something wrong? Is she
 being discriminated against? Break students up into groups of 3-4 and have them complete a 5-7
 minute recorded discussion.

Closing: Exit Tickets for each 45 min class: Complete a "One & Done"

List one thing you learned OR
List one question you might have OR
List one thing you found interesting or cool!

Lesson Question(s):

How do I write an essay?

L Key Equity Terms

- Anti-black
- · Cultural Appropriation and Misappropriation
- Whiteness
- Culture Keepers

Embedded Assessment(s)

Annotations • Discussion

APPENDIX

9-10TH QUARTER REFLECTION

Google Doc

Due: At the end of each week

Directions: For Quarter 1, reflect on your learning so far. Use sentence starters and stems when you need them. Please type into the blue highlighted area.

Question #1: What did you learn this quarter?

- What did you find interesting or memorable?
- · What was confusing or do you have further questions about?
- Where do you want to explore further?
- · Where/How do you need help?

One thing I found interesting/memorable was...

Another interesting fact I learned this quarter was...

Something I didn't understand was...

I plan to explore... further. I am interested in this because...

Question #2: We are focused on these skills {TEACHER LIST SKILLS BELOW}:

I feel strong with the following skills...

Do you feel like you need more practice or clarification around any of the skills listed above? Be specific...

Question #3: Outside connections.

In what ways does this class connect with other classes you have? ... In what ways does this class connect with your life outside of school? ...

Question #4: Teacher and you.

What did your teacher do well with when teaching you this quarter? ...

What is something your teacher could improve upon or help support you with in the future? ...

What did you do well this quarter? ...

What is something you could improve upon in the future? ...

Teacher Resources:

- **⚠** Model Essay Schaffer Outline
- **L** Essay Rubric W/O Counter Claim
- **Graphic Organizer**
- Language Discussion Prep and Reflection Document
- **Clan/Culture Power**
- **Discussion Rubric**
- **⚠** Optional prezi on symbolism that you can work through with the students
- **Lange 1** Key Equity Terms



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UNIT 1 - Anchor Standards

Reading: Literature or Informational	© CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.
Texts	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.3 Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.9-10.8 Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and fallacious reasoning.
Writing	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.1 Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence statements and fallacious reasoning. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
Speaking and Listening	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.1 Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9-10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively
Language	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.9-10.3 Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.