

Language and Literature (ELA)

Unit	Key Concepts	Related Concepts	Global Contexts	Statement of Inquiry	Objectives & Strands	ATL Skills	Content	Summative Assessment(s)	Learner Profile	International-mindedness	Service Learning
MYP Year 1 (6th Grade) ELA 6											
September to October											
Your Story Matters/Personal Narrative	Identity	Self expression, Style, Character	Personal and Cultural Expression: Social construction of reality; philosophies and ways of life	Our self image and perception of the world is shaped by the stories that we tell ourselves and others.	C: i., ii., iii. D: i., ii., iii., iv., v.	Communication and Self-Management Skills	SOL: 6.7 and 6.8	Personal narrative	Communicators		
November to January											
Stake Your Claim	Connection	Character	Identities and relationships:	The essay is an ideal tool to examine characters in literature in depth and uncover how the lessons of literature can impact our lives.	A: i., ii., iii., iv. B: i., ii., iii.	Self-Management and Thinking Skills	SOL: 6.5	Character analysis	Thinkers		
February											
There's One Born Every Minute	Communication	Audience imperatives, Purpose	Globalization and sustainability: the impact of decision-making on humankind and the environment	Persuasive media is a powerful communication tool whose consequences may be to reinforce myths and stereotypes of its audience, but it may also serve as an agent of service and social change because of its impact on decision-making.	A: i., ii., iii., iv. D: i., ii., iii., iv., v.	Research and Thinking Skills	SOL: 6.2 and 6.3	Creating a commercial	Communicators		
March											
DIY Fiction	Creativity	Theme, Structure	Identities and Relationships	Narratives creatively use the elements of plot to communicate a theme.	B: i., ii., iii. C: i., ii., iii. D: iii., v.	Communication, Thinking, and Research skills	6.7 6.8	Children's Book			
April											
Poetry	Creativity	Self-expression, Genre	Personal and Cultural Expression	The genre of poetry encourages creative self-expression.	A: i., ii., iii., iv. D: iii., v.	Communication and Thinking skills	6.7 6.8	Poetry booklet Unit Test			
May to June											
Personal Profile	Perspective	Character, Context	Identities and Relationships	Journalists develop perspective by exploring character and context.	B: i., ii., iii. C: i., ii., iii. D: iii., v.	Communication, Research and Social skills	6.1 6.2 6.7 6.8 6.9	Interview with Student- Human Interest Story			
MYP Year 1 (6th Grade) Reading											
September											
I Am a Lifelong Reader	Connections	Purpose, self-expression	Identities and relationships: Identity Formation	Critical readers make purposeful connections to the world around them through their reading.	A: iii. B: ii.	Self-management and Thinking skills	6.5k, 6.6k	Student-created reading goal	Reflective		
October and November											
Characters in Conflict	Identity	Character Setting Theme	Identities and Relationships	Characters' identities change throughout a story as they face conflict and challenges.	A: i., ii., iii. B: i., ii. C: i., ii., iii.	Self-Management and Thinking Skills	SOL: 6.2 and 6.5	Mastery Path IB Test Criterion A	Thinkers		
December and January											

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Nonfiction: Not Just the Facts	Perspective	Intertextuality; Theme	Orientation in Space and Time	Readers of nonfiction compare perspectives across texts to find common themes about how people interact, react, and adapt to their world.	A: i., ii., iv. B: i., ii. C: i., ii., iii D: iii.	Communication, Self-Management, Research, and Thinking Skills	SOL: 6.6 and 6.8	Unit Test and Slide Show	Communicators		
February and March											
Reading to Inspire Action	Connections	Point of View; Theme	Identities and relationships: identity formation; self-esteem; status; roles and role models	Readers analyze character relationships and their broader connection to group relationships in society in order to develop an awareness of social issues.	A: i., ii., iii., iv. B: ii., iii. D: i., ii., iv., v.	Communication, Social, Self-Management, Thinking	SOL: 6.1, 6.5, 6.6	Socratic Seminar, including preparation, actual discussion, and reflection	Principled		
April to June											
Reading in Math	Communication	Form, Logic	Scientific and technical innovation	Math skills are used outside of school (worksheets and tests) through an inquiry into the role of math in managing and growing your personal finances.	B: i., iii. C: i., ii., iii. D: i., ii., iii., iv., v.	Communication, Self-Management, Thinking	SOL: 6.2 a-c,	Create your Own Business	Thinkers		
MYP Year 2 (7th Grade) ELA 7											
September to October											
Reading Like a Writer	Creativity	Character, Setting	Personal and Cultural Expression: Artistry, craft, creation, beauty	Thoughtful writers use creativity to develop characters in a setting and craft a story pitch.	A: i., ii., iii., iv.	Communication and thinking skills	7.4 b,e	Written Story Pitch	Communicator		
October to November											
Words, Power, and Persuasion	Creativity and perspective	Point of view Purpose	Personal and cultural expression	Students will creatively share their point of view to express their personal and cultural ideas using an infographic.	A: i., ii. B: i., ii., iii. C: i., iii., iii. D: ii.	Communication Skills	7.5 i 7.6 c	Persuasive Argument Infographic	Inquirers		
December to January											
Activism Letter Writing	Communication	Purpose, Self-Expression	Identities and relationships	Communication through story allows for purposeful self-expression of identities and relationships.	B: i., ii., iii. C: i., ii., iii. D: i., ii., iii., iv., v.	Communication Skills	7.5 i 7.6 c, 7.8 b, c	Realistic narrative to local officials	Communicator		Petitioning government officials for a better world
February to March											
Finding a Love of Reading	Perspective	Theme, Structure	Personal and cultural expression: critical literacy	Critical readers can identify themes and analyze structures from different perspectives.	A: i., ii., iii., iv.	Communication and Thinking skills	7.5 a,c 7.6 b 7.7 d	Thematic Book Project	Thinker		
April to June											
Slam Poetry	Perspective	Point of View, Purpose	Identities and Relationships: Personal efficacy and agency; attitudes, motivation, independence	Poets often write from a particular perspective with a purpose.	C: i., ii., iii. D: i., ii., iii., iv., v.	Communication and Thinking Skills	7.5 a,c 7.6 b 7.7 d	Written poems	Risk-taker		
MYP Year 3 (8th Grade) English and Language Arts											
September											
Memoir	Perspective	Structure, Theme	Identities and Relationships	Reading and writing memoirs helps broaden perspective on identity and relationships.	B: i., ii. C: i., ii., iii.	Communication and Thinking skills	8.4, 8.5, 8.7	Create a memoir	Communicator		

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World of Water (Global and Cultural Connections)	Relationships	Audience, Imperatives	Globalization and Sustainability	People across the globe must consider how their relationships with the environment and each other impact the sustainability of resources around the world and how people can take action to address quality of life issues within a community.	A: i., ii., iii. C: i., ii., iii.	Communication and Thinking skills	8.6, 8.7, 8.8	Position paper	Thinkers		
November to December											
Shakespeare Lives!	Communication	Theme, Self-Expression	Identities and relationships	Literature that communicates themes about human identity and relationships can still be relevant today, even when written long ago.	A: i., ii., iii., iv. B: i., ii., D: i., ii., iii., iv., v.	Communication and Thinking skills	8.4, 8.5, 8.7, 8.8	Theme analysis	Inquirers		
January to February											
Family Migration	Communication	Causality, Character	Orientation in time and space	People migrate for a variety of reasons, and communication about these journeys enhances our understanding of others' experiences.	B: i., ii., iii. C: i., ii., iii. D: i., ii., iii., iv., v.	Communication, Self-Management, Research and Thinking skills	8.5, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9	Immigration product	Open-minded	Countries that migrate to the US	
March											
What a Wonderful World...? (Dystopia Structures)	Creativity	Self-expression, Character	Fairness and Development	What is explicit information? What is implicit information? What is a reasonable inference? What are the different persuasive techniques used in the media?	A: i., ii., iii., iv. B: i., ii., iii. C: i., ii., iii. D: i., ii., iii., iv., v.	Communication, Self-Management, Research and Thinking skills	8.5, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9	Creative piece	Principled		
April											
Poetry	Form	Self-expression, Style	Personal and cultural expression	Poetry helps us communicate with the world through self-expression and personal style.	A: i., ii., iii., iv.	Communication Research and Thinking skills.	8.4, 8.5	Write a poem	Communicators		
May to June											
Podcast - Tell Your Story	Creativity	Creativity, Perspective	Personal and Cultural Expression	Sharing our own perspective and creativity by communicating meaningful stories has a powerful impact on ourselves and our audience.	A: i., ii., iii., iv.	Communication Research and Thinking skills.	8.2, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9	Create a podcast	Inquirers		