Unit TWO: Writing

Overview: This unit continues to develop the students' skills in the construction of academic, personal, professional writing as well as informative and persuasive writing. They will practice a variety of organizational structures, utilize the writing process and apply specific formatting guidelines to their writing.

Big Idea: Writing is a means of documenting thinking, feeling, and learning.

Unit Essential Questions:

- To what extent does the writing process contribute to quality of writing?
- What role does writing play in students' lives?
- How do students develop into effective writers?

Pennsylvania Common Core Standard(s): (See Appendix B)

CC.1.4.11-12.A, CC.1.4.11-12.B, CC.1.4.11-12.C, CC.1.4.11-12.D, CC.1.4.11-12.E, CC.1.4.11-12.F, CC.1.4.11-12.G, CC.1.4.11-12.H, CC.1.4.11-12.I, CC.1.4.11-12.J, CC.1.4.11-12.K, CC.1.4.11-12.L, CC.1.4.11-12.N, CC.1.4.11-14.O, CC.1.4.11-12.P, CC.1.4.11-14.Q, CC.1.4.11-12.R, CC.1.4.11-12.T, CC.1.4.11-14.U, CC.1.4.11-14.W.

Connecting to Common Core and Other Standards:

PA Standards found at http://www.pdesas.org/standard/views#115|774|0|0

National Common Core found at www.corestandards.org
ISTE found at www.iste.org/standards/nets-for-students.aspx
Career Education and Work found at www.pacareerstandards.com/

ELL Differentiation: Math and Language Arts specifics found at www.pde.sas.org/module/sas/curriculumframework/elloverlay.aspx

Generic Information found at http://www.esasd.net/esl
To-dos resources found at www.todos-math.org

SAS Portal ELL Overlay found at http://www.pdesas.org/module/sas/curriculumframework/elloverlay.aspx

Prentice Hall Audio CD Pack, available United Streaming Videos/internet downloads, translated e-text, building level

ELL teacher, teacher adapted/alternative assignments and assessments.

Enrichment: Teacher and student driven research/materials SAS Portal Assessments and Resources found at http://www.pdesas.org/module/content/search/

Remediation: Additional teacher generated assignments and/or assessments, after school tutoring, one-on-one/small group, differentiated instruction, SAS Portal Assessments and Resources found at http://www.pdesas.org/module/content/search/

IEP/GIEP: Refer to individual student's education plan under specially designed instruction, teacher adapted/alternative assignments, classroom instructional aid, and collaboration with student's case manager.

Unit Concepts What students need to know:	Unit Competencies What students need to be able to do (skills): (Students will:)	Content Vocabulary	Resources	Assessments
Writing improves through the recursive process of revising and editing Focus, content, organization, style, and conventions work together to impact writing quality	Write at least 2 five paragraph essays that include: • introduction and conclusion with a minimum of 5 sentences • body paragraphs with a minimum of 10 sentences • a graduation project or a minimum of three essays with five paragraphs • a multi-page persuasive research paper Write with sharp, distinct focus, identifying topic, purpose and audience (focus) Develop content that is fully explained and well-supported with details, examples, and facts (content)	Thesis Tone Cause and effect Compare/ contrast Focus Style Informal Communication Formal Communication Transition Editing Introduction Conclusion Pre-writing Draft	Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar: Ruby Level Prentice Hall Literature: The American Experience The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald The Crucible by Arthur Miller A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Meyers The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros	Response to literature, Informational, Expository, and Persuasive essays Rubrics Peer Editing Conferencing Teacher generated activities and prompts

	Revise	SAS portal—	
Use organizational patterns		http://www.pdesas.org	
that support key ideas and	Publish	Purdue Owl—	
are appropriate to format	Plagiarism	https://owl.english.purd	
and purpose.	Piagiarisiii	ue.edu/owl/	
(organization)		MLA.org—	
		http://mlaformat.org/	
Write to create an			
individual writing style			
(style)			
TT			
Use proper conventions to			
compose in the standard			
form of the English			
language (conventions)			
Use socially and			
academically appropriate			
writing conventions,			
including MLA, in a			
variety of formal and			
informal communication			
Develop complete			
paragraphs that have			
details and information			
specific to the topic and			
relevant to a well-defined			
focus			

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Incorporate vocabulary		
that includes terms specific		
to the topic		
Integrate appropriate		
transitions within and		
between paragraphs		
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Construct parallel		
structures between		
sentences and paragraphs		
sentences and paragraphs		
Apply the writing process		
to develop a piece of		
work.(i.e. pre-write, draft,		
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revise, edit and publish)		
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Revise writing by		
examining how the		
questions of purpose and		
audience have been		
addressed		
Promote a spirit of honesty		
and integrity in writing (no		
plagiarism)		