Grade 8: Module 2A: Unit 1: Lesson 19

End of Unit 1 Assessment: Analyzing Author’s Craft in To Kill a Mockingbird: Allusions, Text Structure, Connections to Traditional Themes, and Figurative Language

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Analyzing Author’s Craft in *To Kill a Mockingbird*

### Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

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### Supporting Learning Targets

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1. **Opening**
   - A. Review Learning Targets (2 minutes)

2. **Work Time**
   - A. End of Unit 1 Assessment (40 minutes)

3. **Closing and Assessment**
   - A. Debrief and Preview Homework (3 minutes)

4. **Homework**
   - A. Complete a first read of the Chapter 12 summary and a first read of Chapter 13 in the novel. Take notes using the Structured Notes graphic organizer.

## Teaching Notes

- During today’s assessment, students independently analyze how the author uses allusions, perspective, and text structure to convey meaning in a piece of literature.
- Post: Learning targets.

## Lesson Vocabulary

Do not preview vocabulary for today’s assessment.

## Materials

- *To Kill a Mockingbird* (book; one per student)
- *End of Unit 1 Assessment: Analyzing Author’s Craft in To Kill a Mockingbird: Allusion, Text Structure, Connections to Traditional Themes, and Figurative Language* (one per student)
- *End of Unit 1 Assessment: Analyzing Author’s Craft in To Kill a Mockingbird: Allusion, Text Structure, Connections to Traditional Themes, and Figurative Language (Answers for Teacher Reference)*
- *To Kill a Mockingbird Structured Notes Graphic Organizer, Chapters 12 & 13* (one per student)
- *To Kill a Mockingbird Supported Structured Notes Graphic Organizer, Chapters 12 & 13* (optional for students needing more support)
- *2 Point Rubric: Writing from Sources/Short Response* (for Teacher Reference)
## Opening

### A. Review Learning Targets (2 minutes)
- Read aloud the targets:
  - “I can analyze how the author uses the allusion to the Golden Rule in a new way.”
  - “I can compare and contrast how two texts, a poem, and a scene from the novel have different structures, which contribute to meaning and style.”
  - “I can analyze how the author draws on the theme of the Golden Rule in the novel.”
- Tell students that they will reread parts of Chapter 11, which they read for homework, in the assessment today. Remind them that they have been studying author’s craft in previous lessons. Today is an opportunity to show what they know about allusions, text structure, and connections to traditional themes like the Golden Rule.

## Work Time

### A. End of Unit 1 Assessment (40 minutes)
- Arrange student seating to allow for independent thinking, reading, and writing. Encourage students by telling them that they have been working hard at reading closely, and today you want them to show what they have learned.
- Distribute the *End of Unit 1 Assessment: Analyzing Author’s Craft in To Kill a Mockingbird: Allusion, Text Structure, Connections to Traditional Themes, and Figurative Language*. Orient students to the various parts of the assessment and clarify if needed.
- Invite students to begin. Circulate to observe but not support; this is their opportunity to independently apply the skills they have been learning.
- If students finish early, encourage them to begin reading the Chapter 12 summary and Chapter 13 in the novel.
- Collect the end of unit assessment.

### Meeting Students’ Needs
- On-demand assessments give the teacher valuable information about skills that students have mastered and those that still need to be developed.
- ELLs and other students may benefit from extended time, a bilingual glossary or dictionary, and a separate testing location.
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3. In the last stanza of the poem, the poet sums up what she has learned about living, dying, and the support of others. How does the poet structure this poem so that the last the stanza reveals these lessons? Use the organizer below to explain your answer.

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   By the last stanza of the poem,
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4. What do you think this poem seems to be saying about the Golden Rule?

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**Part B. Author’s Craft: Allusion**

In Chapter 11, Jem reads *Ivanhoe* by Sir Walter Scott aloud to Mrs. Dubose. *Ivanhoe* was published in 1820. It takes place in England in the same time period as King Richard and Robin Hood. The primary theme of *Ivanhoe* is reconciliation, the act of bringing people together again.

Reread the following passage, then analyze this allusion’s impact on the meaning of Chapter 11.

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“Mrs. Dubose?” he called.

Jessie opened the wood door and unlatched the screen door.

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3. What impact does the allusion to *Ivanhoe* have on the meaning of Chapter 11?
   
a. It emphasizes that Jem wants revenge on Mrs. Dubose.
b. It shows that Jem loves adventure novels.
c. It makes Jem and Scout’s relationship clearer.
d. It shows that this chapter brings Jem and Mrs. Dubose together peacefully.
e. It brings up the idea of slavery.
f. It refers to the court system.
g. It makes Mrs. Dubose look even meaner.

4. Justify your answer using evidence from the text.
Part C. Author’s Craft: Figurative Language

6. What is the figurative meaning of the underlined phrase? “The day after Jem’s twelfth birthday his money was burning up his pockets, so we headed for town in the early afternoon. Jem thought he had enough to buy a miniature steam engine for himself and a twirling baton for me” (100).

a. The coins in Jem’s pockets were hot because of the sun.
b. Jem was eager to spend his birthday money.
c. Jem felt guilty about having money in his pockets.
d. Jem had stolen the money in his pockets.
Part A.

Author's Craft: Text Structure and Connecting the Novel to Traditional Themes like the Golden Rule
Use the Narrative Structure organizer to show the narrative structure of Chapter 11.

Exposition:
This chapter begins by introducing the reader to Mrs. Dubose. She is an old woman who is mean to Jem and Scout, and they hate her for it.

Detail: On their way into town, Jem and Scout walk past Mrs. Dubose, who begins to insult them. Jem gets so angry that he chops off the top of her camellia bushes.

Detail: Each reading seems to get longer and longer for Jem and Scout. Mrs. Dubose listens sometimes and other times she doesn’t. Finally, after a month, they are finished reading to Mrs. Dubose.

Climax: A month goes by, and Atticus comes home late and tells Jem that Mrs. Dubose has died. He tells him that he knows she read longer and longer to Mrs. Dubose because she was a morphine addict and she was trying to be free of her addiction before she died.

Resolution: Atticus tells Jem that he wanted him to learn the meaning of courage from Mrs. Dubose. That courage is knowing that you are not going to win, but you go ahead and fight no matter what because it’s the right thing to do.

Next Chapter/Incident
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### How does this illustrate the Golden Rule?

First, Atticus instructs Jem to “be a gentlemen” and not get mad, whatever Mrs. Dubose might say. This is Atticus instructing Jem in the Golden Rule.

Then, Atticus demonstrates the Golden Rule by greeting Mrs. Dubose so kindly, even though it’s clear that Mrs. Dubose does not treat others that way.
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In Stanzas 1 and 2, the poet compares and contrasts positive and negative emotions and behaviors and how those behaviors either attract people or push people away. She writes that the positive behaviors, like singing, laughing, and rejoicing, draw the company of others. On the other hand, negative behaviors, like weeping, sighing, grieving, and sadness, push people away and leave you alone to suffer.

By the last stanza of the poem, the author makes one final comparison of being surrounded by people in good times and being alone in bad times. The author ends with summarizing the main point that during pleasurable times there’s room for many friends, but we must go through painful times alone.

4. What do you think this poem seems to be saying about the Golden Rule?

This line means that success and giving to others in life will help you live a good life. If you share your happiness and generosity with others, you will live life surrounded by good company.
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   e. It brings up the idea of slavery.
   f. It refers to the court system.
   g. It makes Mrs. Dubose look even meaner.

4. Justify your answer using evidence from the text.

   This part of the book shows reconciliation between Jem and Mrs. Dubose, just as the allusion to Ivanhoe suggests. For instance, Mrs. Dubose “was lying under a pile of quilts and looked almost friendly.” That shows that she is not in an angry mood, as she usually is. Also, when Scout expected “a tirade,” all Mrs. Dubose said was: “You may commence reading, Jeremy.” Although Jem and Mrs. Dubose are clearly not close friends, they are trying to get along peacefully, and the allusion to Ivanhoe helps to support that even more.
2 Point Rubric: Writing From Sources/Short Response

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Part C. Author’s Craft: Figurative Language

6. What is the figurative meaning of the underlined phrase? “The day after Jem’s twelfth birthday his money was burning up his pockets, so we headed for town in the early afternoon. Jem thought he had enough to buy a miniature steam engine for himself and a twirling baton for me” (100).

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   b. Jem was eager to spend his birthday money.
   c. Jem felt guilty about having money in his pockets.
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What is the gist of what you read?

Focus Question: What is an example of the Golden Rule in this chapter? Use the strongest evidence from the novel in your answer.
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### Chapter 13 Summary
As Scout and Jem begin to question Aunt Alexandra, she tells them she has come to stay a while (which could be days or years, according to Maycomb’s customs). She settles in, and the county welcomes her with open arms, although she certainly adds a formidable presence to Jem and Scout’s daily routine. She begins trying to instruct the two on how to be a proper Finch (since they come from, in her words, a Fine Family), but Scout and Jem have no interest in becoming a little gentleman and a little lady, and they hardly bother trying to learn.

### Focus Question:
In Chapter 13, Atticus says to Jem and Scout, “Don’t you worry about anything,” he said. “It’s not a time to worry.” What did he mean by this? Use the strongest evidence from the novel in your answer.
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