

9th Grade CCA for English/Language Arts

South Kingstown High School 9th Grade E.L.A. Comprehensive Course Assessment: Literary Analysis of *Night*

(worth 50% of final exam grade)

SLE A2: Reading and Writing Critically — Response to Literature

What?

- ✓ Every 9th grade student will write a literary analysis of the memoir *Night* by Elie Wiesel as the Comprehensive Course Assessment (CCA) in English/Language Arts.
- ✓ This essay will state a thesis and develop that thesis in multiple paragraphs, using accurately cited quotations in support.

Why?

- ✓ Every 9th grader must demonstrate the basic skills in writing and critical thinking needed to start 10th grade.

Requirements:






In order to meet proficiency requirements, your essay must...

- ✓ identify a clear and relevant thesis about the text;
- ✓ develop that thesis through multiple paragraphs:
 - an expanded introduction, including a hook and a clear statement of your thesis;
 - multiple body paragraphs, with specific details from the text and critical thinking to support your thesis;
 - a conclusion that sums up major points and restates your thesis.
- ✓ demonstrate your knowledge of formal writing:
 - use consistent and logical verb tense;
 - write in third person;
 - avoid contractions;
 - quote accurately;
 - weave quotations into your text;
 - use transitions;
 - show proper use of standard grammar and mechanics (spelling, punctuation, etc.);

Assessment:

- ✓ Your essay will be assessed according to the SKHS English Department's Response to Literature Essay Rubric.
- ✓ The essay will count as 50% of your final exam grade.
- ✓ Your teacher may grade the writing process for quarterly grades.
- ✓ You will receive feedback on your drafts from your teacher and your peers.
- ✓ Your teacher will establish deadlines and a process for resubmissions.

Sample thesis statements:

-  *Night* by Elie Wiesel shows how traumatic experiences can impact relationships.
-  Elie Wiesel's memoir *Night* shows how physical and mental suffering affects one's spiritual values.
-  *Night*, a memoir by Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, shows how in desperate situations people struggle between their own survival and their obligations to others.
-  The memoir *Night* by Elie Wiesel shows how fear is a debilitating force that can drive people to act in ways they never thought possible.
-  Elie Wiesel's memoir *Night* shows how trauma destroys one's innocence.

Grade Span Expectations W-10-1.2, 1.3, 1.4; 2.3; 3.1, 3.3, 3.4; 14.3, 14.4, 14.5; 9.1, 9.2, 9.4, 9.5 R-10-5.3, 5.4, 5.5; 6.1; 16.2	Student Learning Expectations (Portfolio Submissions) A2: Reading and Writing Critically — Response to Literature
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