

KIST DP Course Descriptions 2011-2012

Group: Group 2

Level: HL/SL

Subject: English A2

Grade: 12

Unit Number: 1

Unit Title: Media and Culture - English A2

Approximate Duration: 3 months

Key Concepts:

There are different languages used in the media. The media has changed the way we use language in everyday communication

LP Link: Knowledgeable

TOK Link(s):

There are multiple links to ways of knowing and language throughout this unit.

Description of the Unit:

This unit is the second and last cultural option in the English A2 course.

Students will study the influence of various media on society and language. These media will include: film, television, radio, news, newspapers, advertising social networking and the internet. They will also discuss censorship, media control, media influence and the media and politics.

Students will complete two comparative commentaries and two DP exam question essays. They will also complete the Individual Oral and the 1,000 word written text required as part of their internal assessment.

Key Knowledge/Skills Addressed:

Students will exhibit a thorough knowledge and understanding of media text types. Students will become familiar with the languages of the media. Students will develop a critical analysis of the language and means of transmission or communication used by each media.

Students will develop the language skills suitable to create effective oral and written commentaries.

Students will practice a range of pre-writing strategies suitable for the Language A2 assessment tasks with a focus on planning for oral/ written commentaries.

Main Summative Assessment of the Unit: DP Oral Assignment

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Level: HL Only

Subject: English A2

Grade: 12

Unit Number: 2

Unit Title: Perfect World - English A2

Approximate Duration: 3 months

Key Concepts:

the texts chosen focus on dystopian societies. Is there such a thing as a perfect world?

This unit will be run during the HL exclusive classes.

LP Link: Thinker

TOK Link(s):

What is the relationship between language and thought?

Description of the Unit:

This is the exclusive HL option of this course. It is the second literary option and completes the four options tht HL students must study. The literary works studied are:

1984 by George Orwell.

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

Students will complete two essays based on IB exam questions and two textual analyses during this unit.

Key Knowledge/Skills Addressed:

Students will be able to answer the following key questions:

1. What are the linguistic and/or literary features of these texts?
2. What themes link the works studied?
3. How are personal or collective ideas, concerns and fears represented figuratively and metaphorically in the three texts?

Main Summative Assessment of the Unit: DP Past Paper Exam