

Unit 4

Search for Tomorrow

Essential Questions

- How do humans cope with an imperfect world?
- Why do people seek perfection?
- How do utopias and dystopias seek to correct the imperfections of the world?

Students will be able to...

- DETERMINE the theme and how it is developed over the course of a text.
- DETERMINE How story elements affect one another.
- IDENTIFY the connotation and denotation of words
- IDENTIFY the point of view of specific authors
- ANALYZE how an author's word choice impacts meaning.
- ANALYZE how the shape of an argument impacts its persuasiveness
- CREATE an argumentative work that uses propaganda and specific word choice to persuade.
- APPLY the conventions and format of argumentative writing in structuring a persuasive product.

Students will know...

- Theme is developed over the course of the text. RL7.2
- Every story element has an impact on other story elements. RL7.3
- Authors choose words specifically based on their connotation and denotation in order to have an impact on the reader. RL/I7.4
- Authors who write about the same topic may present their ideas in vastly different ways. RI7.9
- There are established rules for grammar, spelling, and mechanics. L7.1, 2

