Year 9 Unit 3 Overview: Non-Fiction Writing

Completion date: April 2022

Target grade for tests:

You will learn how to:

- create an effective piece of writing to argue
- incorporate a range of linguistic and structural devices for effect
- use accurate vocabulary, sentence structures spelling and punctuation

An expert in English is:

Inquisitive and perceptive, an appreciative reader, who enjoys reading and responding analytically to a wide range of texts.

Confident and creative, a compelling writer, able to adapt their style to suit a range of audiences, forms and purposes.

Engaging and thoughtful, a fluent communicator, confident to articulate their own opinions and responds to others with sensitivity and skill.

Unit Overview

During this unit, you will focus on developing the following skills:

- use increasingly sophisticated vocabulary
- using biased word choices to emphasise your viewpoint
- knowledge of the features to use for different formats of writing i.e. letter, article, speech
- using paragraphs to structure writing logically and coherently
- using a range of simple, compound and complex sentences securely for effect, varying sentence openings
- spelling complex and irregular words accurately
- using a range of advanced punctuation accurately
- recognise audience, purpose, form
- consider tone and register, satire and irony

Yellow Key Words: Subject terminology

anecdote: a short amusing or interesting story about an incident or person

emotive language: words chosen to provoke a specific emotion in the reader e.g. anger, pity

hyperbole: exaggeration, often for comic effect

rule of three (triple): using three words or ideas for effect **superlative:** a comparative adjective describing the extreme of something e.g. greatest, most famous

counter argument: recognise an alternative point of view and

argue against it

rhetorical question: a question which does not require an answer but provokes thought.

direct address: using pronouns (you, we) to refer to an individual or group directly.

bias: a strong opinion either very in favour or very against something

intensifier: using an adverb as a modifier to strengthen or weaken another word. Common intensifiers include 'very', 'extremely' and 'incredibly'. They add extra strength to your sentence.

expert opinion: referencing the viewpoint of a relevant expert to add weight to your argument.

Suggested reading or support available:

- Resources on Showbie
- Practice questions
- Reading non-fiction texts in the library and articles online or in newspapers/magazines

iPad opportunities:

• SimpleMind (mind mapping planning tool) Research on 1800s

Cross curricular:

SMSC: develop a personal response to statements and topical issues.

Literacy: argument writing; proof-reading;

Numeracy: using diagrams (mind maps/tables) to plan writing

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Purple Words:	Ambitious Vocab
Group 1	Group 2
1. despise	1. aversion

beneficial
 vile
 tremendous
 abhor
 tedious
 myriad
 lamentable
 commendable
 despicable
 lurid

7. appreciate8. loathe9. admire10. inadequate

1. aversion
2. myriad
3. lamentable
4. commendable
5. despicable
6. lurid
7. heinous
8. elated
9. atrocious
10. revolting

Group 3
1. plethora
2. panacea
3. acquiesce

4. penchant5. deride6. repudiate7. fractious8. extol

9. hypocrisy10. indolent