Internal Assessment Resource

Achievement Standard English 90852: Explain significant connection(s) across texts, using supporting evidence

Resource Reference: English 1.8A v3

Resource Title: The Art of Illusion

Credits: 4

| Achievement | Achievement with Merit | Achievement with Excellence |
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| Explain significant connection(s) across texts, using supporting evidence. | Convincingly explain significant connection(s) across texts, using supporting evidence. | Perceptively explain significant connection(s) across texts, using supporting evidence. |

Student Instructions

Introduction

This assessment activity requires you to write a report (of at least 350 words) in which you explain significant connections across **at least four** selected texts. This will take place during the year’s English programme.

You will have the opportunity to receive feedback, edit, revise, and polish your work before assessment judgements are made. Make sure you are **actively seeking out feedback** whenever you can.

You can read texts, collect information, and develop ideas for the assessment activity both **in- and out-of-class time**.

You will be assessed on how you **develop and support your ideas**, and on the **originality of your thinking, insights, or interpretation**.

Preparatory tasks

The theme and choosing your texts

Following our study of *The Great Gatsby,* the theme you will be exploring in your report is **how the idea of illusion is presented in a text**.. You can explore this through any lens you prefer: setting, character, symbols, conflict etc. You must come up with a statement about segregation to discuss in your report e.g. *People prefer to live an illusion rather than their reality.*

When coming up with your statement, you need to be able to build an argument for or against it. Word it wisely.

**Choosing your texts.**

At least **two texts** must be have been selected and read independently. Your teacher can guide you in your choice of an independent texts. Out of your **4 minimum texts**, **1 must be an extended written text**. You may choose to use **1 visual text** for this assessment. The other texts can be made up of articles, short stories, poems, songs or any other text type you run past your teacher.

Keep a record of the texts as you read

Decide on your theme statement early on so that you can select texts that relate to this.

Draw up a record sheet and, over the course of the year, record some of the ways in which texts you read or view are connected to your chosen theme.

Task

Write a report of **at least 350 words.**

Begin with an introduction that identifies your all of your texts and how the theme of identity connects them.

**Explain how illusion is presented in each of your texts** and then make links to how this mirrors other texts you have read. You may identify more than one connection across some of the texts.

Refer to specific, relevant details from each text that illustrate the connection across your texts. Details could include **setting, supporting characters, dialogue, costume, symbols, narrative voice etc.**

Make clear points that develop understandings about the connections being identified.

Show some **insight or originality** in your thought or interpretation. **Your thinking is key.**

Assessment schedule: English 90852 Building Bridges

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| Evidence/Judgements for Achievement | Evidence/Judgements for Achievement with Merit | Evidence/Judgements for Achievement with Excellence |
| The student’s work explains significant connection(s) across texts, using supporting evidence. The work is presented in appropriate oral, written, and/or visual form.Explain significant connection(s) across texts, using supporting evidence means that the student:* identifies and expresses ideas about one or more significant connections across at least four texts
* supports explanations with at least one specific and relevant detail from each text.

Connection(s) may include links, commonalities, and/or relationships between:* knowledge, experience, and ideas
* purposes and audiences
* language features
* structures.

For example (extract only): the ***bolded*** passages are examples showing the explanation of significant connections.*The theme of love connection of a parent and a child is a very important part for any family. I chose this theme as it portrays love in a different way. The four texts I chose were the poem, “Mothers, love your sons” by Glen Colquhoun; the book “Night” by Elie Wisel; the song, “In the living years” by Mike and Mechanics; and the film, “My sisters keeper” based on the book by Jodi Picoult. There was a strong connection of the parent child love in these texts.**I came across a quote stating ‘I may not like what you do, but I’ll always love you’, that I think is shown in the text ‘Mothers, love your sons’ well. Glen Colquhoun describes to us the undying love a mother has for her son, no matter what. Glenn states ‘love your big, dumb sons, your idiot sons, your swaggering sons…Because they die so fast,’* ***A mother’s love is very unique and stable.****Elie Wisel also describes love in ‘Night’, except this time in a father-son relationship. At the beginning of the book, Elie describes his father to us, as the type to put more effort into his work than the well-being of his family. Elie makes an important decision after arriving, when given the command ‘Women and children to the left. Men to the right.’* ***Elie was at the age where he could have gone with his mother and the children, but instead he decides to stay with his father****.* | The student’s work convincingly explains significant connection(s) across texts, using supporting evidence. The work is presented in appropriate oral, written, and/or visual form.Convincingly explains significant connection(s) across texts, using supporting evidence means that the student:* identifies and expresses ideas about one or more significant connections across at least four texts
* supports explanations with at least one specific and relevant detail from each text
* makes clear points that develop understandings about the connections being addressed. Some unevenness in the response may be acceptable.

This could mean that the student:* attempts some reasoned and relevant explanations of the effect of the connection
* shows some understanding of relevant text features or aspects, which develop connections
* attempts to draw findings together or make thoughtful comments.

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* supports explanations with at least one specific and relevant detail from each text
* makes clear points that develop understandings that show some insight or originality in thought or interpretation. Some unevenness in the response may be acceptable.

This could mean that the student:* presents a relevant and insightful study of the effect of the connection
* shows an insightful understanding of text features or aspects which develop a connection
* effectively draws findings together to make new understandings.

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Final grades will be decided using professional judgement based on a holistic examination of the evidence provided against the criteria in the Achievement Standard.