

# Read and Respond (1)

**Prompt Sequence:** Grade: 11 | Genre: Analysis

Analytical thinking and writing is an important feature of the Grade 11 prompt sequence. This nine-week plan provides opportunities for students to read, analyze, and respond to different texts, from novels and plays, to articles and short stories. Prompts from our Signal Check and Spot Check libraries center on the crucial components of analytical writing and thinking. Teachers can use activities from our Expansion Pack Library and Curriculum Resources page to further support students' writing and analysis skills.

## Week 1: Diagnostic

Assign **Angela's Ashes** in Spot Check as a diagnostic writing task to get a baseline regarding students' starting levels in each trait.

## Week 2: Review

Print and discuss the **Angela's Ashes** Exemplar Essays. Utilize exemplar activities with students to illustrate and define key elements of successful analytical writing.

## Week 3: Preparation

Use the Assignment Report to see where students struggled on the diagnostic. Prepare students for their formative assignment by leading an Expansion Pack activity aimed at improving weaker areas.

## Week 4: Formative Assignment

Use Signal Check to assign **A Raisin in the Sun** for students to practice analytical writing skills and receive formative, actionable feedback on their writing.

## Week 5: Skill Building

Use the assignment report to see where students struggled in their formative assignment. Lead an Expansion Pack Activity that addresses weaker areas.

## Week 6: Preparation

Prepare an Expansion Pack activity that will support students in their use of evidence, writing organization, or language choice. Additionally, model and offer support and tools for students when reading more challenging prompts and sources.

## Week 7: Formative Assignment

Use Signal Check to assign **Last Child** for students to practice learned analytical writing skills and receive formative, actionable feedback on their writing.

## Week 8: Skill Solidifying

Use the Assignment Report to see where students struggled on their formative assignment. Implement activities from the Expansion Pack aimed at addressing weaker areas in order to prepare students for their culminating writing task.

## Week 9: Culminating Writing Task

Assign **Big Data** in Spot Check as a culminating writing task to check on the students' progress on the skills of this unit of study.

