# NJSLS Grade 9-10

Marking Period			Recommended Instructional Days				
4 Moral Dilemmas				45 days			
Reading Literature Text Strand:	Readin	g Informational Text Strand:					
Progress Indicators for Reading Literature Key Ideas and Details RL.9-10.1. RL.9-10.2. RL.9-10.3. Craft and Structure RL.9-10.4. RL.9-10.5. RL.9-10.6. Integration of Knowledge and Ideas RL.9-10.7. RL.9-10.8. RL.9-10.9. Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity RI.9-10.10.	Progress Indicators for Reading Literature Key Ideas and Details RL.9-10.1. RL.9-10.2. RL.9-10.3. Craft and Structure RL.9-10.4. RL.9-10.5. RL.9-10.6. Integration of Knowledge and Ideas RL.9-10.7. RL.9-10.8. RL.9-10.8. RL.9-10.9. Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity  Progress Int. Text Key Id. RI.9-10.1. RI.9-10.2. RI.9-10.2. RI.9-10.3. Craft and St. RI.9-10.3. Craft and St. RI.9-10.4. RI.9-10.5. RI.9-10.6. RI.9-10.6. RI.9-10.7. RI.9-10.8. RI.9-10.9. Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity RI.9-10.10			vities, Investigations, ections, and/or Student NJSLS-ELA within Unit			
Companion Standards Subject:		Writing Strand:					
Progress Indicator: Key Ideas and Details RH.9-10.1. RH.9-10.2. RH.9-10.3. Craft and Structure RH.9-10.4. RH.9-10.5. RH.0-10.6.	W.9-10.1. Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.  W.9-10.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective		<ul> <li>and what causes those factors</li> <li>Does competition bring out th</li> <li>Does everyone have the capac circumstances?</li> <li>Is rivalry natural in a friendsh</li> </ul>	e best or worst in people? ity to act immorally in certain ip? In other relationships? success and overall happiness?			

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Integration of Knowledge and Ideas RH.9-10.7.

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Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

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selection, organization, and analysis of content.

W.9-10.3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

W.9-10.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

W.9-10.5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, trying a new approach, or consulting a style manual (such as MLA or APA Style), focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

W.9-10.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

W.9-10.7. Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the

• What kind of lessons do we learn through our upbringing?

#### **Learning Targets:**

Students will know

- the definition of "morality"
- the definition of "theme"
- metaphor as a literary device
- tone as a literary device
- imagery as a literary device
- text-specific vocabulary
- how various authors portray the theme of moral dilemmas
- the definition of "consequences"
- how to use strategies before, during, and after reading to aid in the construction and enhancement of meaning.

Students will be able to

- read and interpret various works where characters are faced with moral dilemmas
- analyze how and why individuals develop over the course of a text
- compare/contrast the idea of cooperation vs competition
- analyze various perspectives as presented in different mediums
- understand, recognize, and utilize figurative language
- analyze and compare author's voice
- develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, or trying a new approach
- discuss topics that are meaningful and impactful to their everyday lives while connecting it to all literature

## **Unit Enduring Understanding:**

- The definition of morality can be interpreted in multiple ways based on an individual's situations.
- Impulsive actions can result in severe consequences that cannot be reversed.
- Resilience is needed to face adversity.
- Authors portray different perspectives on familial units.

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inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. W9-108 Gather relevant *information from multiple* authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation (MLA or APA Style Manuals). W.9-10.9. Draw evidence from literary or nonfiction informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. W.9-10.10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences. **Speaking and Listening** Language Strand: Strand: Progress Indicators for Speaking and Progress Indicators for Language L.9-10.1 Listening L.9-10.2 Comprehension and Collaboration SL.9-10.1. L.9-10.3 SL.9-10.2. L.9-10.4

#### Anchor Text(s):

A Separate Peace by John Knowles (Level A)

The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore (Level B) (Amistad Law:

N.J.S.A. 18A 52:16A-88)

### **Learning Activities**

- Activate/Build Prior Knowledge
  - Pre-reading research activity related to major topics in *A Separate Peace* (Level A).
  - Background information and video clip related to *The Other Wes Moore* (Level B).
- In-text annotations and close-reading activities (pulling passages from the text)
- Characterization activities
  - Compare/contrast both Wes Moores (Level B)
  - Track the development of Gene and Finny in *A Separate Peace* (Level A)
  - o Body biography mini projects for characters
  - Courtroom activity: Who is to blame in A Separate Peace?
- Discussion questions for assigned chapters
- Discuss the setting by having students create a visual representation.
  - Small and large group discussions about key topics and themes.
  - Critically read and analyze literature for the way events in a character or person's life influences his/her point of view.
  - Direct instruction about pertinent historical background necessary to the selected texts.
  - Reading and discussing literature together in order to practice reading strategies such as making connections (think aloud, guided reading and independent reading)
  - Independent reading (sustained silent reading at the beginning or end of class period)
  - Note taking for specific purposes
  - Flipped lessons on Blendspace, EdPuzzle, Google Sites, and other various online platforms
  - Discuss and identify themes in the novel such as friendship, identity,

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SL.9-10.3.	L.9-10.5	decision making, growing up, truth/honesty.
Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas	L.9-10.6	Identify different types of conflict by having students make claims
SL.9-10.4.		and cite textual evidence.
SL.9-10.5.		
SL.9-10.6.		Writing Activities:
		Research Simulation Task - Students will analyze an informational
		topic through several articles or multimedia stimuli. Students will
		read and respond to a series of questions and synthesize information
		from multiple sources in order to write an analytic essay.
Social and Emotional Learning:	Social and Emotional Learning:	<ul> <li>Suggested Topic: "Three Types of Friendship" Commonlit</li> </ul>
Competencies	Sub-Competencies	article and A Separate Peace
Competencies	Sub-Competencies	<ul> <li>Suggested Topic: Pair passage related to the ski troops in A</li> </ul>
Self- Awareness	Self- Awareness	Separate Peace with article related to propaganda during
Self- Management	Recognize one's feelings and	World War II.
Social Awareness	thoughts	<ul> <li>Suggested Topic: Paired text set on Commonlit "How</li> </ul>
Responsible Decision-Making	Recognize the impact of one's	Small Fibs Lead to Big Lies" and "The Destinies of Two
Relationship Skills	feelings and thoughts on one's	Men Who Share the Same Name"
	own behavior	Narrative Writing Task - Students will work with one main literary
	• Recognize one's personal traits,	text. Students will read the text, answer questions, and write a
	strengths, and limitations	narrative response that draws on the text.
	Recognize the importance of	<ul> <li>Suggested Task: Extend the ending, change the ending,</li> </ul>
	self-confidence in handling daily	write from a different character's POV from any of the
	tasks and challenges	stories in the unit
	Self- Management	<ul> <li>Suggested Task: Discuss Flashback and have students use</li> </ul>
	Understand and practice	flashback to write about a time in their lives.
	strategies for managing one's	<ul> <li>Suggested Task: Re-write a section of the novel from</li> </ul>
	own emotions, thoughts, and	Finny's perspective for A Separate Peace.
	behaviors	<ul> <li>Suggested Task: Have students write a letter or journal</li> </ul>
	Recognize the skills needed to	entry from the perspective of one of the supporting
	establish and achieve personal	characters in <i>The Other Wes Moore</i> .
	and educational goals	Literary Analysis - Students will analyze two texts that include
	Identify and apply ways to	some commonality. Students will read the text, answer questions,
	persevere or overcome barriers	and write an analysis of the texts based on their commonalities.
	through alternative methods to	<ul> <li>Suggested Task: Pair William Blake's poem "A Poison</li> </ul>
	achieve one's goals	Tree" with A Separate Peace and compare and contrast the
	Social Awareness	tone of each speaker. Make connections to Gene in A
		Separate Peace.

- Recognize and identify the thoughts, feelings, and perspectives of others
- Demonstrate an awareness of the differences among individuals, groups, and others' cultural backgrounds
- Demonstrate an understanding
- of the need for mutual respect
- when viewpoints differ
- Demonstrate an awareness of the expectations for social interactions in a variety of settings

## Responsible Decision-Making

- Develop, implement, and model effective problem-solving and critical thinking skills
- Identify the consequences associated with one's actions in order to make constructive choices
- Evaluate personal, ethical, safety, and civic impact of decisions

#### Relationship Skills

- Establish and maintain healthy relationships
- Utilize positive communication and social skills to interact effectively with others
- Identify ways to resist inappropriate social pressure
- Demonstrate the ability to prevent and resolve interpersonal conflicts in constructive ways

- Suggested Task: Pair *The Other Wes Moore* with Langston Hughes' poem "Mother to Son". Discuss parental roles and how they contribute to the choices of the author and the other Wes Moore.
- Suggested Task: Pair James Baldwin's "Letter to My Nephew" with an excerpt from *The Other Wes Moore*.
   Have students explain how Baldwin's words influenced the writing and work of Wes Moore.
- Suggested Task: Pair "The Road Not Taken" with "Sadie and Maud" and make connections to *The Other Wes* Moore.

## Supplementary Texts for A Separate Peace:

- "If" by Rudyard Kipling (poem)
- "A Poison Tree" by William Blake (poem)
- "After Twenty Years" by O. Henry (short story)
- "Jealousy" by Queen (song) (LGBT and Disabilities Law: *N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.35*)
- "Everyone Needs Someone" by Helen Steiner Rice (poem)

# Supplementary Texts for *The Other Wes Moore*:

- CommonLit article: "The Destinies of Two Men Who Share One Name"
- CommonLit article: "How Small Fibs Lead to Big Lies" (informational text)
- "Homeless" by Anna Quindlen (essay) (Diversity & Inclusion:
   N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.36a)
- "Sadie and Maud" poem by Langston Hughes
- "Barbie Doll" by Marge Piercry (LGBT and Disabilities Law: N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.35)
- Excerpt from "Letter to My Nephew" by James Baldwin (Amistad Law: N.J.S.A. 18A 52:16A-88)

principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance,

music, theatre, and visual art.

how to	Paired Supplementary Materials for all texts:  "Mother to Son" by Langston Hughes (Amistad Law: N.J.S.A. 18A 52:16A-88)  "Mothers" by Nikki Giovanni  "Mother" by Lola Ridge (Commonlit)  "How to Love and Be Loved" TED Talks  "The Cold Equations" by Tom Godwin (short story)  "The Bet" by Anton Chekov (short story)  "The Monkey's Paw" by W Jacobs (short story)  "The Guilty Party" by O. Henry (short story)  "What Makes Good People Do Bad Things?" by Melissa Dittman (Commonlit) (Holocaust Law: N.J.S.A. 18A:35-28)  "The Devil" by Guy de Maupaussant (short story)  "These Teens Have Some Ideas for Stopping Climate Change" (informational text article on Commonlit) (Standards in Action: Climate Change)  "We Wear the Mask" by Paul Laurence Dunbar (poem)  "The Rose That Grew From the Concrete" by Tupac Shakur (poem)  (Amistad Law: N.J.S.A. 18A 52:16A-88)  "The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost (poem)
	Independent Reading Texts: Student selected book of choice  Interdisciplinary Connections: Content: NJSLS:  • Suggested Visual and Performing Arts Resources for Content- Area Integration  • Standard 1.1 The Creative Process: All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and

	<ul> <li>Standard 1.2 History of the Arts and Culture: All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures.</li> <li>Standard 1.3 Performing: All students will synthesize skills, media, methods, and technologies that are appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.</li> <li>Suggested Science Resources for Content-Area Integration         <ul> <li>HS-ESS3-3. Create a computational simulation to illustrate the relationships among management of natural resources, the sustainability of human populations, and biodiversity.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Suggested Math Resources for Content-Area Integration         <ul> <li>MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (HS-LS4-1)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Suggested Social Studies Resources for Content-Area Integration         <ul> <li>-6.1.12.D.11.c Explain why women, African Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and other minority groups often expressed a strong sense of nationalism despite the discrimination they experienced in the military and workforce.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Assessments (Formative)  To show evidence of meeting the standard/s, students will successfully	Assessments (Summative)  To show evidence of meeting the standard/s, students will successfully
engage within:	complete:
<ul> <li>Formative Assessments:</li> <li>Close readings of textual excerpts in order to practice reading strategies, conduct guided reading or analyze the text for literary elements.</li> <li>Graphic organizers for analyzing themes, rhetorical devices and other unit specific items over extended periods of time and collecting information for essays.</li> </ul>	Benchmarks:
<ul> <li>Literary Devices: Analyze in a particular text a variety of literary</li> </ul>	Summative Assessments:  • Text-based tests and assessments

- Reader Response Journal or Reading Logs
- Reading Comprehension Quizzes
- Class-run debates
- Class discussions using various online resources
- Prose-constructed responses
- Alternative Assessments (projects, student portfolios)

# Differentiated Student Access to Content: Teaching and Learning Resources/Materials

Core Alternate Resources Core Resources IEP/504/At-Risk/ESL		ELL Core Resources	Gifted & Talented Core Resources	
Print version of the text	<ul> <li>Modified Version of Texts</li> <li>Audio of Text</li> </ul>	Spanish language version of the text (when available)	<ul> <li>Group and individual presentations of chapters, connections to popular culture, reflective journals, blogs, poetry</li> </ul>	

# **Supplemental Resources**

## **Technology:**

- Schoology
- Google Chrome
- Google Drive
- Google Sites
- Smartboard
- Newsela
- CommonLit
- Khan Academy
- Vocabulary.com
- Quizlet
- Blendspace
- Padlet
- PearDeck
- NoRedInk
- EdPuzzle
- New York Times Learning Network
- TedEd

• IXL

## Other:

Books, Whiteboard, Document Camera, notebooks

# Differentiated Student Access to Content: Recommended *Strategies & Techniques*

Recommended Strategies & Techniques								
Core Resources	Alternate Core Resources IEP/504/At-Risk/ESL	ELL Core Resources	Gifted & Talented Core					
A Separate Peace novel     The Other Wes Moore novel	Vocabulary: Circulate around the room and support students as they write their sample sentences. Provide visual glossary on an anchor chart to scaffold. Dissect sentences together.      Reading: Work directly with students to read and annotate text. Model annotation for the first one or two paragraphs. Then, allow students to finish annotating with partners or in groups.      Review Prompt and Rubric: Work directly with students as a group to review prompts and rubrics.      Prewriting: Work directly with students to begin planning their responses.      Project a graphic organizer or outline and complete as a group. Discussion: Work directly with students as a group. Use a discussion guide and speaking frames to facilitate the discussion.	<ul> <li>Linguistics: Use sound and phonics transfer charts and lessons to identify where transfer of sounds occurs for English learners from students' native languages into English. Review vocabulary words and parts of speech in figuring out meaning.</li> <li>Grammar Transfers: Use grammar transfer charts to address common mistakes that some English learners make in speaking and writing when they transfer grammatical forms from their native languages into English. Allow use of charts for grammar lessons and oral communication activities. Use of IXL.</li> <li>Cognates: Cognate strategy instruction helps students whose first language shares cognates with English draw on their first language knowledge by teaching how to use cognate knowledge. Provide opportunities for English language learners to find cognates in authentic text and compare meanings with their native language.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Presentation Strategies:         Vary the method of         presentation: lecture, small         groups, large group,         demonstration, individual         experimentation.         Provide opportunities for         student driven instruction.</li> <li>Organizational/Behavioral         Strategies: Establish a         timeline for long-range         projects</li> <li>Motivational Strategies:         Provide fewer drill and         practice activities when         material is learned. Give         students choices of activities         in learning the content.         Allow the student to 'buy'         time for self-directed         activities after material is         learned.</li> <li>Assessment Strategies: Give         a pretest to allow the         student to demonstrate         mastery. Provide         self-checking materials.         Provide tests at a higher level         of thinking.</li> <li>Environmental Strategies:         Arrange for a mentor to work</li> </ul>					

	Disciplinary Concept:	with the student in the interest area Cluster group gifted/talented students by areas of strength in the classroom. Allow independent use of library.				
NJSLS CAREER READINESS, LIFE LITERACIES & KEY SKILLS	Core Ideas:	<ul> <li>Digital communities influence many aspects of society, especially the workforce. The increased connectivity between people in different cultures and different career fields have changed the nature, content, and responsibilities of many careers.</li> <li>Solutions to the problems faced by a global society require the contribution of individuals with different points of view and experiences.</li> <li>In order for members of our society to participate productively, information needs to be shared accurately and ethically.</li> <li>Collaboration with individuals with diverse experiences can aid in the problem-solving process, particularly for global issues where diverse solutions are needed.</li> <li>Innovative ideas or innovation can lead to career opportunities.</li> </ul>				
	Performance Expectation/s:	-9.4.12.DC.7: Evaluate the influence of digital communities on the nature, content and responsibilities of careers, and other aspects of society (e.g., 6.1.12.CivicsPD.16.a)9.4.12.GCA.1: Collaborate with individuals to analyze a variety of potential solutions to climate change effects and determine why some solutions (e.g., political. economic, cultural) may work better than others (e.g., SL.11-12.1., HS-ETS1-1, HS-ETS1-2, HS-ETS1-4, 6.3.12.GeoGI.1, 7.1.IH.IPERS.6, 7.1.IL.IPERS.7, 8.2.12.ETW.3)9.4.12.IML.5: Evaluate, synthesize, and apply information on climate change from various sources appropriately (e.g., 2.1.12.CHSS.6, S.IC.B.4, S.IC.B.6, 8.1.12.DA.1, 6.1.12.GeoHE.14.a, 7.1.AL.PRSNT.2)9.4.12.CT.2: Explain the potential benefits of collaborating to enhance critical thinking and problem solving (e.g., 1.3E.12profCR3.a)9.4.12.CI.3: Investigate new challenges and opportunities for personal				

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Career Re	growth, advancement, and transition (e.g., 2.1.12.PGD.1). eadiness, Life Literacies, & Key Skills Practices
<ul><li>Consider the environmental,</li><li>Demonstrate creativity and i</li></ul>	ributing community member and employee. social and economic impacts of decisions. nnovation. ake sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

	New Jersey Legislative Statutes and Administrative Code (place an "X" before each law/statute if/when present within the curriculum map)								
X	Amistad Law: <i>N.J.S.A. 18A</i> 52:16A-88	X	Holocaust Law: <i>N.J.S.A. 18A:35-28</i>	X	LGBT and Disabilities Law: N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.35	X	Diversity & Inclusion: N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.36a	X	Standards in Action: Climate Change