



Herbert Morrison Technical High School



LANGUAGE ARTS DEPARTMENT

CSEC ENGLISH A TOPIC GUIDE

GRADE 10

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

NARRATIVE WRITING- September - October

- ✓ Elements of the story
- ✓ Choosing the right title
- ✓ the structure of the dialogue
- ✓ Narrative Transitions
- ✓ using literary devices to enhance expression
- ✓ Creating Twists
- ✓ plot/Development & Types
- ✓ Strategies for beginning and ending the story
- ✓ interpreting prompts
- ✓ structural devices
- ✓ refining expression using sharp diction/vocabulary
- ✓ Sentence styles and lengths
- ✓ Ending the short story

Persuasive Writing –January - February

- ✓ Persuasive techniques
- ✓ creating validity and evidence
- ✓ distinguishing between facts and opinions
- ✓ Argumentative and Persuasive writing
- ✓ persuasive transitions
- ✓ the structure of the persuasive essay
- ✓ refutation
- ✓ strategies to begin and end the persuasive essay

The Informative Discourse – April- May

- ✓ The Format of the Formal letter,
- ✓ The Structure of the Formal letter
- ✓ the language Structure and Content of each type
- ✓ Revise the requisite skills for communicating factual information concisely for these forms:
(Notice, Email, Letter of complaint, report, article and letter)

Grammar, Mechanics and Punctuation (All Terms)

- ✓ Redundancy
- ✓ Construction Shift
- ✓ Double Negative
- ✓ Equivalent Sentences
- ✓ Construction Shift
- ✓ Denotation and Connotation
- ✓ Clichés
- ✓ Sentence Styles
- ✓ Subject Verb Agreement
- ✓ Agreement of pronouns and their antecedents
- ✓ Vocabulary Development (Antonyms and Synonyms)
- ✓ Run – on –Sentences
- ✓ Poetry- (Exploring the effectiveness of devices)
- ✓ Parallelism
- ✓ Grammar Usage and Mechanics

SCHOOL BASED ASSESSMENT – (MARCH- MAY)

ACTIVITIES: Discussions, worksheets, Games, Video Recording and Presentations

Assessments: Presentations, Tests and Projects