

12th Grade – Sample ELA Lesson Starter I

Sample Student Outcome: Students collaboratively write a proposal to help solve a community problem in innovative ways.

EXAMPLE: After completing a literature unit on the American dream where students have read *The Great Gatsby*, *Death of a Salesman*, and *A Raisin in the Sun*, they explore what it means to have access to an American dream. Students are asked to create non-profit organizations that would help to meet the needs of their community by helping a group of people to meet their American dream without duplicating current services offered in the community. Students conceive of organizations, formulate extensive grant proposals that help them vie for funding from the fictitious Society for the American Dream, and finally compete against each other for funding of up to \$500,000. Students pitch their ideas and advocate for funding to the grant panel, comprised not of teachers, but of community representatives.

COMMON CORE STANDARD

P21 SKILLS REPRESENTED

RL.11-12.9. Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth-, nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.

SL.11-12.2. Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) in order to make informed decisions and solve problems, evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source and noting any discrepancies among the data.

WHST.11-12.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

WHST.11-12.5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

- Civic Literacy
- Critical Thinking
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Creativity
- Information Literacy

Source: Sarah Brown Wessling, *National Teacher of the Year 2010-2011*