NHSG Key Stage 3 Unit Overview for Year 9 Unit 6 – Satire and Social Comedy



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Learning outcomes	 Knowledge and understanding of: How writers use language and structural features to create a satirical tone in their writing Skill set: How to use features such as tone and gesture to present effectively to an audience
Key Question	How do writers use language and structural techniques to create a satirical tone in their writing?
Knowledge	 Knowledge: Knowledge of how authors use language and structure to create a satirical tone in their writing Knowledge of how satire is used in television sitcoms, stand-up comedy and other media
	Skills: • The ability to write and present a rant using gesture, pace and tone effectively to engage an audience Key Terminology:
	 satire spoof parody anecdote power dynamic euphemism sketch incongruity dystopia subvert expectations
	These terms are pre-taught and provided on the SOW cover sheet given to students. Areas of sensitivity and language to avoid:

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Racism as a topic is explored throughout this unit in a lighthearted way. Gina Yashere's monologue is fairly direct and will need to
be discussed sensitively.
Assessment:
Perform a rant to the class on a topic of your choice using gestures.
Use of mini white boards, hands down questioning, informal assessment of written work through teacher circulation.
Key misconceptions:
That you cannot joke about racism; this, of course, has to be done in a sensitive way.
Homework:
Learn key terms and spellings
Write and practise your rant – ongoing homework task
How will we know that pupils can answer the key question?
End of unit assessment: Marked for content and presentation skills using the GCSE spoken language criteria
What formats/methods are you going to use i.e. in class written assessment?
A speaking and listening assessment in which students write and perform a rant.
Sequencing:
This builds on speech writing and performance skills that students have looked at in year 8 and focuses on creating their own 'voice' in writing and performance.
Key themes/ concepts:
Creating a satirical tone in writing
Presenting in an engaging way
Approaching difficult topics such as racism in a sensitive manner
How does this SoL help students access future learning?

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	This unit prepares students for GCSE English Language paper 2, section B where they need to write a non-fiction text such as a speech, letter or article. It also prepares them for their speaking and listening presentation in year 10 where they present a topic to an audience.
Links to Careers	Writer, Critic, Actor, Comedian, Historian, Teacher/lecturer, Performer
	Students study work by and including people of colour, such as:
	Gina Yashere
Diversity and Inclusion	Key & Peele
	The cast of 'Goodness Gracious Me'
	Manjula Padmanabhan
	The topic covers satire of racism in contemporary society and classism, as well as narratives which centre people of colour.
Support	 Students are provided with an outline SOW sheet which includes definitions of key terms
	The PowerPoints and resources are available on Sharepoint
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Challenge	Join KS3 Creative Writing Club
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	 All students are encouraged to complete the '13 by 13' reading challenge