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Intellectual History

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## **New Milford's Mission Statement**

The mission of the New Milford Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, educators, family and community, is to prepare each and every student to compete and excel in an ever-changing world, embrace challenges with vigor, respect and appreciate the worth of every human being, and contribute to society by providing effective instruction and dynamic curriculum, offering a wide range of valuable experiences, and inspiring students to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

## Intellectual History

### 11th and 12th Grade Honors

Intellectual History serves to introduce students to the basics of Western philosophy. They will begin by examining the ideas of great philosophers from the past. They will discuss, debate, and apply these ideas. Eventually, they will form a personal philosophy in each of four areas: ethics, politics, knowledge, and metaphysics. These will be grounded in the ideas of the great figures, but will be made timely and relevant by each student.

## **Pacing Guide**

Unit 1: Ethics- Eleven class meetings.

Unit 2: Politics- Seventeen class meetings

Unit 3: Knowledge/Epistemology- Nine class meetings

Unit 4: Metaphysics- Five class meetings

## Unit 1: Ethics

### Stage 1 Desired Results

ESTABLISHED GOALS	Transfer
<p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.7: Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media in order to address a question or solve a problem.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.4: Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.1: Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.2: Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes</p>	<p><i>Students will be able independently to use their learning to... create a coherent and relevant personal philosophy of ethics, grounded in the ideas of historic philosophers and updated for the modern world.</i></p>
Meaning	
<p><b>UNDERSTANDINGS</b>  <i>Students will understand that...</i></p> <p>in order for any action to be ethical, it must involve six elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Facing alternatives</li> <li>2. Deliberating</li> <li>3. Choosing</li> <li>4. Taking responsibility</li> <li>5. Being aware of others</li> <li>6. Being concerned with self.</li> </ol>	<p><b>ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS</b>  <i>Students will keep considering...</i></p> <p>What should human beings do in any given situation?</p> <p>Why should they do it?</p>

Acquisition	
<p>clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.3 Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where the text leaves matters uncertain.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.8 Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.9 Integrate information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.1 Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.</p>	<p>Students will know...</p> <p>major points of the ethical systems proposed by: Aristotle The Stoics Immanuel Kant Friedrich Nietzsche</p> <p>Students will be skilled at...</p> <p>citing specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole;</p> <p>determining the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; providing an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas;</p> <p>evaluating various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where the text leaves matters uncertain;</p> <p>evaluating an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information;</p> <p>integrating information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources;</p> <p>preparing for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively;</p> <p>giving examples of how experiences may be interpreted differently by people from diverse</p>

<p><u>NCSS.I.b.</u> Give examples of how experiences may be interpreted differently by people from diverse cultural perspectives and frames of reference.</p> <p><u>NCSS.II.a.</u> Demonstrate an understanding that different people may describe the same event or situation in diverse ways, citing reasons for the differences in views.</p> <p><u>NCSS.V.a.</u> Identify and describe examples of tensions between an individual's beliefs and government policies and laws.</p>		<p>cultural perspectives and frames of reference;  demonstrating an understanding that different people may describe the same event or situation in diverse ways, citing reasons for the differences in views; and  identifying and describing examples of tensions between an individual's beliefs and government policies and laws.</p>
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## Stage 2 – Evidence

Code	Evaluative Criteria	Assessment Evidence PERFORMANCE TASK(S):
A, M, T	School-wide communication scoring matrix and project specific content grading guide.	<p>GOAL: Convince modern-day people of the relevance of Stoic ethical teaching.</p> <p>ROLE: Host for a fictional radio show.</p> <p>AUDIENCE: Radio callers and listeners.</p> <p>SITUATION: Host the show, "How to be a Stoic."</p> <p>PERFORMANCE: Host will translate a Stoic rule from Epictetus into modern language and describe a situation where the rule would be useful today.</p> <p>STANDARDS: Accurate paraphrasing of Stoic rule, effective coaching of caller in a modern application.</p>
A, M M, T T M, T	<p>Summaries are accurate and well-organized.</p> <p>Discussion is insightful and effective.</p> <p>Worksheets spark further discussion.</p>	<p>OTHER EVIDENCE: <i>Students will show they have achieved Stage 1 goals by one or more of the following:</i></p> <p>writing summaries of philosophers' ideas</p> <p>participating in guided discussions</p> <p>completing and comparing worksheets on ethical situations</p> <p>passing unit test.</p>

## Stage 3 – Learning Plan

Code	<p>Challenge the students to put into words why cheating to achieve college admission is unethical. Discuss and challenge their responses, given the premise that admission to the right college is the key to future success. If so, why not use any means necessary to achieve this?</p>				
	<p><i>Pre-Assessment</i></p>				
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## Unit 2: Politics

### Stage 1 Desired Results

ESTABLISHED GOALS	<i>Transfer</i>
<p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.7: Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media in order to address a question or solve a problem.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.4 Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.1 Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.2 Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes</p>	<p><i>Students will be able to use their learning independently to...</i></p> <p>create a coherent and relevant personal philosophy of politics, grounded in the ideas of historic philosophers and updated for the modern world.</p>
Meaning	
<p>UNDERSTANDINGS <i>Students will understand that...</i></p> <p>any government must consider how to balance the following elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Freedom</li> <li>2. Authority</li> <li>3. Law</li> <li>4. Justice.</li> </ol>	<p>ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS <i>Students will keep considering...</i></p> <p>Why should people obey any government?</p> <p>What gives a governmental system legitimacy?</p>

Acquisition	Students will be skilled at...	Students will know...
<p>clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.</p> <p><u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.3</u> Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where the text leaves matters uncertain.</p> <p><u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.8</u> Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.</p> <p><u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.9</u> Integrate information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources.</p> <p><u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.1</u> Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.</p>	<p>major points of the political systems proposed by:</p> <p>Plato and Aristotle Simone de Beauvoir and Joyce Trebilcot St. Thomas Aquinas John Locke and Thomas Hobbes Jeremy Bentham John Stuart Mill</p>	<p>citing specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole;</p> <p>determining the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; providing an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas;</p> <p>evaluating various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where the text leaves matters uncertain;</p> <p>evaluating an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information;</p> <p>integrating information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources; and</p> <p>preparing for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.</p> <p>Identifying and describing examples of tensions</p>

<p><u>NCSS.V.a.</u> Identify and describe examples of tensions between an individual's beliefs and government policies and laws.</p> <p><u>NCSS.V.f.</u> Give examples of the role of institutions in furthering both continuity and change.</p> <p><u>NCSS.V.g.</u> Show how groups and institutions work to meet individual needs and promote the common good, and identify examples of where they fail to do so.</p> <p><u>NCSS.V.l.a.</u> Examine the rights and responsibilities of the individual in relation to his or her social group, such as family, peer groups, and school class.</p> <p><u>NCSS.V.l.b.</u> Explain the purpose of government.</p> <p><u>NCSS.V.l.c.</u> Give examples of how government does or does not provide for the needs and wants of people, establish order and security, and manage conflict.</p>	<p>between an individual's beliefs and government policies and laws;</p> <p>giving examples of the role of institutions in furthering both continuity and change;</p> <p>showing how groups and institutions work to meet individual needs and promote the common good, and identify examples of where they fail to do so;</p> <p>examining the rights and responsibilities of the individual in relation to his or her social group, such as family, peer groups, and school class;</p> <p>explaining the purpose of government;</p> <p>giving examples of how government does or does not provide for the needs and wants of people, establish order and security, and manage conflict;</p> <p>recognizing how groups and organizations encourage unity and deal with diversity to maintain order and security;</p> <p>identifying and describing factors that contribute to cooperation and cause disputes within and among groups and nations; and</p> <p>recognizing and giving examples of the tensions between the wants and needs of individuals and groups, and concepts such as fairness, equity, and justice.</p>
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<p>NCSS.VI.d. Recognize how groups and organizations encourage unity and deal with diversity to maintain order and security.</p> <p>NCSS.VI.f. Identify and describe factors that contribute to cooperation and cause disputes within and among groups and nations.</p> <p>NCSS.VI.h. Recognize and give examples of the tensions between the wants and needs of individuals and groups, and concepts such as fairness, equity, and justice.</p>		
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## Stage 2 – Evidence

Code	Evaluative Criteria	Assessment Evidence
T	Politics-unit-specific grading guide, school-wide communication scoring matrix.	<p>PERFORMANCE TASK(S):</p> <p>GOAL: Convince people to live in an ideal political system created by a small group.</p> <p>ROLE: Tourism/real estate agent.</p> <p>AUDIENCE: People searching for a place to settle and live.</p> <p>SITUATION: Pitch the advantages of your ideal political system to potential citizens.</p> <p>PRODUCT/PERFORMANCE: Ideal political system addressing all elements of politics, sales pitch to the class (potential citizens).</p> <p>STANDARDS: Thorough explanation of system's political elements, effective pitch to potential citizens.</p>
A, M M, T T A, M, T M, T	<p>Summaries are accurate and well-organized.</p> <p>Discussion is insightful and effective.</p> <p>Worksheets spark further discussion.</p> <p>Dialogue accurately demonstrates ideas of Hobbes and Locke</p>	<p>OTHER EVIDENCE:</p> <p><i>Students will show they have achieved Stage 1 goals by one or more of the following:</i></p> <p>writing summaries of philosophers' ideas</p> <p>participating in guided discussions</p> <p>completing and comparing worksheets on political situations</p> <p>writing a dialogue between Hobbes and Locke about Thomas Cole's <i>The Course of Empire</i></p> <p>passing unit test.</p>

## Stage 3 – Learning Plan

### Pre-Assessment

Code	Have students read the elements of politics and engage in the GRASPS Ideal Political System activity.	
<p>A, M</p> <p>M, T</p> <p>BOE Approved March 2020</p> <p>A, M, T</p> <p>M, T</p> <p>M, T</p>	<p>Summary of Key Learning Events and Instruction <i>Student success at transfer meaning and acquisition depends on...</i></p> <p>reading and summarizing ideas of philosophers about politics</p> <p>discussing the meaning and applicability of political systems</p> <p>completing worksheets to promote further discussion</p> <p>engaging in GRASPS activity</p> <p>sharing relevant material and anecdotes discovered by students</p> <p>viewing and discussing relevant Internet content and video</p> <p>completing unit test, including a statement of personal political philosophy.</p>	<p>Progress Monitoring</p> <p>Teacher reviews summaries for accurate paraphrasing and meaning.</p> <p>Teacher monitors and directs discussion for engagement and application.</p> <p>Students spark each other to further discussion.</p> <p>Teacher and students monitor the quality and relevance of the performances.</p> <p>Students demonstrate interest and outside application.</p> <p>Teacher observes student responses to materials and directs discussion if necessary</p> <p>Teacher scores unit test and statement of philosophy.</p>



## Unit 3: Knowledge/Epistemology

Stage 1 Desired Results		
ESTABLISHED GOALS	Transfer	
<p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.7: Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media in order to address a question or solve a problem.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.4 Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.1 Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.2 Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes</p>	<p><i>Students will independently be able to use their learning to...</i></p> <p>create a coherent and relevant personal philosophy of knowledge/epistemology, grounded in the ideas of historic philosophers and updated for the modern world.</p>	
	Meaning	
	<p><b>UNDERSTANDINGS</b> <i>Students will understand that...</i></p> <p>In attempting to make sense of the world around them, humans utilize the following elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Appearance vs. reality</li> <li>2. Using the word "Truth"</li> <li>3. Knowledge based on experience</li> <li>4. Knowledge prior to experience</li> <li>5. The world of ideas</li> <li>6. The linguistic turn.</li> </ol>	<p><b>ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS</b> <i>Students will keep considering...</i></p> <p>What does it mean to know something?</p> <p>What is any human capable of knowing?</p> <p>How do humans acquire knowledge?</p>

Acquisition		
Students will know ...	Students will be skilled at ...	
<p>clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.</p> <p><u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.3</u> Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where the text leaves matters uncertain.</p> <p><u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.8</u> Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.</p> <p><u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.9</u> Integrate information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources.</p> <p><u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.1</u> Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.</p>	<p>major points of the epistemological systems proposed by:  Rene Descartes David Hume Immanuel Kant.</p>	<p>citing specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole;</p> <p>determining the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; providing an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas;</p> <p>evaluating various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where the text leaves matters uncertain;</p> <p>evaluating an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information;</p> <p>integrating information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources;</p> <p>preparing for and participating effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively;</p> <p>describing personal connections to place—especially place as associated with immediate surroundings;</p>

<p>NCSS.IV.b. Describe personal connections to place—especially place as associated with immediate surroundings.</p> <p>NCSS.IV.d. Show how learning and physical development affect behavior.</p> <p>NCSS.VIII.a. Identify and describe examples in which science and technology have changed the lives of people, such as in homemaking, childcare, work, transportation, and communication.</p> <p>NCSS.VIII.c. Describe instances in which changes in values, beliefs, and attitudes have resulted from new scientific and technological knowledge, such as conservation of resources and awareness of chemicals harmful to live and the environment.</p>		<p>show how learning and physical development affect behavior;</p> <p>identifying and describing examples in which science and technology have changed the lives of people, such as in homemaking, childcare, work, transportation, and communication; and</p> <p>describing instances in which changes in values, beliefs, and attitudes have resulted from new scientific and technological knowledge, such as conservation of resources and awareness of chemicals harmful to live and the environment.</p>
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## Stage 2 – Evidence

Code	Evaluative Criteria	Assessment Evidence PERFORMANCE TASK(S):
M, T	Teacher observation of student performance and application of the ideas.	<p>GOAL: Discover something universal from observing something nearby and specific. Participate in Copernicus' discovery of the Heliocentric universe.</p> <p>ROLE: 15th century monk.</p> <p>AUDIENCE: The scientific community of the early Renaissance.</p> <p>SITUATION: Wondering about planetary motion anomalies while preparing a calendar for the Vatican.</p> <p>PERFORMANCE: Exercising in a monastery by walking around a courtyard; seeing retrograde motion in the positions of other monks.</p> <p>STANDARD: Discussion and explanation of how this experiment demonstrated the error of the Geocentric model.</p>
A, M M, T T M, T	<p>Summaries are accurate and well-organized.</p> <p>Discussion is insightful and effective.</p> <p>Worksheets spark further discussion.</p>	<p><b>OTHER EVIDENCE:</b>  <i>Students will show they have achieved Stage 1 goals by one or more of the following:</i></p> <p>writing summaries of philosophers' ideas</p> <p>participating in guided discussions</p> <p>completing and comparing worksheets on ethical situations</p> <p>passing unit test.</p>

### Stage 3 – Learning Plan

Code	Have students read and respond to “Brains in Vats” riddle. How can they know the external world exists?	<i>Pre-Assessment</i>
<p>A, M</p> <p>M, T</p> <p>T</p> <p>A, M, T</p> <p>M, T</p> <p>T</p> <p>M, T</p>	<p>Summary of Key Learning Events and Instruction <i>Student success at transfer meaning and acquisition depends on...</i></p> <p>reading and summarizing ideas of philosophers about knowledge</p> <p>discussing the meaning and applicability of epistemological systems</p> <p>completing worksheets to promote further discussion</p> <p>engaging in GRASPS activity</p> <p>sharing relevant material and anecdotes discovered by students</p> <p>viewing and discussing relevant Internet content and video</p> <p>completing unit test, including a statement of personal epistemological philosophy.</p>	<p>Progress Monitoring</p> <p>Teacher reviews summaries for accurate paraphrasing and meaning.</p> <p>Teacher monitors and directs discussion for engagement and application.</p> <p>Students spark each other to further discussion.</p> <p>Teacher and students monitor the quality and relevance of the performances.</p> <p>Students demonstrate interest and outside application.</p> <p>Teacher observes student responses to materials and directs discussion if necessary</p> <p>Teacher scores unit test and statement of philosophy.</p>

## Unit 4: Metaphysics

### Stage 1 Desired Results

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<p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.7: Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media in order to address a question or solve a problem.</p> <p><u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.4</u> Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p><u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.1</u> Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.</p> <p><u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.2</u> Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes</p>	<p><i>Independently, students will be able to use their learning to...</i></p> <p>create a relevant and coherent personal philosophy of metaphysics, grounded in the ideas of historic philosophers and updated for the modern world.</p>
	Meaning
<p><b>UNDERSTANDINGS</b> <i>Students will understand that...</i></p> <p>In their attempts to explain reality, philosophers have utilized the following elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Knowledge for its own sake</li> <li>2. What is there?</li> <li>3. One and the many</li> <li>4. Change</li> <li>5. The causes of being.</li> </ol>	<p><b>ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS</b> <i>Students will keep considering...</i></p> <p>What exists?</p> <p>What makes up the universe?</p>

<b>Acquisition</b>	<i>Students will be skilled at...</i>		<i>Students will know ...</i>	
<p>clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.</p> <p><u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.3</u> Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where the text leaves matters uncertain.</p> <p><u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.8</u> Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.</p> <p><u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.9</u> Integrate information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources.</p> <p><u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.1</u> Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.</p>			<p>major points of the metaphysical systems proposed by:</p> <p>Aristotle Leucippus and Democritus Sir Arthur Eddington George Berkeley</p>	<p>citing specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole;</p> <p>determining the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; providing an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas;</p> <p>evaluating various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where the text leaves matters uncertain;</p> <p>evaluating an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information;</p> <p>integrating information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources; and</p> <p>preparing for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively;</p> <p>demonstrating an understanding that people in different times and places view the world</p>

<p>NCSS.III.e. demonstrate an understanding that people in different times and places view the world differently;</p> <p>NCSS.V.d. identify and describe examples of tensions between and among individuals, groups, or institutions, and how belonging to more than one group can cause internal conflicts;</p> <p>NCSS.VIII.c. describe instances in which changes in values, beliefs, and attitudes have resulted from new scientific and technological knowledge, such as conservation of resources and awareness of chemicals harmful to life and the environment;</p>		<p>differently;</p> <p>identifying and describing examples of tensions between and among individuals, groups, or institutions, and how belonging to more than one group can cause internal conflicts; and</p> <p>describing instances in which changes in values, beliefs, and attitudes have resulted from new scientific and technological knowledge, such as conservation of resources and awareness of chemicals harmful to life and the environment.</p>
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## Stage 2 – Evidence

Code	Evaluative Criteria	Assessment Evidence PERFORMANCE TASK(S):
M, T	Project-specific scoring guide.	<p>GOAL: Find and apply discussion of the elements of philosophy from classic dystopian fiction.</p> <p>ROLE: Teacher of philosophy.</p> <p>AUDIENCE: Social Studies department chair, philosophy students.</p> <p>SITUATION: A philosophy teacher has no textbook, and must use either <i>1984</i> or <i>Brave New World</i> to teach the course's four units.</p> <p>PRODUCT: Either a series of lesson plans for using the chosen novel to teach the course or a revision of the course textbook (excerpts) from the point of view of characters in the novel.</p> <p>STANDARDS/GRADING: Accurate application of unit elements to the chosen novel; effective plan for presentation of the novel to students.</p>
A, M M, T T A, M, T	Summaries are accurate and well-organized. Discussion is insightful and effective. Worksheets spark further discussion. Teaching demonstrates understanding of the chapter and helps the class understand it.	<p><b>OTHER EVIDENCE:</b>  <i>Students will show they have achieved Stage 1 goals by one or more of the following:</i></p> <p>writing summaries of philosophers' ideas</p> <p>participating in guided discussions</p> <p>completing and comparing worksheets on ethical situations</p> <p>teaching a text chapter as a small group to the rest of the class.</p>

## Stage 3 – Learning Plan

Code	<p>Have students watch, "What We Still Don't Know: Are We Real?" Discuss and gauge their reactions to the Simulation Hypothesis.</p>	<p><i>Pre-Assessment</i></p>
	<p>Summary of Key Learning Events and Instruction <i>Student success at transfer meaning and acquisition depends on...</i></p> <p>reading and summarizing ideas of philosophers about metaphysics</p> <p>discussing the meaning and applicability of metaphysical systems</p> <p>completing worksheets to promote further discussion</p> <p>engaging in GRASPS activity</p> <p>sharing relevant material and anecdotes discovered by students</p> <p>viewing and discussing relevant Internet content and video</p> <p>teaching the class about a metaphysical philosophy</p> <p>completing a statement of personal metaphysical philosophy.</p>	<p>Progress Monitoring</p> <p>Teacher reviews summaries for accurate paraphrasing and meaning.</p> <p>Teacher monitors and directs discussion for engagement and application.</p> <p>Students spark each other to further discussion.</p> <p>Teacher and students monitor the quality and relevance of the performances.</p> <p>Students demonstrate interest and outside application.</p> <p>Teacher observes student responses to materials and directs discussion if necessary</p> <p>Teacher evaluates presentation with school-wide communication scoring matrix and content grading guide.</p> <p>Teacher scores statement of philosophy.</p>