

9.1.1

Lesson 17

Introduction

In this final lesson of the unit, the End-of-Unit Assessment, students craft a formal multi-paragraph response to the following prompt: Analyze Claudette’s development in relation to the five stages of Lycanthropic Culture Shock. Students review the annotated text, lesson Quick Writes, discussion notes, and homework notes to organize their ideas. Using the text as well as their tools, notes, annotations, and lesson Quick Writes, students write responses using relevant and sufficient evidence to support their claims. Student responses are assessed using the 9.1.1 End-of-Unit Text Analysis Rubric.

For homework, students continue to read their Accountable Independent Reading (AIR) texts and prepare for a brief discussion of how they applied a focus standard, RL.9-10.2 or RI.9-10.2, to their texts.

Standards

Assessed Standard(s)	
RL.9-10.3	Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
RL.9-10.5	Analyze how an author’s choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulate time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise.
W.9-10.2.a, f	<p>Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.</p> <p>a. Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</p> <p>f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).</p>

Addressed Standard(s)

None.

Assessment**Assessment(s)**

Student learning is assessed via a formal multi-paragraph response at the end of the lesson. Students respond to the following prompt, citing textual evidence to support analysis and inferences drawn from the text.

- Analyze Claudette’s development in relation to the five stages of Lycanthropic Culture Shock.

 Student responses are evaluated using the 9.1.1 End-of-Unit Text Analysis Rubric.

High Performance Response(s)

A High Performance Response should:

- Introduce the topic by making a claim in response to the prompt.
- Identify the title and author of the prompt.
- Explain each epigraph.
- Analyze the ways in which Claudette’s development follows or differs from each stage of Lycanthropic Culture Shock.
- Provide a strong conclusion.

A High Performance Response may include the following evidence to support the analysis:

- Introduction: Karen Russell uses epigraphs from *The Jesuit Handbook on Lycanthropic Culture Shock* to organize her short story, “St. Lucy’s Home for Girls Raised by Wolves.” The epigraphs provide short descriptions of how the humans running the school think the girls will develop at particular stages of the girls’ education. Each epigraph is followed by the memories of Claudette, the narrator of the story, who was a student at St. Lucy’s. Claudette’s development sometimes mirrors the stages described in the epigraphs, but often differs in significant ways. As a whole, the epigraphs do not reliably describe Claudette’s development.
- Stage 1 Text Evidence and Analysis: The epigraph suggests that new students will be happy during the first stage of their education at St. Lucy’s, because “everything is new, exciting, and interesting” for the students (p. 225). Claudette describes the fun she has with other members of a pack as they explore the environment of St. Lucy’s, as the girls spray “exuberant yellow streams all over the bunks” (p. 225), but this fun is mixed with anxiety, as when the girls sense “some subtler danger afoot” (p. 228) when the nuns approach the girls to give them names. Claudette’s

enjoyment of the new environment at St. Lucy's is therefore mixed with fear and discomfort.

- **Stage 2 Text Evidence and Analysis:** The epigraph suggests that the girls will find this stage difficult because of the effort needed to adjust to the human society and because of the emotional difficulties that they will encounter as they adjust. The epigraph describes this period as one when the girls “must work to adjust to the new culture” and a time when the girls may “feel isolated, irritated, bewildered, depressed, or generally uncomfortable” (p. 229). Claudette relates the girls’ “walking drills” during this period and says, “I remember how disorienting it was to look down and see two square-toed shoes instead of my own four feet” and remarks that the pack “had never wanted to run away so badly (p. 229). Claudette’s development closely fits the description of the epigraph, then, as she works hard to adapt to St. Lucy’s.
- **Stage 3 Text Evidence and Analysis:** The epigraph suggests that during this period students “come to a point where they reject the host culture and ... may feel that their own culture’s lifestyle and customs are far superior to those of the host country” (p. 235). During Stage 3, Claudette still feels very close to her wolf background. Claudette explains that she “felt sorry” for the purebred girls, wondering “what it would be like to be bred in captivity, and always homesick for a dimly sensed forest, the trees you’ve never seen” (page 237). Claudette therefore becomes more aware of the differences between wolf and human culture, and feels an attachment to wolf culture.
- **Stage 4 Text Evidence and Analysis:** The epigraph claims that during this stage the “students will begin to feel more comfortable” and that “[e]verything begins to make sense” (p. 240). The epigraph suggests that by this stage, the girls will be adjusting smoothly to the demands of St. Lucy’s. The events of this part of the story reveal how different Claudette’s experiences of Stage 4 are from the handbook’s descriptions. During Stage 4 the nuns organize a Debutante Ball for the wolf-girls and Claudette struggles to meet the expectations of the dance, including her disastrous efforts to perform the Sausalito. This results in her becoming “just a terrified animal again” (p. 243), which makes it clear that Claudette is still not comfortable in human society.
- **Stage 5 Text Evidence and Analysis:** The epigraph announces that at Stage 5 the students “are able to interact effectively in the new ... environment” and that they “find it easy to move between the two cultures” (p. 245). According to the epigraph, girls in Stage 5 can function effectively in both human society and wolf society. The final events of the story contradict this, as when Claudette encounters her wolf family her wolf identity seems to have disappeared entirely. Her brother starts “whining in terror” and Claudette says, “My mother recoiled from me, as if I was a stranger” (p. 246) suggesting that Claudette does not “find it easy to move between the two cultures” (p. 245). She may have gained a human identity, but she has also lost her wolf identity. Overall, Claudette does not find it easy to move between human and wolf society.
- **Conclusion:** In “St. Lucy’s Home for Girls Raised by Wolves,” Karen Russell uses epigraphs from the imaginary *Jesuit Handbook on Lycanthropic Culture Shock* to demonstrate how the experiences of

the narrator, Claudette, are similar to and different from the expectations of the people running the school. Claudette's development rarely follows the *Handbook's* descriptions exactly. Instead, her experiences often demonstrate that the wolf-girls' adjustment to human society is very complicated and sometimes very painful. The differences between Claudette's experiences and the descriptions in the *Handbook* show that the task of moving easily between the wolf and human cultures is far more difficult than the people who wrote the handbook suggest.

Vocabulary

Vocabulary to provide directly (will not include extended instruction)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.*
Vocabulary to teach (may include direct word work and/or questions)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.*
Additional vocabulary to support English Language Learners (to provide directly)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.*

* Because this is not a close reading lesson, there is no specified vocabulary. However, in the process of returning to the text, students may uncover unfamiliar words. Teachers can guide students to make meaning of these words by following the protocols described in 1E of this document http://www.engageny.org/sites/default/files/resource/attachments/9-12_ela_prefatory_material.pdf

Lesson Agenda/Overview

Student-Facing Agenda	% of Lesson
Standards & Text: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standards: RL.9-10.3, RL.9-10.5, W.9-10.2.a, f Text: "St. Lucy's Home for Girls Raised by Wolves" by Karen Russell 	
Learning Sequence: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of Lesson Agenda Homework Accountability 9.1.1 End-of-Unit Assessment Closing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5% 10% 80% 5%

Materials

- Student copies of the 9.1.1 End-of-Unit Assessment (refer to 9.1.1 Lesson 16)
- Student copies of the 9.1.1 End-of-Unit Text Analysis Rubric and Checklist (refer to 9.1.1 Lesson 16)

Learning Sequence

How to Use the Learning Sequence	
Symbol	Type of Text & Interpretation of the Symbol
10%	Percentage indicates the percentage of lesson time each activity should take.
no symbol	Plain text indicates teacher action.
	Bold text indicates questions for the teacher to ask students.
	<i>Italicized text indicates a vocabulary word.</i>
►	Indicates student action(s).
💬	Indicates possible student response(s) to teacher questions.
❗	Indicates instructional notes for the teacher.

Activity 1: Introduction of Lesson Agenda

5%

Begin by reviewing the agenda and the standards for this lesson: RL.9-10.3, RL.9-10.5 and W.9-10.2.a, f. In this lesson, students complete their End-of-Unit Assessment for 9.1.1, relying on their reading and analysis of “St. Lucy’s Home for Girls Raised by Wolves” by Karen Russell to write a multi-paragraph response analyzing the development of the narrator, Claudette, in relation to the text’s epigraphs.

- Students look at the agenda.

Activity 2: Homework Accountability

10%

Instruct students to take out their responses to Lesson 16’s homework assignment. (Continue to plan and organize your response to the End-of-Unit Assessment prompt using the Stage Evidence Gathering Tool and your claims about Claudette’s development in each stage (refer to 9.1.1 Lesson 15 homework).) Instruct students to Turn-and-Talk in pairs about their homework responses.

- 💬 See Model Stage Evidence Gathering Tool in 9.1.1 Lesson 15 for sample student responses.

Instruct students to take out any additional materials for the End-of-Unit Assessment, such as their notes, annotations, Quick Writes, and tools including Epigraph Effect Tool and Character Development Tool.

- ▶ Students take out their materials for the End-of-Unit Assessment.

① Students demonstrate completion of their homework by having all of their materials organized and accessible for the assessment.

Activity 3: 9.1.1 End-of-Unit Assessment

80%

Explain to students that because it is a formal writing task, the End-of-Unit Assessment should include an introductory statement that introduces the topic of their multi-paragraph response, well-organized textual evidence that supports the analysis, and a concluding statement that articulates the information presented in the response. Remind students to use proper grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

Instruct students to write a multi-paragraph response to the following prompt:

Analyze Claudette’s development in relation to the five stages of Lycanthropic Culture Shock.

Remind students to use the 9.1.1 End-of-Unit Text Analysis Rubric to guide their writing responses. Ask students to use this unit’s vocabulary wherever possible in their written responses.

① Display the prompt for students to see, or provide the prompt in hard copy.

Ask students if they have remaining questions about the assessment prompt.

Review the 9.1.1 End-of-Unit Text Analysis Rubric and Checklist. Remind students to revisit the rubric once they are finished with the assessment to ensure they have fulfilled all the criteria.

- ▶ Students review the 9.1.1 End-of-Unit Text Analysis Rubric and Checklist.

Remind students as they write to refer to their notes, tools, and annotated text from previous lessons.

- ▶ Students independently answer the prompt using evidence from the text.

💬 See the High Performance response at the beginning of this lesson.

Activity 4: Closing

5%

Display and distribute the homework assignment. For homework, instruct students to continue to read their AIR texts through the focus standard RL.9-10.2 or RI.9-10.2, and prepare for a 3–5 minute discussion of their texts based on that standard.

- ▶ Students follow along.

Homework

Continue reading your Accountable Independent Reading text through the lens of RL.9-10.2 or RI.9-10.2 and prepare a 3–5 minute discussion of your text based on that standard.