Unit Overview

Subject: English Language Arts Grade span: 9 Time Frame: 4 weeks ELD Level(s): 2.6 - 4.1	Unit Theme: How does the media influence the way you think, what you do, and what you buy? Topic: How the Media Works to Control your Mind: Persuasive Techniques in the Media		
Unit Essential Questions	How does the media use rhetorical devices to influence your thinking and actions? Why is it important to know how and when someone is trying to influence you?		
State/Common Core Standards	9-10.R6 Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how an author uses rhetoric to advance that point of view or purpose. 9-10.W1 Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence. 9-10.L4 Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, vocabulary, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task.		
ELD Standard	ELD Standard 1: Language for Social and Instructional Purposes (ELD-SI) ELD Standard 2: Language for Language Arts (ELD-LA)		
Language Expectation	ELD-LA.9.Argue.Interpretive Language Function: Analyzing use of rhetoric and details to advance point of view or purpose • Ethos, pathos, and logos • Nouns, verbs and adjectives • Observational language (I see, I notice) ELD-LA.9.Argue.Expressive Language Function: Support claims with valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence • Claim, evidence and reasoning		

	Independent and dependent clauses, conjunctions			
Features of Academic Language	Discourse Dimension (pg 210) Linguistic Complexity* (Quantity and variety of oral and written text) Amount of speech, Structure of speech, Density of speech, Organization and cohesion of ideas Variety of sentence types	Sentence Dimension Language Forms & Conventions* (Types, array, and use of language structure)	Word/ Phrase Dimension Vocabulary Usage* (Specificity of word or phrase choice) Cognates, multiple meanings, idioms	
	Organization Claim Evidence Reasoning Sentence Frame examples: ELD 2.6+ • This advertisement is an example of because ELD 3.3+ • After careful analysis of the advertisements, it is clear that Cohesion Sequencing signal words Connectors Density Conjunctions Independent and dependent clauses *ELD 2.6+ differentiate the amount text to analyze and the medium (commercial versus print advertisement)	ELD 2.6+ Coordinating conjunctions (and/ because) ELD 3.3+ Coordinating Conjunctions (and/ because) Independent and dependent clauses Sentence Frame examples: ELD 2.6+ • This advertisement is an example of because ELD 3.3+ • After careful analysis of the advertisements, it is clear that	ELD 2.6+ Ethos, Pathos, Logos Sequencing signal words	
Complex Texts/ Resources	What resources (texts, websites, etc.) will students be referencing to accomplish the performance tasks?			

Performance Tasks and Final Assessment

Students will identify a critical issue in their school or neighborhood community. They will create a marketing plan calling attention to the issue and persuade others to take action.