

# Academic English 9 --- Mrs. Dran

## Unit 3

The BIG Question: Is KNOWLEDGE the same as UNDERSTANDING?  
*pages 424-425*

Ambiguous	Comprehend	Concept	Clarify	Connection
Fact	Feeling	Information	Insight	Instinct
Interpret	Research	Senses/Sensory	Sources	Statistics

Literary Terms (20): *pages 428-429; page 441; page 519; page 572; page 582*

Essay	Article	Speech	Style	Tone
Perspective	Bias	Purpose	Narrative Essay	Descriptive Essay
Expository Essay	Argumentative/Persuasive Essay	Reflective Essay	Author's style	Diction
Syntax	Main idea	Supporting details	Appeals to reason	Appeals to emotion
Folk Tale	Hyperbole	Understatement	Comic diction	Editorial

Vocabulary words (27): *listed within or before each story we will read*

Palpable	Entrenched	Bravado	Lexicon	Articulate
Surreal	Novice	Muted	Diffused	Extrapolating
Entailed	Inevitability	Collective	Forgo	Potential
Riddled	Volumes	Presumed	Curtailed	Medium
Duration	Emulate	Renegade	Feisty	Wheezed
Bulging	Refrain			

Stories to be read, discussed, and analyzed:

1. "Before Hip-Hop was Hip-Hop" by Rebecca Walker
2. "Single Room, Earth View" by Sally Ride
3. "Carry Your Own Skis" by Lian Dolan
4. "Libraries Face Sad Chapters" by Pete Hamill
5. "The Talk" by Gary Soto
6. "Talk" retold by Harold Courlander and George Herzog

Essay: Argumentative (Persuasive) Essay: attempts to convince readers to take a specific course of action or adopt the writer's viewpoint

Test Practice: Main Idea  
 Evaluate Persuasion  
 Literary Skills

Web and People Searches: To be completed at home (or in the library) and submitted on an index card

Assessments: Essays, Tests, Quizzes, Homework, Projects, Participation  
 Will also include: Literary Terms, Vocabulary, Story content

## Web and People Searches – Unit 3

These are to be completed at home (or in the library) and submitted on an index card. You may be asked to share a fact or a story with the class. Be sure you include information that you will be comfortable with sharing!

“Before Hip-Hop was Hip-Hop”-- **People Search:** What genre of music do you prefer? Why? Who is your favorite musical artist/band? What is the title of your favorite song? Why do you prefer this type of music over others?

“Single Room, Earth View” -- **Web Search:** What are some of the challenges of living in space? List at least three and how astronauts overcome these problems. Be sure to include a website address.

“Carry Your Own Skis” -- **People Search:** Ask an adult what types of things he/she was responsible for when he/she was younger. Was it a certain chore? A younger sibling? A pet? A part-time job? What did he/she learn from this responsibility?

“Libraries Face Sad Chapters” -- **Web Search:** Research famous Philanthropists. Choose one. Who did you choose? Why? What did he/she do to help others? Be sure to include a website address.

“The Talk” and “Talk” – **People Search:** Ask an adult who his/her favorite comedian is. What type of comedy does he/she prefer: stand-up, sit-coms, satirical cartoons (The Simpsons, South Park), slapstick, dark comedy (MASH, Fargo), or romantic comedy? What is his/her favorite funny movie or TV show?