



Unit 4 Overview and Assessment



Guiding Questions: What is the relationship between exploration and economics?

 Modules			
No.	Title	 Ideas	 Task
1	Borrowing and Lending: <i>The Merchant of Venice</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honesty Money Profit Trade 	Informational/Comparison: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who is the true Merchant of Venice? After reading Act I, Scene 3 of Shakespeare’s <i>The Merchant of Venice</i>, write an essay in which you compare Antonio and Shylock as men and merchants. Support your discussion with evidence from the text.
2	The Phoenician Circumnavigation of Africa and <i>The Histories</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploration Geography Wealth 	Informational/Cause-effect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After researching informational texts, including Herodotus on the early Phoenician circumnavigation of Africa, write a news report that examines the causes of exploration voyages and explains the effects on early trade.
3	<i>The Middle Passage</i> through Visual and Narrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expression Geography Slavery 	Explanatory/Cause-effect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After reading an excerpt from <i>The Middle Passage</i> and studying Jacob Lawrence’s Migration Series Painting 57, write a letter of forgiveness that examines the causes of slavery and explains some of the effects on human perspective.
4	What Gives Money its Value? The U.S. \$1 and <i>The Muqaddimah</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economics Money Symbolism 	Informational/Comparison: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What gives money its value? After reading an excerpt from <i>The Muqaddimah</i> by Ibn Khaldun and examining a U.S. one dollar bill, write a letter to your Congress person OR the Department of Treasury in which you compare these two artifacts and answer the question. Support your discussion with evidence from the texts.
5	Creating My Best Piece of Writing!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perseverance Structure Written Language 	Argumentation/Evaluation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can I revise my best paper from this course and produce a “perfect” composition? After reading the Elementary Principles of Composition (from <i>The Elements of Style</i>), write a concise summary of the problems with one of your papers and propose the solution(s) for revising and editing your paper. Support your position with evidence from the text. (Then revise the paper to create your best piece of writing!)



Assessment Task: After reading your “second best” paper from this year, write an evaluation of that paper in which you describe how you would revise it to produce a college-ready piece of writing.