



**GRADE 12**

# Black Studies

## SD36 Surrey

Learners are immersed in an interdisciplinary approach that includes, Socials, English Language Arts, Science, Visual/Media Arts & Music. Black Studies is foundationally intersectional, anti-racist, place-based & student-centered. Providing all learners, the opportunity to understand oppressive systems, examine how a diversity of Black peoples affected change in colonial British Columbia & Canada, explore complex contemporary Black identities, & reimagine their place & the futures of these lands

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**Credits:** 4

**Approval Date:** Nov 2021

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**Hours:** 120

**Trax Code:** YAES

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## GOALS AND RATIONALE

Understand the contested nature of history. Centre & privilege Black ways of knowing via oral histories, stories, arts, sciences, & languages. Analyze how racialization, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, ability & socio-economic status have been constructed through settler-colonialism. Foster deeper understanding of individual identity in the context of a settler-colonial state. Learn how past & present Indigenous African societies' function. Examine the process of colonialism.

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## BIG IDEAS

Historical & contemporary injustices challenge the narrative & identity of colonial Canada as an inclusive, equitable & just society. Explorations of Black histories & literature deepen our understanding of identity & work to transform individuals & systems. Black resistance & the challenges against ongoing Colonialism is imperative to reclaim histories, stories & cultures. Decolonization & conciliation require all people & institutions within a colonial society to work together

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Students will gain an understanding of a diversity of Black homelands & the colonial roots of Canada through examining social, cultural, political, legal, economic, & environmental systems. The implementation of a diversity of curricular competencies provides students with opportunities for vital class discussions, inquiry projects, readings, films, guest presentations, & educational excursions. Black Studies provides learners with the skills & knowledge to critically question and investigate.