



MN ELA ANCHOR STANDARD LESSON PLAN:

Northrop Presents

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Fri, Feb 19 through Thu, Mar 4

Intended Audience: Grades 5–12

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ELA STANDARDS ADDRESSED

1. Communicate using traditional or digital multimedia formats and digital writing and publishing for a specific purpose.
2. Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

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LEARNING TARGET

Students will reflect on the notion of “mercy” and what it might mean in their lives if it were shown to improve a difficult or trying situation.

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A cartoon illustration of a woman with blonde hair in a bun, wearing a black business suit and a headset with a microphone. She is standing on the left side of a teal rectangular area, gesturing with her right hand towards the word 'MERCY'.

MERCY

meaning, definition, explanation...

DANCE PERFORMANCE THEME

During the performance, you will see an excerpt from a piece titled *Mercy*.

So what is mercy? Click the video on the left to learn more.

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REVIEW: WHAT IS MERCY?

A broad term that refers to benevolence, forgiveness, and kindness in a variety of ethical, legal, religious, and social contexts, mercy can be shown by caring for the sick, by showing compassion for those who have less power, or by treating victims with respect.

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REFLECTION

Think about a time in your life when you have benefited by having someone show you mercy—or a time when you showed someone else mercy.

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ASSIGNMENT

Write three paragraphs about the reflection prompt by responding to the following questions:

1. What was the scenario?
2. How did you feel after you were granted mercy by someone else?
3. Why might mercy be a hard thing for humans to show?

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DIALOGUE

Students do not need to share their personal scenario unless they wish.

Whole class questions:

1. Why might mercy be a hard thing for humans to show?
2. How might the human experience be changed if we were more merciful to one another?

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PERSONAL CHALLENGE

Challenge yourself to grant someone mercy when you could choose different options!

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