

## Common Core Standards

The themes and topics presented in August Wilson's plays offer rich, timeless lessons in American history through the medium of dramatic literature. The issues Wilson raises are also highly relevant today. His body of work, the documentary August Wilson: The Ground On Which I Stand, and the discussions and activities featured in this guide can all address key state education standards in English/ Language Arts, History, and Drama/Theater.

In Common Core states and non-Common Core states, some relevant 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade standards include those related to:

Historical & Cultural Contexts for Arts and Humanities

Critical Response

Aesthetic Response

Reading, Analyzing & Interpreting Literature

Characteristics & Function of the English Language

Historical Analysis & Skills Development

**United States History** 

Literary Elements & Devices

Dialogue, Character, & Plot Development

Principles and Ideals of Civic & Political Life

Cultural Change

Interpretation of Historical Events

Ethnic & Racial Relations





