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Unit Title	Unit Length (weeks)	Dates of Unit (Month - Month)	Essential Questions	Topics to be Covered Texts Used	Skills to be Assessed	Standard Alignment	Formative Assessments	Summative Assessments
Intro to Mythology	5	August - October	What is a hero? What is mythology? Why is mythology important? What can we learn from mythology?	- Homer's *The Odyssey* (translation excerpts) - "How the Crocodile Got its Skin" - "Arachne the Spinner" - Edith Hamilton's *Mythology* (exceprts)	- Close Reading - Standard Paragraph writing - Punctuation, Grammar - Thematic Analysis	ELA.R.9.4.1 ELA.W.9.1.1	- Reading Quizzes - Paragraph Responses - iXl Diagnostic by 9/15	- Unit Test - Mythology Folder Project - Myth Body Bio & Presentation
Romeo and Juliet	8	November - January	What role should parents play? How does a play differ form other genres?	- Shakespeare *Romeo and Juliet* - Dramatic / Verbal Irony	- Oral Reading - Irony Identification - Thematic Analysis - Literary Analysis - Process Writing - Claim & Evidence		- Act Quizzes including quote identification - Theme / Symbol / Characterization Review - iXL Midterm Diagnostic by 12/15	- Unit Test - Literary Analysis Paper
Hunger Games	8	February - April	What is a Dystopian Society? How does a ruling class maintain power? What is my role and impact on society? How can using individual strengths and/or intelligence help someone survive? What is the importance of alliances to surivival? What is real and what is manipulation in reality TV? How can people change perceptions in order to win?	- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins - "The Man He Killed" by Thomas Hardy - Dystopia - Figuratuve Language - Desensitization - Hypocrisy - Irony	- Close Reading - Symbolism Analysis - Argument Development - MLA In-Text Citations		- Reading Quizzes - Paragraph Responses - Arugment Writing	- Unit Test - Literary Analysis Paper
The Secret Life of Bees	8	May - June	What does family mean? How can the lives of bees relate to the lives of humans? Where does racism come from? How can racism be combatted?	- *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd	- Close Reading - Symbolism Analysis - Argument discussion and explanation - MLA Formatted essay		- Reading Quizzes - Chapter Bookmarks - Paragraph Writing / Creative Writing - Final iXL Diagnostic by 6/1	- Unit Test - Cover desgin with thematic emphasis