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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
"This I believe" Mini Unit- Intro to Essay Writing	2	August - September	Why do we write? What is important to you? Why does writing matter? What are your core beliefs? What makes compelling writing? What is a memoir?	- Example essays- this i believe esay contest. - brainstorming essay topics and writing territories - This I believe curriculum (available online)	- Memoir writing - Standard Paragraph writing - Punctuation, Grammar - Thesis statement generation - Drafting and revising	W.2 W.3 W.4 W.10	- Essay plan - List of writing territories.	- This I believe essay.
The Things They Carried	8-10	September- November	How is human nature revealed by war? How were the soldiers of the Vietman war treated by the American people and govewrnment? What is the different between truth and percieved truth? In what way dos Tim O'Brian use the short story structure to build a novel?	- Biography - Surrealism movement - Ken burns vietnam war documentary excerpts	- Oral reading - Close reading - Annotating - Identify claims / logical evidence - MLA - Speaking and listening		- Homework - Reading questions / annotations - Quizzes (vocabulary) - Reading quizzes - Guided notes (surrealism) - Rough draft and peer editing	-Unit test - Mid-unit test - Poster presentation / webquest - Thematic essay - "On the Rainy River" scene mapping / imagery
Of Mice and Men	7-9	December - January	Is the American dream achievable How do marginalized groups respond to the American dream What would you do for the people you love How do different people cope with isolation	- Play vs Novel structure (John Steinbeck's "playable" novel) - Documentary- the great depression - "To A Mouse"	- Oral reading (assignet roles) - Close reading - Inference / characterization - Poetry analysis		- Homework - Reading questions / annotations - Quizzes (vocabulary) - Reading quizzes - Double entry journals - Paragraph responses	-Unit test - Mid-unit test - Essay (symbolism)
The Crucible	7-9	February- April	How can political groups use fear as a tool Does the government have the right to dictate morality How do the beliefs of early americans effect us today?	- "Salem and other witch trials" - "Ergot and the Crucible" - Early colonial period in America - "The minister's black veil	- Oral reading (assigned parts) - Close reading - Sumarizing / writing in specific voice and style - Logical appeals and falacies		- Homework - Reading questions / annotations - Quizzes (vocabulary) - Reading quizzes - Act response sheets (movie) - McCarthyism and cold war webquest	-Unit test - Mid-unit test - In character diary (one per act) with art
The Great Gatsby	6	April- May	- What is justified in the pursuit of prosperity - What would we do for love - Does wealth and status really matter, why and how? - Is the American dream achievable	- Process writing - Symbolism analysis - Claim and Evidence - American Modernism - "The Yellow Wallpaper" (examination of Daisy through feminist lens)	- Oral reading - Close reading - Narrative and point of view - Word choice and tone		- Homework - Reading questions / annotations - Quizzes (vocabulary) - Reading quizzes	-Unit test - Mid-unit test - Characterization essay