

English I
9th Grade Theme:
Transition, Everything Counts.

First Unit	Second Unit	Third Unit	Fourth Unit
Guiding Question: Should our emotions or our logic guide our decisions?	Guiding Question: Does power lead to corruption?	Guiding Question: How do our past and present decisions affect our future?	Guiding Question(s): How are words powerful? Are humans inherently good or inherently evil?
Literature:	Literature:	Literature:	Literature:
Summer Reading <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> , by William Shakespeare	<i>Animal Farm</i> , by George Orwell (Connection to study of communism in European History)	<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i> , by Charles Dickens (Connection to study of French Revolution in European History)	<i>The Book Thief</i> , by Markus Zusak (Connection to study of Holocaust in European History)
Additional Literature: One Independent Choice Book per trimester			
Writing Focus: Narrative	Writing Focus: Argumentative	Writing Focus: Literature Analysis	Writing Focus: Informational
Sonnet Workshop	Literary Analysis and Argumentative Essay on unit theme and AP Lang prompt: Because society allows humorists to say things that other people cannot or will not say, de Botton sees humorists as serving a vital function in society. (AP Lang Argument Prompt, 2010)	In-depth literary analysis assignment focusing on finding quotes that show foreshadowing, characterization, theme, and symbolism within the novel Literary Analysis and Argumentative Essay on unit theme and AP Lang prompt: In many works of literature, past events can affect, positively or negatively, the present activities, attitudes, or values of a character. Choose a novel or play in which a character must contend with some aspect of the past, either personal or	Mini-research project to gather historical context for our unit, as needed Literature Analysis with a focus on finding credible secondary sources to support the assertions of your analysis

		societal. Then write an essay in which you show how the character's relationship to the past contributes to the meaning of the work as a whole. (AP Lit Open-Ended Prompt, 2007)	
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Additional Instructional Resources:

Word Within a Word by Michael Thompson: Word study using Latin and Greek Stems for cumulative quizzes