Language Arts

6 th Grade LA/SS Block		
Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
Themes: •Personal Identity •Racial	Themes: •Racism in History •Personal Freedom	Themes: •Technology in Society •Freedom vs.
Profiling •Empathy	•Subjugation •Child Labor	Security •Dependence vs. Independence
		•Utopia/Dystopia •Internal/External Loci
<u>Units</u> : •Reading Personal Narrative	<u>Units</u> : •Reading Creative Nonfiction •Historical Fiction,	of Control •Utilitarianism
•Reading Poetry •Analyzing Literature	& Nonfiction •Research and Analytical Writing	•Equality/Conformity/Tradition/Community
•Presentation	•Biomes •Geography	
		<u>Units:</u> •Reading Science Fiction •Presentation
Tasks: •Character Analysis •Personal	Tasks: •Text comparison •Marking texts •Found Poem	•Research and Analytical Writing •Geography
Reflection •Letter Writing •Poem Writing	Synthesis Essay Writing	
	Bonus Scene SIW and a Persuasive Performance	Tasks: •Reading journal •Praise Poem writing
Primary Texts: •The Misfits •Bully		
	Primary Texts: • The Well • The Ethics of Living Jim	Primary Texts:
	Crow •Stones in Water	•The Ear, The Eye, & The Arm •The Giver
7 th Grade		
Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
Theme: Relationship between character,	<u>Themes</u> : •Technology •Civil Rights	Themes: •Technology in Society •Freedom vs.
setting, conflict (int/ext)		Security •Dependence vs. Independence
	<u>Units</u> : •Writing to Inform/Explain from Research	•Utilitarianism •Utopia/Dystopia
<u>Units</u> : •Writing to Analyze Literature	•Writing to Analyze Literature •Descriptive writing	•Internal/External Loci of Control
•Science Fiction	•Autobiography	•Equality/Conformity/Tradition/Community
Tasks: •Analytical Paragraphs	Tasks: •Civil Rights Timeline Prezi •Socratic Seminar	Units: •Writing to Argue •Writing to Analyze
•Comparative Paragraph •HOTS Final	Presentation and Research Paragraph	Literature •Drama
Project •Performance Task	Analytical Paragraphs	
	•WDC Theme Essay Performance Task	Tasks: •Argumentative Essay - Performance
Primary Texts : •The House of the		Task •Socratic Seminar •Student Performance
Scorpion •Life As We Knew It	Primary Texts: •Civil Rights Timeline Research	& Personal •Response Journals
	•Warriors Don't Cry •"Merry-Go-Round" by L. Hughes	Primary Texts: •Newspaper Articles
		•Editorials-Current Events •Shakespeare

8 th Grade		
Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
Themes: •Economic Inequality	<u>Themes</u> : •Health and Environmental Ethics	Themes: •Politics and Ethics •Imagining the
•Cultural Identity •Sexual Ethics •Race	•Interacting with the Adult World (The Mentorship	Future
and History	Project)	
		Tasks: •Debates •Sci Fi Narrative •News
Tasks: •Mock Trial • Persuasive Writing	<u>Tasks</u> : •Plot Analysis Essay •Essays •News Articles	Articles •Sci Fi Movie Project •Resume Writing
•Research Project •NW Cultural History	•Animal Farm Test •Mentorship Presentation •OSAT	•Vocab Study •Shakespeare Projects •Current
•News Articles •Vocab Study •Current	Practice •Vocab Study •Current Events	Events •Shakespeare Text Analysis & Reading
Events		Response
	Primary Texts: •Scottsboro: An American Tragedy	
Primary Texts: •The Outsiders •To Kill	•Food Rules •Whirligig •Thirteen •Animal Farm	Primary Texts: •Thirteen •Twelfth Night (Diff
a Mockingbird •The Absolutely True		play ea year) •Choice Science Fiction
Diary of a Part Time Indian •Speak		