

First Semester (17 weeks)			
Wk	Date	Lesson Plan	Assignment
1	9/11/11	Introduction & Expectations How to discuss literature Read & discuss "The Jabberwocky" in class <i>Writing Trait: Organization</i> - Hooks, evidence, conclusion	*Vocab 1 *Read "The Lottery"
2	9/18/11	Quiz: Vocab 1 Discuss "The Lottery" <i>Writing Trait: Ideas</i> - Idea organizers - Practice outlining ideas	*Vocab 2 *"The Lottery" Essay *Read "All Summer in a Day"
3	9/25/11	Quiz: Vocab 2 Discuss "All Summer in a Day" <i>Writing Trait: Conventions</i> - Review rules & common mistakes - In-class writing (20 min) - Peer-proofread essays	*Vocab 3 *"All Summer in a Day" Essay Read "The Masque of the Red Death"
4	10/2/11	Quiz: Vocab 3 Discuss "The Masque of the Red Death" <i>Writing Trait: Sentence Fluency</i> - Transitions - Transforming sentences	*Vocab 4 *"The Masque of the Red Death" Essay *Read "A Rose for Emily"
5	10/9/11	Quiz: Vocab 4 Discuss "A Rose for Emily" Read & discuss "Ode to Tomatoes" <i>Writing Trait: Word Choice</i> - Sensory descriptions - Action verbs, adjectives & nouns	*Vocab 5 *"A Rose for Emily" Essay
6	10/16/11	Quiz: Vocab 5 Test 1 (Writing/Editing)	*Vocab 6 *Read "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"
7	10/23/11	Quiz: Vocab 6 Discuss "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" <i>Writing</i> - Narrative writing - Write about a time you were scared Review Conventions/Sentence Fluency	*Vocab 7 *"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" Essay *Write a scary story *Read "Ligeia"
8	10/30/11	Quiz: Vocab 7 Share scary stories Discuss "Ligeia" <i>Writing Trait: Voice</i> - Write in a character's voice	*Vocab 8 *"Ligeia" Essay *Read "After Twenty Years"

9	11/6/11	Quiz: Vocab 8 Discuss "After Twenty Years" Review Writing Traits	*Vocab 9 "After Twenty Years" Essay Read "Everything that Rises Must Converge"
10	11/13/11	Quiz: Vocab 9 Discuss "Everything that Rises Must Converge" Dream Quest One Writing Contest - Brainstorm & outline	Vocab 10 *"Everything that Rises Must Converge" Essay
11	11/20/11	Quiz: Vocab 10 Test 2 (Reading Comprehension) Work on Dream Quest One after the test	*Vocab 11 *Dream Quest One Writing Contest draft
Thanksgiving Break 11/27			
12	12/4/11	Quiz: Vocab 11 Read & discuss "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" Peer-edit Dream Quest One entries	*Vocab 12 *Read "The Lady or the Tiger"
13	12/12/11	Quiz: Vocab 12 Discuss "The Lady or the Tiger" <i>Narrative Writing</i> - What is a narrative made of? - Write about a difficult decision	*Vocab 13 *"The Lady or the Tiger" Essay *Read "The Gifts of the Magi"
14	12/18/11	Quiz: Vocab 13 Discuss "The Gifts of the Magi" <i>Narrative Writing</i> - What is a narrator? - Write about a gift you received	*Vocab 14 *"The Gifts of the Magi" Essay
Christmas Break 12/25, New Year Break 1/1			
15	1/8/12	Quiz: Vocab 14 Read and Discuss "Lochinvar" <i>Persuasive Writing</i> - Persuasive writing devices - Brainstorm speech ideas & outlines	*Vocab 15 *Speech first draft
16	1/15/12	Quiz: Vocab 15 Test 3 Work on speeches after the test	*Vocab 16 *Read "The Hills Like White Elephants"
17	1/22/12	Quiz: Vocab 16 Discuss "The Hills Like White Elephants" <i>Persuasive Writing</i> - How to write and present a speech - In-class speech writing time	*"The Hills Like White Elephants" Essay *Read "The Very Old Man with Enormous Wings" *Speech final draft

Second Semester (17 weeks)			
Wk	Sunday	Lesson Plan	Assignment
1	1/29/12	Discuss "The Very Old Man with Enormous Wings" <i>Public Speaking</i> - Tips, tricks, and traps	*Vocab 1 *"The Very Old Man with Enormous Wings" Essay
2	2/5/12	Quiz: Vocab 1 Present speeches w/peer feedback <i>Writing Personal Statements</i> - What is a personal statement? - Write & peer-edit personal statements	*Vocab 2 *Finish Personal statement *Read "Rappaccini's Daughter"
3	2/12/12	Quiz: Vocab 2 Discuss "Rappaccini's Daughter" <i>Writing with Tone</i> - Identifying tone - Letter writing exercise	*Vocab 3 *"Rappaccini's Daughter" Essay *Read "A Modest Proposal"
Winter Break 2/19/12 - 2/25/12			
4	2/26/12	Quiz: Vocab 3 Discuss "A Modest Proposal" "A Modest Proposal" Debate Exercise	*Vocab 4 *Write a piece similar to "A Modest Proposal"
5	3/4/12	Quiz: Vocab 4 Test 4	*Vocab 5 *Read "The Yellow Wallpaper"
6	3/11/12	Quiz: Vocab 5 Discuss "The Yellow Wallpaper" <i>Writing for an Audience</i> - Identifying your audience - Using the active voice exercises	*Vocab 6 *"The Yellow Wallpaper" Essay *Read "The Garden Party"
7	3/18/12	Quiz: Vocab 6 Discuss "The Garden Party" Read & discuss "Introduction to Poetry" <i>Reading Poetry</i> - Poetic forms, devices & strategies - Write a poem about school	*Vocab 7 *"The Garden Party" Essay *Read "Nevermore"
8	3/25/12	Quiz: Vocab 7 Discuss "Nevermore" <i>Writing Poetry</i> - Why do we write poetry? - Write & share animal poems	*Vocab 8 *Read fairytale poems *Write a poem about something unusual
9	4/1/12	Quiz: Vocab 8 Discuss the fairytale poems <i>Writing Poetry</i> - The art of allusion in poetry - Write & share funny poems	*Vocab 9 *Write a poem based on a favorite fairytale *Write a review of a play you've seen

10	4/8/12	Quiz: Vocab 9 Test 5	*Vocab 10 *Brainstorm play ideas
11	4/15/12	Quiz: Vocab 10 Listen to & discuss "Who's on First?" <i>Reading Plays</i> - What is a play? What is a monologue? - Write, peer-edit & perform a monologue	*Vocab 11 *Read "The Proposal" *Outline and write a rough draft of your play
Spring Break 4/22/12			
12	4/29/12	Quiz: Vocab 11 Discuss "The Proposal" <i>Writing a Play</i> - Review play structure & devices - Peer-edit plays	*Vocab 12 *Final draft of your short play *Bring in a news article
13	5/6/12	Quiz: Vocab 12 Discuss news articles <i>Expository Writing</i> - Facts and opinions - Informative articles and editorials - Emotional appeals Interview a classmate	Vocab 13 *Write an informative article about a classmate *Write an editorial about a character from a story we read
14	5/13/12	Quiz: Vocab 13 Share articles <i>Letter Writing</i> - Forms & etiquette - Write a Mother's day letter	*Vocab 14 *Write a cover letter *Read "The Most Dangerous Game"
15	5/20/12	Quiz: Vocab 14 Discuss "The Most Dangerous Game" Review the first semester Write an adventure story	*Vocab 15 *"The Most Dangerous Game" Essay *Bring an ad to class
16	5/27/12	Quiz: Vocab 15 Review the second semester <i>Advertisement</i> - What is an advertisement? - Create & present advertisements	*Vocab 16 *Write a reflection on what you learned this year
17	6/3/12	Quiz: Vocab 16 Party and Games/Awards	

**NOTE: TESTS ARE CUMULATIVE.

First section: Review of past materials

Second section: Recently learned material

WRITING PROGRAM GOALS

1. **College Preparation** – weekly reading and writing homework assignments
 - *Purpose* – To expose students to college-level coursework
 - *Goal* – (1) To be able to discuss and respond to literature; (2) to write polished, thoughtful essays; (3) to develop the critical thinking and writing skills necessary for success in college and beyond
2. **Vocabulary**—10 new words a week; cumulative quizzes once a month
 - *Purpose* – To equip students with over 300 new vocabulary words
 - *Goal* – Enhance reading comprehension and sophistication of written expression
3. **Types of Writing** – expository, narrative & persuasive writing
 - *Purpose* – To expose students to a variety of writing types and techniques
 - *Goals* – To hone students’ writing skills and produce a diverse writing portfolio

WRITING AND POETRY CONTESTS

- Publish essays and winner’s photo on website
 - Create and publish book of students’ work
- **End of Program: Three awards given to exceptional writers

The Dream Quest One Poetry & Writing Contest

Deadline (bi-annual): July 31 and December 31

Writing Prizes: First Prize: \$500; Second Prize: \$250; Third Prize: \$100

Poetry Prizes: First Prize: \$250; Second Prize: \$125; Third Prize: \$50

Entry fees: (Writing) \$10 per short story; (Poetry) \$5 per poem