

*September 6th-September 28th

Unit 1: Nonfiction Texts

- Author's purpose
- Traits of nonfiction texts
- Writing informatively
- Research

*October 1st-November 2nd

Unit 2: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

- Story structure basics
- Character development
- Historical and political background research
- Reading and discussion
- Final informative paper

*November 5th-20th

Unit 3: Short Story Unit

- Short story elements
- Author background and comparisons
- Stylistic analysis for each author

*November 26th-December 20th

Unit 4: *A Christmas Carol*

- Advanced vocabulary
- Figurative Language
- Plot analysis
- Comparison of modern retelling

*January 2nd-end of semester

Unit 5: Speeches

- Informative structure
- Persuasive techniques

*Semester 2-mid-February

Unit 6: *Julius Caesar* - Shakespeare

- Historical background
- Understanding drama
- Writing: informative
- Writing: argument

*Mid-February-March

Unit 7: Research Paper

- Research skills

- MLA format
- Writing: informative
- Presentation of Information

*April

Unit 8: Poetry including Native American Poetry

- Style, rhythm, and rhyme
- Classic vs. modern structure
- Historical background
- Poet research project

*May

Unit 9: Argument

- Cooperative argument presentation
- Writing: argument
- Presentation to a larger audience
- Cooperative group work
- Speaking and Listening

**All dates are subject to change.*