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ENGLISH II HONORS 2013-14

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Thematic and Genre-based Areas of Study

1. Moral Dilemmas:

Greek tragedy- *Oedipus Rex* and *Antigone* by Sophocles
Analysis and critique of Kohlberg's Theory of Moral Development

Alternative Drama- *Enemy of the People*, Henrik Ibsen

2. **World Poetry:** Selected poems for cross-cultural study, analysis of literary devices.

3. **The Female Perspective:** *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys;

Excerpts: *Jane Eyre*, Charlotte Bronte & *Women of Brewster Place*, Gloria Naylor

4. Villains Within and Without:

Shakespearean Tragedy- *The Tragedy of Othello* by William Shakespeare; current events, as pertaining to the theme

5. **Coming of Age [Bildungsroman]:** *A Separate Peace*, John Knowles;

Ake: The Years of Childhood by Wole Soyinka

6. Lighten the Mood: A Survey of Comedy

A Midsummer Night's Dream, William Shakespeare

Selected other comedic dramas for comparison

7. **Short Stories Around the World:** Selected stories, essays, articles, etc. for cross-cultural comparison and analysis of literary tools and writers' purposes.

Ongoing Assessment:

Multi-Genre Projects: Students will create collections of writing, drawing, photography, film, music, performance, etc...in which each piece can stand alone but is coherently linked to every other piece by a common thread found in literature studied.

Research/Annotated Bibliographies: Students will deepen their understanding of the research process (. learn how to research, paraphrase and avoid plagiarism; how to give proper documentation of sources; and how to annotate an article.

Composition: Compositions will consist of, but not be limited to: literary analyses, annotated bibliographies, college essays, argumentative essays, character analyses, creative writing and reading response journals.

PSAT/PLAN/Exit Exam and AP practice: Strategies, sample test items, and tests.

Vocabulary: Regular activities and quizzes or incorporation into unit tests.

NOTES:

- **Units are subject to *change* based on time constraints and to *individualization* based on the needs of the students.**
- **Students will be expected to read more than one text at a time and to complete various reader response assignments.**
- **Relevant non-fiction may also be assigned for any unit.**