

English 3 - Anchor Texts

Unit 1: Foundations and Encounters

- The Crucible by Arthur Miller
- “The World on the Turtle’s Back” (Iroquois creation myth)

Unit 2: Building a Democracy

- The Declaration of Independence (excerpts)
- Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God by Jonathan Edwards
- Excerpts from John Adams miniseries (based on the book by David McCullough)

Unit 3: The Individual and Society

- Self-Reliance by Ralph Waldo Emerson
- Poems by Emily Dickinson
- Selections from Walt Whitman
- Selected works by Edgar Allan Poe

Unit 4: The Quest for Freedom

- An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge by Ambrose Bierce
- The Outcasts of Poker Flat by Bret Harte
- Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
- Speeches and essays on women’s and civil rights (various authors)

Unit 5: America Transformed

- • Harlem by Langston Hughes (and other Harlem Renaissance poems)
- • The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien (selected excerpts)
- • The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald OR
- • Star Wars: The Force Awakens by Alan Dean Foster

Unit 6: Modern and Contemporary Voices

- • Mending Wall by Robert Frost
- • Everyday Use by Alice Walker
- • Ambush by Tim O'Brien
- • Selected contemporary essays and poems