

8th Grade Year-at-a-Glance

		Fear/Terror (9 Week Unit)	Dystopia (9 Week Unit)	Prejudice/Racism (9 Week Unit)	Everyday Heroes (9 Week Unit)
R W	Literature:	<p><i>The Devil's Arithmetic</i></p> <p><u>Short Stories</u> <i>Raymond's Run</i> <i>The 51st Dragon</i> <i>The Inn of Lost Time</i> <i>The Landlady</i></p>	<p>FOCUS: Point of View Novels: <u>The Giver</u> by Lois Lowry <u>The House of Scorpion</u> by Nancy Farmer <u>Among the Hidden</u> by Margaret Haddix (Fiction)</p> <p><u>Short Stories</u> <i>Harrison Bergeron</i> <i>The Lottery</i> <i>There Will Come Soft Rains</i> <i>All Summer in a Day</i></p>	<p>FOCUS: Theme Novels: <u>To Kill a Mockingbird</u> by Harper Lee <u>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</u> by Mildred Taylor (Fiction)</p> <p><u>Short Stories</u> <u>Drama: The Diary of Anne Frank</u></p>	<p>FOCUS: Plot/Character Development Novel: <u>The Outsiders</u> by S.E. Hinton (Fiction)</p> <p>Poetry: The works of Robert Frost with an emphasis on "Nothing Gold Can Stay"</p>
	Informational Texts:	<p><u>Articles</u> -Articles will vary according to world events and interesting current events.-</p> <p>Consistent Informational Text: Islamist Terrorism from 1945 to the Rise of ISIS</p>	<p><u>Articles</u> -Articles will vary according to world events and interesting current events.-</p>	<p><u>Articles</u> "The Biography of Emmitt Till" Varied Current Event Articles</p> <p>"Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmitt Till Case" <u>Video</u> Frontline: A Class Divided (PBS)</p>	<p><u>Articles</u> "The Path Not Taken" (A Survivor's Story)</p> <p><u>Supplemental Unit:</u> Scholastic: On the Record <i>Life and Death</i> by Maria Reyes</p>
L W	Language/Grammar Skills:	<p>Sentence Structure Comma Usage Ellipsis Capitalization</p> <p>Literary Devices Unit</p>	<p>Citing Sources Paragraph Development Proofreading/Editing Skills Mood Verb Tense Weekly Grammar Review</p> <p>Group Project: Dystopian Websites</p>	<p>Transitions Introductions Conclusions Semicolons Quotes/ Dialogue run/ons fragments Debates Impromptu Speeches</p>	<p>Crossover multi-media presentations in History</p> <p>Ignite! Speeches</p>
W W	Writing:	<p>Patriot's Pen essay</p> <p>Literary Analysis of <i>The Devil's Arithmetic</i></p>	<p>Argumentative Writing Unit</p> <p>Weekly Close Reading Reflections</p>	<p>Informational/Historical Crossover Paper</p> <p>Weekly Close Reading Reflections</p> <p>Literary analysis of prejudice novel</p>	<p>Narrative Writing Unit</p> <p>Weekly Close Reading Reflections</p>

				White Rose Essay	
	Historical Concepts:	The rise of Terrorism 9/11 The Holocaust	World War 2- Pearl Harbor, Japanese-American Internment camps United States Constitution Illinois Constitution	Great Depression The Dust Bowl Discrimination in the United States (Jim Crow, sharecropping) I	1960's and the Civil Rights Movement