

9th Literature A Pacing Guide

Houston Virtual

Units should not be made available until the beginning of the indicated time frame.

Unit 1 – Short Story (Weeks 1-4)

Lessons and Assessments:

- Course Overview
- "The Most Dangerous Game": Analysis of Plot Structure
- "The Most Dangerous Game": Types of Conflict
- Quiz 1
- "The Most Dangerous Game": Building Vocabulary
- "Marigolds": Setting
- Project: Comparative Essay "Marigolds"
- Quiz 2
- "Marigolds": Figurative Language
- "Two Kinds": Indirect Characterization and Cultural Context
- Quiz 3
- "Two Kinds": Theme Through Inference
- Project: Expository Essay "Two Kinds"
- "I Stand Here Ironing": Point of View
- Quiz 4
- "I Stand Here Ironing": Narrator Reliability
- "Everyday Use": Symbolism
- "The Gift of the Magi": Diction and Irony
- "The Cask of Amontillado": Mood and Suspense
- Project: Literary Analysis of "The Gift of the Magi"
- "The Cask of Amontillado": Vocabulary
- Parallel Structure
- Quiz 5
- Project: Informative Essay: Research an Author
- Test

Unit 2 – Literary Nonfiction (Weeks 5-11)

Lessons and Assessments:

- Introduction to Literary Nonfiction
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings: Characteristics of Memoir
- "Life Without Go-Go Boots": Diction and Humor
- "Uncle John's Farm": Satire and Parallelism
- Quiz 1
- "Eavesdropping": Tone and Figurative Language
- Narrative of Frederick Douglass: Point of View
- "A Four Hundred Year Old Woman": Allusion
- Word Parts
- Quiz 2
- Rhetorical Strategies
- Gettysburg Address: History and Rhetoric
- "I Have a Dream": Context and Rhetoric
- Project: Comparative Essay of Gettysburg Address and "I Have a Dream"
- "Hope, Despair, and Memory": Paradox
- Project: Narrative Essay
- Adverbs and Parallelism
- Quiz 3
- Test

Unit 3 – Epic Poetry (Weeks 12-18)

Lessons and Assessments:

- Project: Research Paper: The Hero's Journey
- Homer and Conventions of Epic Poetry
- The Odyssey: Hero and Theme
- The Odyssey: History and Culture
- The Odyssey: Epic Simile
- Quiz 1
- The Odyssey: Epithets
- The Odyssey: Myth and Theme
- The Odyssey: Characterization
- Quiz 2
- The Odyssey: Foreshadowing and Narrative Structure
- The Odyssey: Plot Structure
- The Odyssey: Character Foils and Irony
- Quiz 3
- The Odyssey: Symbols
- The Odyssey: Theme of Loyalty
- The Odyssey: Symbols and Theme
- The Odyssey: Figurative Language and Symbolism
- Quiz 4
- Project: "Penelope" and "Siren Song": Point of View
- Project: Argumentative Essay: "Who Is More Heroic?"
- Test