

AMERICAN HUMANITIES BLOCK

Outline for Course

(Subject to change)

Sept 8–Sept 11	Get Acquainted. Native Americans, Puritans, Colonization.
Sept 14-Sept 18	The Crucible , finish the Puritan Age and begin the Neoclassic Age. The French and Indian War and Last of the Mohicans .
Sept 21-Sept 25	Revolutionary writers such as Paine, Jefferson, Franklin and Freedom of the Press. Causes of the American Revolution, the War for Independence and Art Video #2 .
Sept 28-Oct 1(Oct 2 = no students)	Finish the Neoclassic Age, “Pithy Aphorisms”, and the creation of a new government.
Oct 5 1–Oct 9	Beginning the Romantic Age, Emerson Thoreau, The War of 1812 and Northwest Territory. Amistad and Art Video #1 .
Oct 12-Oct 16	Other Romantic writers, Sectionalism and the Causes of the Civil War <i>The Scarlet Letter</i>
End of First Marking Period (Oct 16)	
Oct 19-Oct 23	Transitional writers: Bierce, Douglas, Truth, Whitman. The Civil War.
Oct 26-Oct 30	Emily Dickenson and American Folklore. Reconstruction and the Opening of the West. Art Video #3 .
Nov 2- Nov 6 (Nov 3 = No Students)	The Age of Realism, begin <i>Huck Finn</i> . The Rise of Business and Industry.
Nov 9-Nov 12 (Nov 13 = No Students) Parent Teacher Conferences (Nov 13)	<i>Huck Finn</i> and a continuation of the Rise of Business and Industry. Art Video #4 .
Nov 16-Nov 20	Finish <i>Huck Finn</i> , Major Essay. The Age of Immigration and Invention.
Nov 23-Nov 24	Work on writing, more information on the Age of Realism. Turn of the Century and Progressivism.
Thanksgiving Break – Nov. 25-27	
Nov 30- Dec 4	Begin <i>The Jungle</i> & “Fast Food Nation” Continue Progressivism.
End of Second Marking Period (Dec. 4)	
Dec 7-Dec 11	<i>The Jungle</i> , Progressivism, Imperialism and the Spanish American War.
Dec 14-Dec 18	Writing on <i>The Jungle</i> , Unit on music, painting and architecture of the turn of the century.
Dec 15-Dec 19	Hemingway, London Frost and Holmes. The causes and effects of World War I. Influenza Video
Dec 21 & Dec 22	Continue 1900 to 1919, Versailles and the New World Order.
Holiday Break – Dec 23 - Jan 1	
Jan 4-Jan 8	Begin 1920’s and the Great Gatsby, intro to business and politics of the 1920s.
Jan 11-Jan 15	Continue Gatsby and the 1920’s.
Jan 18 (Monday) MLK, Jr. Day – No Classes	
Jan 19- Jan 21	Finish Gatsby, major paper. Harlem Renaissance, work on the 1920’s.
Jan 25 (Monday)	

Jan 26-Jan 28 (Tues-Thurs) MIDTERM EXAMS and End of Third Marking Period

Feb 1-Feb 5 1920's projects due, begin the 1930's projects. Steinbeck. Intro to the 1930's and the Great Depression.

Feb 8-Feb 12 **The Grapes of Wrath**, finish discussing the Depression and the New Deal.

Feb 15-Feb 19 1930's Projects due. Depression Breadline.

Feb 22- Feb 25 Begin the 1940's, discuss Faulkner, Cummings, Frost. Discuss World War II.

Mid-Winter Break Feb 26

Mar 1-Mar 4 Begin work on research paper. Continue discussion of the 1940's.

Mar 8-Mar 12 1940's Projects due, begin 1950's. USO Dance.

End of Fourth Marking Period (Mar 12)

Mar 15-Mar 19 The Jet Age, The Beat Age, Beginning of the Cold War, Ginsberg and Kerouac.

Mar 22- Mar 25 (Mar 26 = no students) Catcher in the Rye, The Atomic Age, 1950's projects due, Coffee House.

Mar 29- Apr 1 1960's modern poets. Protest Literature Ann Moody. The Kennedy years, the Civil Rights movement.

Spring Break (Apr 2 – Apr 9)

Apr 12-Apr 16 Work on the 60's project and the research paper. Johnson and Vietnam.
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest?

Apr 19-Apr 23 1960's projects due. "Be-In", Begin the 1970's.

Apr 26- Apr 30 1970's poets. Vonnegut, Oates and Tan. Détente, and Watergate.
Fahrenheit 451

End of Fifth Marking Period (Apr 30)

May 3-May 7 1970's Projects due, Discotheque. Begin the 1980's.

May 10-May 14 The Reagan Revolution, the end of the Cold War. Punk rock and Power Suits.

May 17-May 21 1980's Projects and Power Breakfast.

May 24-May 27 (May 28 = No Students) Begin the 1990's and beyond. Modern Economics, Globalization and the War on Terror.

Memorial Day – May 31

Jun 1-Jun 4 Continue work on the 1990's and beyond. Begin Final Exam Presentations.

Jun 7&8 Continue work on the 1990's and beyond. Begin Final Exam Presentations

June 9-Jun 11 Final Exam Presentations

June 11 – Last Day of 2009-2010 School Year