

ELA Year A

First Quarter:

1. Review of literary terms and story mapping
2. Review of grammatical terms, punctuation, types of sentences
3. Explore distinctive qualities of children's literature, adolescent literature and adult literature.
4. Building more advanced paragraph writing skills, especially introductory paragraphs and concluding paragraphs
5. Forming critical thinking skills and opinions based on textual evidence
6. Arabic and North African folklore and poetry
7. Novel study- *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

Second Quarter

1. Building more advanced paragraph writing skills, especially body paragraphs.
2. Fluency in research, including honesty in writing and proper citations
3. Begin expository writing research paper process
4. Indian folklore and poetry
5. Grammar topics- nouns and verbs
6. Novel Study- *Gandhi: A Manga Biography* by Kazubi Ebine

Third Quarter

1. Conclude expository writing with full research paper, extended writing process and quote blending
2. Epic poetry and qualities of a literary "hero"
3. Celtic, Scandinavian and Norse folklore and poetry
4. Grammar topics- Adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, prepositions and interjections
5. Novel study- *The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien

Fourth Quarter

1. Focus on characterization
2. Civil Rights era poetry, news articles and short stories
3. The study of the impact of other cultures on American life
4. Procedural writing
5. Rhetoric, logical fallacies and advertisement methods
6. Novel Study- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

Studied throughout the year- Tone, mood, literary elements, informational texts interwoven with History, Greek and Latin Root Words, summarizing, paraphrasing and synthesizing texts, analogies, and critical thinking skills