

"American Literature"—Scope and Sequence: Schedule for Topics and Skills

Week	Literature	Creative Expression	Geography
1	types of books; analytic reading	The Common Application—rough draft	
2	How God calls people to Himself; analytic reading	The Common Application—revise	<i>Mediterranean; Middle East; Peru; India; 10-40 Window; South Pacific; Ring of Fire; Europe</i>
3	analytic reading	The Common Application—Word Choice; Unity and Coherence; Leads; Polish	
4	analytic reading; imaginative literature; short stories	The Common Application Essay #1—rough draft, edit, word choice, unity and coherence	
5	<i>The Chosen</i> : religious differences; life reflection	The Common Application Essay #1—edit: eliminate being verbs; passive voice; word choice; eliminate problem sentences	<i>Williamsburg; Crown Heights; Carpathian Mountains; Poland</i>
6	<i>The Chosen</i> : interpersonal relationships; character foils; Jewish Holocaust	A Special Place—brainstorm; outline	<i>Russia; Europe; New York</i>
7	<i>The Chosen</i> : final lessons; how to read plays; play: <i>Our Town</i> ; finding value in daily life	Travel Essay—outline	<i>Middle East; Europe; New Hampshire;</i>
8	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i> : public sin and the community response	Travel Essay—draft	
9	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i> : private sin; guilt; repentance; consequences of; forgiveness	Travel Essay—revision	
10	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i> : forgiveness; temptations; laws; confession	Essay on Community	
11	short stories	Short Writing	
12	philosophy; nonfiction essays; interpreting literature; literary Naturalism; detachment; determinism	Memoir Essay—brainstorm	<i>Ecuador; Amazon River; Galapagos Islands</i>
13	<i>My Ántonia</i> : descriptive writing; coming of age	Memoir—write; edit	<i>Midwest United States; Austria; Ukraine; Rocky Mountains; Norway</i>
14	<i>My Ántonia</i> : descriptive writing; coming of age; finding happiness in life despite its challenges	Memoir—edit	<i>Western and Central United States; Boston; New York City; Florida; Europe</i>
15	<i>Jacob Have I Loved</i> : coming of age	Interview—plan interview and interview someone	<i>East Coast</i>
16	how to read history and biographies; <i>Brave Companions</i> : biographies	Interview—draft	<i>Europe; Central and Eastern United States; South and Central America; Caribbean; Canary Islands; China; India</i>
17	<i>Brave Companions</i> : biographies; <i>Death of a Salesman</i> : play- an example of the destruction sin can cause	Interview—revise	

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18	<i>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> : classic American literature; race and identity in an historical context	Science Paper—determine subjects; outline; research	
19	<i>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> : classic American literature; race and identity in an historical context	Science Paper—draft; revise	
20	<i>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> : classic American literature; race and identity in an historical context	Résumé—objective; assertions; evidence	
21	<i>Up from Slavery</i> : overcoming the setbacks of slavery to become full members of society; work ethic; education; pride in one's work	Résumé—formatting; editing	
22	<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> : snapshot of African American culture in Florida in the early 1900s; application	Review (Movie, etc.)—outline; draft	
23	<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> : snapshot of African American culture in Florida in the early 1900s; application	Review (Movie, etc.)—edit	Florida
24	<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> : snapshot of African American culture in Florida in the early 1900s; application; <i>Evidence Not Seen</i> : missionary biography	Poetry	Florida
25	<i>Evidence Not Seen</i> : missionary biography	Compare and Contrast Paper	
26	<i>A Separate Peace</i> : overcoming internal struggles	Sports Writing	
27	<i>A Separate Peace</i> : overcoming internal struggles	Humor—draft	
28	<i>The Portable Edgar Allan Poe</i> : use this challenging work to grow personally	Humor—edit	Florida; South Carolina
29	<i>The Grapes of Wrath</i> : more personal challenges — inequality, false religion, injustice	Research Paper—select topic and sources	Oklahoma
30	<i>The Grapes of Wrath</i> : more personal challenges—inequality, false religion, injustice	Research Paper—acquire information	Central and South Western United States
31	<i>The Grapes of Wrath</i> : more personal challenges—inequality, false religion, injustice	Research Paper—informational outline	California
32	<i>The Grapes of Wrath</i> : more personal challenges—inequality, false religion, injustice	Research Paper—working outline	Ohio; California; Oklahoma
33	<i>The Grapes of Wrath</i> : more personal challenges—inequality, false religion, injustice; <i>Ender's Game</i> : science fiction	Research Paper—first draft	
34	<i>Ender's Game</i> : science fiction	Research Paper—edit	North Carolina; Florida
35	<i>Outliers</i> : success	Research Paper—final draft	
36	<i>Outliers</i> : success	Final Instruction—letter to Sonlight	

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