TIME	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS	SKILLS	ASSESSMENTS
1 week	 Unit 1: The Great Gatsby Why do we read literature? How does literature reflect society? How do differing genres reflect similar themes? How does analysis deepen understanding? 	 Identify, describe, and compare different genres Explain the importance of audience and purpose Describe the structure of the novel Define and discuss literature Analyze meaning of literature through explication Define, discuss, and explore "society" Define and use literary terms for analysis 	Class discussion – The American Dream and essential questions
1 week	 Unit 2: "A Sad Child" Why do we read literature? How does literature reflect society? How do differing genres reflect similar themes? How does analysis deepen understanding? 	 Review and demonstrate poetry explication Examine style and theme Recognize and demonstrate use of literary terminology 	 Analytical paragraph with thematic sentence Class discussion – setting, characterization, poetry terminology, and essential questions

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1 week	 Unit 3: "Primary Lessons" Why do we read literature? How does literature reflect society? How do differing genres reflect similar themes? How does analysis deepen understanding 	 Review non-fiction style Explicate essay Recognize and demonstrate the use of literary terminology 	Class discussion – point of view, characters, dialogue, theme, and essential questions
1 week	 Unit 4: "Zaabalawi" Why do we read literature? How does literature reflect society? How do differing genres reflect similar themes? How does analysis deepen understanding? 	 Compare and contrast style of genres Explicate, categorize, and analyze texts 	Class discussion of <i>Gatsby</i> in terms of the American Dream and structure
1 week	 Unit 5: "The Infinite One", "Enigmas" Why do we read literature? How does literature reflect society? How do differing genres reflect similar themes? How does analysis deepen understanding? 	 Describe contrast in style of poetry Explicate, categorize, and analyze texts 	 Class discussion – essential questions Analysis paper on choice of text

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1 week	 Unit 6: "The Lesson" Why do we read literature? How does literature reflect society? How do differing genes reflect similar themes? How does analysis deepen understanding? 	Recognize and demonstrate use of literary terminology	 Class discussion – essential questions Blackboard literary terms quiz
1 week	 Unit 7: The Road to Mecca Why do we read literature? How does literature reflect society? How do differing genres reflect similar themes? How does analysis deepen understanding? 	Investigate African writing	Class discussion – essential questions
1 week	 Unit 8: "Death Constant Beyond Love" Why do we read literature? How does literature reflect society? How does analysis deepen understanding? 	Identify and discuss Magic Realism	Class discussion – essential questions

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1 week	Unit 9: "The Moon and the Yew Thee"/ "A Leak in History"	Classify, compare, and contrast genres and styles	 Class discussion – essential questions Chart of similar elements for each text
1 week	Unit 10: "Everything That Rises Must Converge"	Discover and draw conclusions about thematic elements in multiple works	 Class discussion – essential questions Interpret orally