Research

* Students will set up an account on NoodleTools, a citation website that will guide students to cite their sources, avoid plagiarism, and store the source information for future reference.
* Choose one of three topics to complete a short research paper, the focus being to CORRECTLY cite.

Short Stories

* "The Bet" by Anton Chekhov
* "Harrison Bergeron" by Kurt Vonnegut Jr.
* Student choice (group project)

Novel 1

* *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie: A comical personal account of a boy, Jr., growing up poor on an Indian reservation in Spokane, Washington. Though Jr. tells his story rather humorously and with cartoon drawings thrown into the mix, his story is one that many young teenagers can relate to. Jr. is a unique character who strives to make something of himself while still maintaining connection to his roots.

\*This book was on the challenged or banned book list in many areas from 2008-2016 due to the mention of alcohol related deaths, the use of the N word (once) to show the discrimination the narrator faced, and for the narrator’s comparison of how much he loves school and learning to something sexual.

Poetry

* Select poems by Sherman Alexie, read before the novel to introduce his writing style, background, and character/personality.

Nonfiction

Novel 2

* + *To Be a Slave* by Julius Lester: Readers learn about the lives of countless slaves and former slaves, who tell about their forced journeys from Africa to the United States, their work in the fields and houses of their owners, and their passion for freedom.
* “Tales From Many Lands; A Nigerian Folktale”
* “Unchained Memories” (an HBO documentary)
* Clips from the television mini-series *Roots* (1977 and 2016) and *Amistad* (1997)

Novel 3

* *Hiroshima* by John Hersey: A short nonfiction novel about the effects of the atomic bomb in Japan during World War II. The novel focuses on six people’s different, yet similarly tragic experiences before and after the dropping of the atomic bomb, which was dropped by Americans on the city of Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945.
* *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee: A novel about racism, prejudice, friendship, standing up for what is right and learning to accept those who are different. The novel takes place in the Deep South just after the Great Depression and is narrated by an inquisitive and active young narrator named Scout.

Literature Circles (you will choose from the following novels, read independently, complete discussion activities/prompts, and, with your group, present research about the major issue in the book):

* *Go Ask Alice*
* *Lucy in the Sky*
* *Letting Ana Go*
* *Book of David*
* *Calling Maggie May*
* *Jay’s Journal*

\*Students in English 10, will complete **one** independent book project.

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