**Honors English 11**

**Ms. Pettit-Shaheen**

**1st Semester Syllabus**

**2016-2017**

**Unit 1**

**Essential Question: What is “American”?**

**Week 1: Introductions**

**Standards:** W 11.10

August 11-12: Introduction to the course and each other

**Week 2: *The Last American Man***

**Standards:** W 11.1, 4, 9-10; SL 11.1; L 11.1-2, 6

Aug. 15: What are “American” ideals?

Aug. 16-17: Essay Test

Aug. 18-19: Eustace Conway and American Ideals Discussion

**Unit 2**

**Essential Question: What is unique about the founding of America?**

**Week 3: Puritans**

**Standards:** W 11.10; RI 11.1-3, 9

Aug. 22: Introduction to the Puritans

Aug. 23-24: William Bradford’s (1590-1657) *Of Plymouth Plantation*

Aug. 25-26: William Bradford’s *Of Plymouth Plantation*

**Week 4: Puritans**

**Standards:** W 11.10; RL 11.1, 4; RI 11.1-3

Aug. 29: Watch *Colonial House*

Aug. 30-31: Anne Bradstreet (1612-1672), “Upon the Burning of Our House,” “As Weary Pilgrim”

Sept. 1-2: Hannah Duston’s (1657-1737) Captivity Narrative

**Week 5: Puritans**

**Standards:** W 11.10; RI 11.1-2; 4-6

Sept. 5: Labor Day – NO SCHOOL

Sept. 6-7: Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758), “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God”

Sept. 8-9: Jonathan Edwards, “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God”

**Week 6: Founding Fathers and Persuasive Politics**

**Standards:** W 11.10; RI 11.1-3

Sept. 12: Introduction to the Founding Fathers: Age of Reason and a New Republic

Sept. 13-14: Puritan Test

Sept. 15-16: Benjamin Franklin’s (1706-1790) *Autobiography*, excerpts

**Week 7: Founding Fathers and Persuasive Politics**

**Standards:** W 11.10; RI 11.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Sept. 19: Benjamin Franklin’s *Autobiography*, excerpts

Sept. 20-21: Patrick Henry’s (1736-1799) Speech to the Second Virginia Convention

Sept. 22-23: Thomas Paine’s (1737-1809) *The Crisis,* No. 1

**Week 8: Founding Fathers and Persuasive Politics**

**Standards:** W 11. 2, 10; RI 11.1-3,5-6, 7-10; SL 11.2-3

Sept. 26: Thomas Paine’s (1737-1809) *The Crisis,* No. 1; Essay Discussion; Presidential Debate #1

Sept. 27-28: Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), *Declaration of Independence*

Sept. 29-30: Watch and analyze Presidential Debate #1

**Week 9: Founding Fathers and Persuasive Politics**

**Standards:** W 11.2, 4-5, 9-10; RI 11.7-8

Oct. 3: Essay Work Day

Oct. 4: Vice Presidential Debate

Oct. 5: Founding Fathers and Persuasive Politics Assessment

Oct. 6: Founding Fathers and Persuasive Politics Assessment

Oct. 9: 2nd Presidential Debate

**October 10-14: Fall Break**

**Unit 3**

**Essential Question: What is American individualism?**

**Standards:** W 11.10; RI 11. 1-2, 4, 6, 9-10

**Week 10: American Transcendentalism**

Oct. 17: Introduction to Transcendentalism, Romanticism, & Gothicism

Oct. 18-19: Ralph Waldo Emerson’s (1803-1882) “Nature,” excerpts; Unit 2 Essay Due

Oct. 20-21: Emerson’s “Nature,” excerpts

**Week 11: American Transcendentalism**

**Standards:** W 11.10; RI 11. 1-2, 4, 6, 9-10

Oct. 24: Emerson’s “Self-Reliance,” exerpts

Oct. 25-26: Emerson’s “Self-Reliance,” exerpts

Oct. 27-28: Henry David Thoreau’s (1817-1862) *Walden*,excerpts

**Week 12: American Transcendentalism**

**Standards:** W 11.10; RL 11.1-2, 4

Oct. 31: Henry David Thoreau’s (1817-1862) *Walden*,excerpts

Nov. 1-2: Walt Whitman’s (1819-1892) “Song of Myself”

Nov. 3-4: Whitman’s “When Lilacs Last on the Dooryard Bloom’d”

**Week 13: American Transcendentalism**

**Standards:** W 11.2, 4-5, 9-10

Nov. 7: Transcendentalism Project Work Day

Nov. 8-9: Transcendentalism Project Due

Nov. 10-11: Introduction to Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864) & *The Scarlet Letter*

**Unit 4**

**Essential Question: What is American individualism?**

**Week 14: American Romanticism**

**Standards:** W 11.10; RL 11.1-3, 5-6

Nov. 14: *The Scarlet Letter*, “The Custom House”

Nov. 15-16: *The Scarlet Letter*, Ch. 1; Unit 3 Essay due

Nov. 17-18: *The Scarlet Letter*, Ch. 1-3

**Week 15: American Romanticism**

**Standards:** RL 11. 1-3

Nov. 21: *The Scarlet Letter*, Ch. 4-7

Nov. 22: *The Scarlet Letter* Reading Day

Nov. 23-25: THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

**Week 16: American Romanticism**

**Standards:** RL 11.1-4; W 11.10

Nov. 28: *The Scarlet Letter*, Ch. 8-13

Nov. 29-30: *The Scarlet Letter*, Ch. 14-15

Dec. 1-2: *The Scarlet Letter*, Ch. 16-17

**Week 17: American Romanticism**

**Standards:** RL 11.1-3, 5-6; W 11.10

Dec. 5: *The Scarlet Letter*, Ch. 18-21

Dec. 6-7: *The Scarlet Letter*, Ch. 22-24

Dec. 8: *The Scarlet Letter*

**Week 18: American Transcendentalism & Romanticism**

**Standards:** RL 11.2, 9-10; W 11.10

Dec. 12: *The Scarlet Letter*

Dec. 13-14: *The Scarlet Letter* Test

Dec. 15:

Dec. 16: ½ Day for Students