

PARENT A GLANCE

Find out what your child is **learning** and how to **help**.



Subject	English I	English II	English III	English IV	
Ideas students are learning	Content: Understanding Conflict, Change, and Group concepts Novel Unit: <i>Slam!</i>	Content: Understanding Character, Voice, and Growing Up Novel Unit: <i>Speak</i>	Content: Understanding Scapegoats, Tragedy, Individual and Community concepts Novel Unit: <i>The Crucible</i>	Content: Understanding Gender, Status, and Character Novel Unit: <i>Things Fall Apart</i>	
Skills	Literary Skills: Character, metaphor Writing/Communication: Inquiry based writing.	Literary Skills: Character analysis, author's craft Writing/Communication: Character Analysis	Literary Skills: Tragedy, tone, theme Writing/Communication: Comparison/Contrast Essay.	Literary Skills: Transition sentences, fable, symbolism Writing/Communication: Character analysis composition.	
Work and assignments to look for	Narrative composition; Quick Writes and Write Abouts in responses to literature.	Character analysis essay of a dynamic character from the novel.	Analytical comparative essay	Character Analysis	
Questions Parents Can Ask	Are there examples of Quick Writes and Write Abouts? How can we practice these at home?	Should my child be reading other books or literature similar to this novel's themes? How is a character analysis graded? Where can I find strong examples of introduction and paragraphs?	Are there examples of this kind of essay? Is this my child's first time to write this kind of essay? How will this essay be graded?	What novels has my child previously read that deal with fable and symbolism? How often should my child be practicing this kind of writing to be better prepared for college?	
Special Notes	All students will have TAKS formatted assessments and open-ended questions every six weeks.	All students will have TAKS formatted assessments and open-ended questions every six weeks.	All students will have TAKS formatted assessments and open-ended questions every six weeks.	All students will have TAKS formatted assessments and open-ended questions every six weeks.	