

ELA: Pre AP English I

UNIT/Weeks (not consecutive)	Timeline/Topics	Essential Questions
1	<p><u>Author's Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose • Perspective • Tone • Organization • Format • Research Writing-citing text evidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do writers write?
2	<p><u>Argument and Persuasion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of an Argument • Persuasive Techniques • Rhetorical Devices • Analyzing Argument • Writing Argument • Research Writing-paraphrasing vs. summarizing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we influence others? • How do you sell an idea? • How do you promote a cause?
3	<p><u>Arthur's Style: Informational Text</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal Style • Informal Style • Journalistic Style • Diction • Sentence Structure • Tone • Putting it all together: Research Paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is style? • How does an author's style affect the meaning?
4	<p><u>Characterization and Point of View</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrator • First-Person Point of View • Third-Person Point of View • Character Traits • Character Motivation • Writing Literary Criticism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes a character memorable? • How is our impression of a character formed and changed?
5	<p><u>Setting, Mood, and Imagery</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting • Mood • Imagery • Narrative Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can you travel without leaving home?

6	<p><u>Theme, Symbol, Figurative Language and Style</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme • Symbol • Determining varieties of figurative language • Analysis of style • Writing literary analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What messages are timeless? • What is style?
7	<p><u>Shakespearean Drama and Epic Poetry</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakespearean Tragedy • Shakespeare's Language • Reading Shakespeare • Characteristics of the epic poem • The language of Homer • Reading the epic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the ultimate love story? • What is a hero?