

CTW Semester Plan SUBJECT TO REVISION WHENEVER NECESSARY

Week & Date	Topic	Mini-lesson	Choose your words	Author	Support documents
1 9/2	Get progress report Characters: complete list for 4 work w/assigned group to share characters and develop a premise	Set up notebook: -ideas (first 5 pages) -drafts (the rest) -authors (10 from back) -words (5 from back)	Premise protagonist antagonist major/minor characters	Possible source: biography.com Teacher read-aloud:	"I don't know what to write about" T charts
2 9/8		characters		Great books for writing tips and hints: Ralph Fletcher	
3 9/15	Choose your own adventure w/ assigned group -view samples -assign groups -plan and execute due W next week	Finding copyright-free pictures on Google paste URL under pics Plot presentation	Genre plot exposition foreshadowing inciting force conflict rising action climax falling action resolution	Teacher read-aloud:	CTW folder: links to examples, plan sheet, rubric Plot: ppt and jeopardy game
4 9/22	Choose your own adventure [CYOA] w/group M&T -present to class W, TH FR: Reflection on CYOA	Student: google drive How to hyperlink text docs or slides		Adventure authors: Jules Verne J.R.R. Tolkien Louisa May Alcott Jack London Swiss Family Robinson King Authur and the Knights of the Round Table	
5 9/29	CYOA -view student examples from prior years -multiple avenues; some can be dead ends [Alternate: Basic story writing – select genre]	Characters, part 2		Teacher read-aloud:	Tips for Making Better Characters Rubric
6 10/6	Present Independent Choose adventure story Complete reflection QUIZ on plot			Select from Week 3/4 or Modern adventure authors Gary Paulsen Rick Riordan J. K. Rowling	

	vocabulary words				
7 10/13	Mystery -choose fiction or non-fiction research			Teacher read-aloud: Tough Cookie	Mystery nonfiction page and planning sheet
8 10/20	Mystery -continue project		Mystery vocabulary words (basic and/or advanced)	Edgar Alan Poe Alfred Hitchcock Twilight Zone Agatha Christie Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	
9 10/27	Mystery -present final projects -QUIZ on mystery vocabulary	Red Herring – include one if you're writing fictional mystery story		Teacher read-aloud: Secret Knowledge of Grown-ups #2	
10 11/3	Twisted Fairy tales -view/listen to examples begin working on your own			Select from week 7/8 or Modern mystery authors: Jennifer Allison Lilian Jackson Braun Franklin W. Dixon Carolyn Keene Stephen King	Teacher Once Upon a Fairy Tale & resources in iTunes to support book; 3 Little Pigs book, etc.
11 11/10	Record and illustrate your twisted fairy tale			Teacher read-aloud: True Story of the 3 Little Pigs -and/or- Wolf!	http://www.fairytales.biz/authors.html http://www.fairytales.biz/list.html http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_fairy_tales
12 11/17	Finalize and Present twisted fairy tale recordings			Brothers Grimm Aesop Hans Christian Anderson Charles Perrault	
13 11/24	Graphic novels & create your own comic strip			Teacher read-aloud: Bad Kitty goes to School	Bad Kitty book http://marvel.com/games/play/34/create_your_own_comic
14 12/1	Continue graphic short stories			Author study:	

15 12/8	Final projects or credit recovery -work time			Teacher read-aloud:	Final project list All the rubrics
16 12/15	Final projects -work time				
17	Final projects -finalize -begin presentations			Teacher read-aloud:	
18	Present projects Language unit? -MI accent, Japanese, etc. Write final reflection				
	Extras, when time: Language unit Letters of gratitude yearbook advertising talent show?				