



## Welcome to 7<sup>th</sup> grade English: Forging New Connections



### UNITS OF STUDY

Unit	Title	Description	End of Unit Assessment *
1	Identity	Students consider how characters' personal traits shape their actions, thoughts, and decisions. Portfolios are created to track progress. Students annotate text, participate in discussion, and develop notes to explore plot and character development in text. A variety of writing assignments lead to an essay examining how a character gains newfound self-awareness. Students expand their ability to read and respond to visual text by viewing artwork connected to novels, poems, and essays in the unit.	Week of October 26 <sup>th</sup>
2	A Sense of Place	Students explore the subtle connection between place in self in literature and in their own lives. Students examine how setting-physical location, the people with whom we associate, and feelings of belonging-influences character. Students study analytical, argumentative, and creative approaches to writing. Paragraph and essay writing provide opportunities to apply these techniques to their own writing. Discussions provide outlet to refine understanding of the relationship between setting and self.	Week of January 18 <sup>th</sup>
3	Voices from the Past	Unit 3 focuses on what people have endured in other times and places. Focusing on events of the 1940s, WWII in particular, students expand research skills as they investigate problems posed by war and its aftermath. Students write paragraphs and essays that analyze, synthesize, and reflect on contemporary issues as they continue to refine effective writing practices.	Week of March 22 <sup>nd</sup>
4	Imagination	Students examine how imagination stimulates the creative process and deepens our understanding of the real world. This unit affords the first reading of a Shakespeare play, A Midsummer Night's Dream. Students read and perform selected scenes. Preparation for performance involves study of character and theme. Student will view film clips and discuss how Shakespeare creates humor through character, plot, and language.	Week of June 7 <sup>th</sup>

\*Students and parents will receive more information regarding the end of unit assessments and projects in a timely manner before the scheduled assessment.