WORLD LITERATURE & WRITING

Year At a Glance

Six Learning Stages | 36 Weeks of Reading, Reasoning, and Writing

WEEKS 1-6
Ancient Voices & First Claims

READ
Gilgamesh; Genesis; Egyptian and ancient wisdom texts; The Odyssey begins.

LEARN TO
Notice literary details, consider differing ideas, and support claims with evidence.

SHOW YOUR LEARNING
Analytical paragraphs and early writing foundations.

WEEKS 7-12
Homecoming, Conscience & Tragedy

READ
The Odyssey concludes; Sophocles' Antigone (adapted play).

LEARN TO
Examine loyalty, competing duties, character choices, and their consequences.

SHOW YOUR LEARNING
Odyssey analysis; Level 1: OBSERVE essay (Week 12).

WEEKS 13-18
Images, Symbols & New Journeys

READ
The Arabian Nights; Rumi; Li Bai; Dante; Bunyan; Bashō; Shakespeare language-in-performance activity; The Hobbit or Anne of Green Gables begins.

LEARN TO
Interpret imagery and symbols, compare works, and begin tracing a character.

SHOW YOUR LEARNING
Poetry and allegory comparisons; novel Starting Portrait.

WEEKS 19-24
Character Growth & New Perspectives

READ
The Hobbit or Anne of Green Gables concludes; "The Necklace," "The Last Leaf," "The Cabuliwallah," and "The Bet."

LEARN TO
Trace growth and remaining weaknesses; analyze perspectives, irony, and endings.

SHOW YOUR LEARNING
Level 2: DISCERN character analysis (Week 20); short-story responses.

WEEKS 25-30
Culture, Change & Responsibility

READ
Things Fall Apart (complete novel); Man's Search for Meaning (young adult edition) begins.

LEARN TO
Consider individual choices, community differences, outside pressures, and historical context.

SHOW YOUR LEARNING
Level 3: DECIDE literary analysis (Week 28).

WEEKS 31-36
Meaning, Connection & Contribution

READ
Man's Search for Meaning (selected readings) concludes; The Little Prince; Emily Dickinson; Rabindranath Tagore.

LEARN TO
Interpret testimony and symbols; connect insights across literary works.

SHOW YOUR LEARNING
Level 4: CONTRIBUTE final essay and presentation (Week 36).

THE FOUR LEVEL CHALLENGES

WEEK 12	WEEK 20	WEEK 28	WEEK 36
OBSERVE	DISCERN	DECIDE	CONTRIBUTE

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR: The Lively Art of Writing, Grammar Practice, Writing Workshop, and Literature & Ideas Discussions

Quarter boundaries: Weeks 1-9 | 10-18 | 19-27 | 28-36. The six-week stages are an overview, not grading quarters.