



## Senior Facts

“Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.” – Nelson Mandela

People use language to learn, to make sense of the world, to bring order to their experiences, and to communicate with others. The English class should teach students to use language to connect to past experience, to understand the world in which they live, and to anticipate and to predict future possibilities.

Students who are college and career ready in Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening, and Language 1) demonstrate independence, 2) build strong content knowledge, 3) respond to the varying demands of audience, task, purpose, and discipline, 4) comprehend as well as critique, 5) value evidence, 6) use technology and digital media strategically and capably, and 7) come to understand other perspectives and cultures (Common Core State Standards 7).

### Canyons District Curriculum Map Units based on the Common Core State Standards

Unit	Possible Texts	Writing Focus
One – The Power of Words	Various speeches and informational texts, “There will Come Soft Rains,” poems, <i>Night</i>	Argument
Two – Archetypes in Life and Lit	<i>Beowulf</i> , <i>The Iliad</i> , <i>Hamlet</i> , <i>Antigone</i> , and various essays	Informative/Explanatory
Three – The Quest for Utopia	<i>Lord of the Flies</i> , “Harrison Bergeron,” “A Good Man is Hard to Find,” novel excerpts from dystopian novels	Informative/Explanatory
Four – Equity and Disparity	“Harrison Bergeron,” <i>IF the World Were a Village</i> , <i>Night</i> , “Shooting an Elephant,” various news articles	Narrative
Five – Change and Tradition	“The Allegory of the Cave,” “A Rose for Emily,” “The Lottery,” <i>The Help</i> , <i>The Kite Runner</i>	Informative/Explanatory
Six – Transition to Adulthood	<i>Lord of the Flies</i> , <i>Unbroken</i> , <i>The Book Thief</i> , various news articles	Argument

By graduation, students should demonstrate high levels of

- academic interest
- critical thinking skills
- self-motivation
- effective written and oral communication

We look forward to working with the first graduating class at Corner Canyon High School and anticipate a rewarding relationship with our students and their families.