

Jan 28 – March 4 **Self-Improvement and *The Great Gatsby*** **5.5 wks**
 project: self-improvement, the American Dream and advertising
 short pieces: Franklin, Emerson, Fitzgerald
***The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald (fiction)**
 writing: analysis essay, state writing test preparation

March 4 – 20 **Nature Writing and State Writing Test Prep** **2.5 wks**
 short pieces: nonfiction, poetry, excerpts
 writing: targeted writing skills

MARCH 23 – 27 **SPRING BREAK**

March 30 – April 3 **STATE WRITING TEST**

Apr 6 – 24 ***Just Mercy: Conversations about Race in America*** **3 wks**
 nonfiction reading pieces and skills
***Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson (nonfiction)**

April 27 – May 29 **Southern Fiction and *Their Eyes Were Watching God*** **5 wks**
 William Faulkner, Flannery O'Connor, storytelling
***Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston (fiction)**

Semester End **Review:** prepare for cumulative exam

JUNE 1-5: **SEMESTER 2 EXAMS**