



English II Pacing Guide for 2025-2026

*indicates Honors level

Textbook Unit	Texts	Key Reading Standards
Language Standards addressed through Mechanics Instruction That Sticks (M.I.T.S.) units		
Unit 1: Inside the Nightmare	Welcome Back! Policies, procedures, writing and grammar diagnostics Fiction/Short Stories Whispers in the Dark House Taken Over <u>OR</u> Where is Here? Nonfiction/Articles/Artworks What Makes Good People Do Bad Things? Why you should find time to be alone* Overcoming the Fear of Being Alone* The Complexity of Fear The Dream Collector Haunted Images of Abandoned Farm Houses * Poems Beware: Do Not Read This Poem Windigo Selected poems and/or short stories by Poe Novel Lord of the Flies The Haunting of Hill House* Various video clips throughout unit Writing Focus Narrative	Reading Literature RL.KID. 2 RL.KID. 3 RL.CS.5 RL.CS.6 RL.IKI.7 RL.IKI.9 Reading Informational RI.KID.2 RI.KID.3 RI.CS.5 RI.IKI.7 Writing Standard W.TTP.3

Unit 2: Outsiders and Outcasts	Fiction/Short Stories The Doll's House* Veldt Nonfiction/Articles/Artworks Elon Musk's Neuralink Plans to Hook Human Brains Directly to Computers Revenge of the Geeks (argument) Encountering the Other: The Challenge for the 21st Century (lecture)* Poems Fences Elliptical Novels Fiction Small group student choice Writing Focus Argument	Reading Literature RL.KID. 2 RL.KID. 3 RL.CS.6 Reading Informational RI.KID.3 RI.CS.5 RI.CS.6 RI.IKI.8 RI.IKI.9 Writing Standard W.TTP.1
Unit 3: Shaping Our Stories: The Power of Choice and Circumstance Unit 3: All that Glitters*	Fiction/Short Stories The Necklace* Nonfiction/Articles/Artworks Putting Good Deeds In Headlines May Not Be So Good OR The Destinies of Two Men... In Praise of Single Moms on Mother's Day How to talk to veterans about war Hollywood Dreams of Wealth, Youth, and Beauty OR American Dream Faces New Reality* Poems Avarice/The Good Life/Money We Wear the Mask* The Masks That We Wear* Novel <i>The Other Wes Moore</i> OR <i>Gatsby</i>* Various clips throughout the unit Writing Focus Informational	Reading Literature RL.KID. 2 RL.KID. 3 RL.CS.5 RL.CS.6 RL.IKI.7 Reading Informational RI.KID.2 RI.KID.3 RI.CS.5 RI.IKI.7 Writing Focus W.TTP.2

Unit 4: Facing the Future, Confronting the Past	Fiction/Short stories Macbeth Act 1 Act 2 Act 3 Act 4 Act 5 Nonfiction/Articles/Media The Tragedy of Macbeth, Act V, Scene i (L.A. Theatre) The Tragedy of Macbeth, Act V, Scene i (LibriVox) Various clips of scenes throughout unit (RL.IKI.7)	Post EOC standards focus teacher discretion
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