

**Tuckahoe Union Free School District**

English 12 Honors: Man's role in the universe

**Literature Guide**

2012-2013

*\*A minimum of 8 works will be taught during the school year*

**Novels:**

- A LESSON BEFORE DYING – Ernest Gaines
- THE COLOR PURPLE – Alice Walker
- CRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY – Alan Paton
- EAST OF EDEN – John Steinbeck
- SIDDHARTHA – Herman Hesse
- JANE EYRE – Charlotte Bronte

**Plays:**

- HAMLET – William Shakespeare
- FENCES – August Wilson
- A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE – Tennessee Williams

**Poems:**

- BEOWULF (author unknown)
- THE CANTERBURY TALES (three selections)
- "Everything is Plundered" – Anna Akhmatova
- "Testament" – Bei Dao
- "Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night" – Dylan Thomas

*\*A minimum of two pieces of non-fiction will be taught*

**Non-fiction:**

- \* NO EXCUSES – Kyle Maynard
- \* "Defending Nonviolent Resistance" – Mohandas K. Gandhi
- \* "The Rights We Enjoy, The Duties We Owe" from NEW BRITAIN: MY VISION OF A YOUNG COUNTRY – Tony Blair

*\*Will be adding more short stories to the curriculum*

**Short Stories:**

- "The Demon Lover" – Elizabeth Bowen
- "A Shocking Accident" – Graham Greene

**Films:**

- A LESSON BEFORE DYING
- THE COLOR PURPLE
- CRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY
- JANE EYRE
- HAMLET
- A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE

**Writing:**

- Persuasive
- Expository
- Narrative
- Descriptive
- Creative
- Research
- Poetry
- Critical Analysis
- College essay: Each student will receive a packet which gives helpful hints when writing their college essays. Sample essays are included so that students may understand the myriad ways in which to tackle this important part of their college portfolio.

**Vocabulary:**

- Instructed in context from chosen works of literature
- Castle Learning, supplemental