

## The Reader's Journey, Volume 1 Course Syllabus

| Lesson | Title                                   | Primary Readings   |
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| 1      | Identity, Justice, Progress & Zeitgeist | <ul> <li>- "My Name," by Sandra Cisneros, from The House on Mango Street</li> <li>- Emancipation Proclamation</li> <li>- 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the United States Constitution</li> </ul>    |
| 2      | The Literary Canon                      | <ul> <li>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain</li> <li>Emancipation Proclamation</li> <li>13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the United States Constitution</li> </ul>                          |
| 3      | Pre-reading & Characterization          | <ul><li>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain</li><li>"How to Mark a Book" by Mortimer Adler</li></ul>   |
| 4      | Engaging & the Literary Review          | - Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain  |
| 5      | Identity & Memoir                       | <ul> <li>Warriors Don't Cry, by Melba Patillo Beals</li> <li>"The Chicago Defender Sends a Man to Little Rock," by Gwendolyn Brooks</li> <li>The Problem We All Live With, by Norman Rockwell</li> </ul> |





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| 6      | Conflict & Progress                  | <ul> <li>Warriors Don't Cry, by Melba Patillo Beals</li> <li>Uncle Toms's Cabin, by Harriet Beecher Stowe</li> <li>"Black and Blue," by Louis Armstrong</li> <li>"Hope Springs Eternal," by Anna Quindlen</li> </ul> |
| 7      | Family Influences, Setting & Summary | <ul> <li>- "The Copycat Syndrome," by Meghan O'Rourke</li> <li>- To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee</li> </ul>   |
| 8      | Justice & Civic Duty                 | <ul> <li>To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee</li> <li>"The Ballot or the Bullet," by Malcolm X</li> <li>"Making a Fist," by Naomi Shihab Nye</li> </ul>   |
| 9      | Group versus Individual Identity     | <ul> <li>To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee</li> <li>"The Drum Major Instinct," by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</li> </ul>  |
| 10     | Bias, Point of View & Truth          | <ul> <li>To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee</li> <li>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, by Frederick Douglass</li> </ul>   |



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| 11     | Progress & Universal Suffrage    | <ul> <li>To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee</li> <li>"Testimony Before the Credentials Committee," by Fannie Lou Hamer</li> <li>"Declaration of Sentiments," by Elizabeth Cady Stanton</li> <li>United States Declaration of Independence</li> <li>United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights</li> </ul> |
| 12     | Ladies, Leaders & Hypocrisy      | <ul> <li>To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee</li> <li>"[the Cambridge ladies who live in furnished souls]," by ee cummings</li> <li>"Leaders and Revolutionaries," by Doris Kearns Goodwin</li> </ul>   |
| 13     | Zeitgeist & the Economy          | <ul><li>To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee</li><li>"Why I Live at the P.O.," by Eudora Welty</li></ul>   |
| 14     | The Question of Progress, Part 1 | <ul> <li>To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee</li> <li>"Strange Fruit," by Abel Meeropol, sung by Billie Holiday</li> <li>"The Courthouse Ring: Atticus Finch and the Limits of Southern<br/>Liberalism," by Malcolm Gladwell</li> </ul>   |
| 15     | Defined by Dreams                | <ul> <li>A Raisin in the Sun, by Lorraine Hansberry</li> <li>"Harlem: A Dream Deferred," by Langston Hughes</li> </ul>   |





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| 16     | Justice, Power & the American Dream      | <ul> <li>A Raisin in the Sun, by Lorraine Hansberry</li> <li>"The Ballad of the Landlord," by Langston Hughes</li> </ul>                                    |
| 17     | Foreshadowing Tragedy                    | - Night, by Elie Wiesel   |
| 18     | Justice at Home & Abroad                 | - Night, by Elie Wiesel   |
| 19     | Seeking Justice & Progress after Tragedy | <ul> <li>Night, by Elie Wiesel</li> <li>"Praise Song for the Day," by Elizabeth Alexander</li> <li>Nobel Prize acceptance speech, by Elie Wiesel</li> </ul> |
| 20     | The Question of Progress, Part 2         | <ul> <li>- "Address to the Women's Rights Convention," by Sojourner Truth</li> <li>- "I, Too, Sing America," by Langston Hughes</li> </ul>                  |