

Junior High Thematic Planning



| Year 1 | | | |
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| Theme | Language Arts | Religion | Cultural |
| Initiation Teens are passing from childhood to adulthood | -Revolutionary War literature (<i>Johnny Tremain, The Fighting Ground</i>) -Expository writing -Literary structures | -Confirmation preparation/Sacraments study -Scripture study: Origins of the New Testament | - Founding of America - Revolutionary War |
| Balance There are many things to juggle in an adolescent's life; how can we achieve balance? | -Propaganda/Advertisements -Satire -Informative writing/research | -World Religions project -Scripture study: The Gospels (Origins and Parallels) | - Setting up the government - System of checks and balances - Writing of the Constitution |
| Change Adolescents are experiencing physical, emotional, and cognitive changes | -Literature based in Civil War and Reconstruction time period (<i>Frederick Douglass, His Promised Land</i>) -Poetry | -Scripture study: Practical use of the Bible -Seeking Justice | - The Civil War - Industrial Revolution |
| Identity What is the essence of who you are? What can you bring into the world? | -Personal narratives -Plays (<i>Our Town, Death of a Salesman</i>) -20th Century novel projects | All: Making decisions 7th Grade- Becoming leaders 8th Grade- Nesting Doll Project | -20th Century |

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| Year 2 | | | |
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| Theme | Language Arts | Religion | Cultural |
| Journey Searching for purpose and place in community | -Myths/Legends/Fairy Tales -Narrative writing -Odyssey Trip reflections | -Church History -Scripture study: The Pentateuch and Old Testament -Journey of faith | -Fundamental Needs of Humans -Ancient Civilizations - Ancient Rome's and Greek's lasting impact on the world |
| Movement Life is constantly in flux for adolescents as they move towards independence | -Exploration/Renaissance/Middle Ages Literature (<i>Shakespeare, Everyman</i>) -Informative writing/research -Critical analysis - <i>Omnivore's Dilemma, Food Inc.</i> clips - Cooking with students | -Church Reform/Structure of the Church -Scripture study: Historical Books -Personal relationships | - Feudalism - Dark Ages - Renaissance |
| Adversity Seeking to overcome obstacles and achieve valorization | -French Revolution/Reform literature -Persuasive writing -Speeches | -Scripture study: Psalms and Proverbs -Dealing with adversity | -Industrial Revolution -French Revolution |
| Transformation Growth and emergence of purpose | -20th Century literature -Memoirs -Creative writing | All: Morality 7th Grade- Becoming leaders 8th Grade- Nesting Doll Project | - 20th Century world conflicts - Scarcity of global resources - Markets |