January 2011 Agenda American Themes in Literature Ms. Robbins – M117

Tu., 1/11 C	1.	nouns: proper, common, collective, plural and possessive – review page 97 and complete the exercises on pages 98, 99, 100 and 101	HW: none
Wed., 1/12 A Th., 1/13 B	1. 2.	WOTD pronouns: nominative, objective and possessive – review pages 101-103 and complete the exercise on page 104 News Article #7	HW: Print and complete the Pronouns Practice , due 1/14 and 1/18.
Fri., 1/14 A Tu., 1/18 B	1. 2. 3. 4.	WOTD verbs – review pages 108-112 and complete the exercises on pages 110 and 112 prepositions - review pages 119-121 and complete the exercise on pages 121-122 prepositional phrases	HW: Print and complete the Prepositions Practice , due 1/19 and 1/20.
Wed., 1/19 A (LS) Th., 1/20 B	 2. 	adjectives: adjectives that compare, proper adjectives and articles – review pages 112-116 and complete the exercises on pages 113-114, 115 and 116 grammar review for period 6	HW: Print and complete the Adjectives Practice , due 1/21 and 1/24.
Fri., 1/21 A Mon., 1/24 B	1. 2. 3.	WOTD adverbs: adverbs that compare and negative words as adverbs – review pages 116-119 and complete the exercises on pages 118 and 119 News Article #8	HW: Print and complete the Adverbs Practice , due 1/25 and 1/26.
Tu., 1/25 A Wed., 1/26 B (Ls)	1. 2. 3.	WOTD review appositives – review pages 148-149 grammar review for periods 1, 3, 5 and 7	HW: Have you finished Vocabulary Unit #6?
Th., 1/27 A Fri., 1/28 B	1. 2. 3.	WOTD verbals and verbal phrases – read page 150 participles and participial phrases – review pages 150-151 and complete the exercises on pages 151-152 News Article #9	HW: Study for the Vocabulary Unit #6 Test. Vocabulary Unit #6 is due on 1/31 and 2/1.
Mon., 1/31 A Tu., 2/1 B	1. 2. 3.	Vocabulary Unit #6 due at beginning of class Vocabulary Unit #6 Test gerunds and gerund phrases – review pages 152- 153 and complete the exercise on page 153 grammar review	HW: Print and complete the Verbal Practice Part I , due 2/2 and 2/3.

Important Reminders:

1. For all of the grammar lessons listed above, we will use the blue *Grammar and Composition Handbook*. **The homework assignments can be found on the Grammar page of my website.**

- 2. The grammar assignments and corresponding page numbers are all listed above, so even if you are absent, you should submit the missed work on your first day back to class. As second-semester juniors, be responsible and check your monthly agenda or write the assignments in your planner.
- 3. Students are expected to demonstrate their knowledge of correct grammar, spelling and punctuation when they write the research paper this semester.
- 4. The end of the six-week grading period is Friday, February 18, 2011 (A).
- 5. The spiral notebooks will be graded during the week of February 7, 2011. If you do not finish your entries during class, you should come to my class before school to complete your responses. The spiral notebooks should remain in class so that you will not lose or forget them on the due date.
- 6. We will begin the research paper during the month of February. All juniors at VMHS are expected to research, revise and type a correctly-formatted MLA paper. Students will be provided a list of topics from which to choose. Students will have class time to research and they will be expected to research at home as well.
- 7. **Students will take a grammar test during the month of February**. You will be assessed on your knowledge of the following grammar elements:
- a. nouns
- b. pronouns
- c. verbs
- d. prepositions and prepositional phrases
- e. adjectives
- f. adverbs
- g. appositives
- h. verbals (which include participles and participial phrases, gerunds and gerund phrases and infinitives and infinitive phrases) *NOTE We will review infinitives and infinitive phrases the first week of February 2011.