

## **Reading, Prep Year**

During each quarter of the school year, a different form of literature is studied. First quarter is dedicated to the study of the short story; focusing on science fiction, fantasy, and horror, as well as historical fiction. For the second quarter, the students study different types of poetry, including narrative, lyric, free verse, limerick, haiku, concrete, as well as others. During the third quarter, the students focus first on non-fiction works, but then change direction and study folk tales, tall tales, myths, and legends. These are primarily from America and Africa (to connect to what they are studying in history). The fourth quarter is split between studying the novel, first; and secondly, drama, focusing on reading one and two act plays. Throughout the entire year, students are expected to learn the vocabulary words and the literary terms that are encountered in each “unit.” Not only do the students read and discuss the literature, but are also expected to write in the different genres.

### **Course Goals**

The students will be able to appropriately

- define,
- analyze,
- discuss and
- write in and about various forms of literature

The students will be able to understand and use

- vocabulary words
- Literary terms that pertain to the above mentioned literature.