**Friday, December 19**  
Opener: poetry response to *Rabbit-Proof Fence*; White Elephant gift exchange; read aloud; current event; SIRP.  
**Homework: Read. Also, the History Test and ISN call for Chapters 11 and 12 will probably be on Friday, January 9.**  
  
  
  
  
**Thursday, December 18**  
Opener: geography scramble for Australia; background on Australian history, geography, and the rabbit-proof fence; film of *Rabbit-Proof Fence;* locker and desk cleaning; read aloud.  
**Homework: Just remember your White Elephant gift for tomorrow.**  
  
  
  
  
**Wednesday, December 17**  
Opener: Word Wizard practice; speeches; Geography Bee written section; time in Computer Lab to revise poems and print, print Fall Current Event with MLA citation (if forgotten when given), and print Works Cited list for speech.  
**Homework: Make time to read. Make sure your work is all handed in before Break (check Synergy). Bring White Elephant for Friday. Make sure your poem is typed, revised, and printed for Friday.**  
  
  
  
  
**Tuesday, December 16**  
Opener: claim and evidence statements about The Night Gardner; *Zlateh the Goat*for setting/sensory descriptions and claim and evidence; poetry revision strategies; lab time for poetry revision; read aloud; Word Wizard; SIRP.  
**Homework: Your Works Cited list is due tomorrow. Bring your gift for Friday.**

**Monday, December 15**  
Opener: journal; speeches; mentor text analysis for "I Was Raised by..." poem; work time for poem drafting; "Daybreak in Alabama" activity for line breaks, enjambment, and sensory details; current event sign up for winter; read aloud; current event: SIRP.  
**Homework: See Friday.**  
  
  
**Friday, December 12**  
Opener: sentence corrections (conventions); speeches; *The Circuit*"Moving Still"; sharing of Hebrew scrolls in small groups; read aloud; current event; SIRP.  
**Homework: Check Synergy for missing work. Midterms due Tuesday. Make sure your speech and Works Cited list are ready. Remember a White Elephant gift worth less than $5 for Friday, December 19.**  
  
  
**Thursday, December 11**  
Opener: Geography Scramble for Europe; speeches; *The Circuit:* "Learning the Game," group jigsaw project: making scrolls for Abraham, Moses, David and Solomon; read aloud; current event; scroll work time; *The Circuit:* "To Have and To Hold."  
**Homework; See Monday. Don't forget your Works Cited list, due next Wednesday.**  
  
  
  
  
  
**Wednesday, December 10**  
Opener: compound sentences; speeches; *The Circuit* "The Circuit"; introduction to Origins of Judaism (Chapter 11).  
**Homework: See Monday.**  
  
  
  
  
**Tuesday, December 9**  
Opener: Word Wizard practice; *The Circuit*: "Cotton Sack"*;*more forgiveness poetry samples (e.g., Daniel Beaty's slam "Knock Knock" and William Carlos Williams "This is Just to Say"); drafting time for forgiveness poem; review of speech scoring guide; notecards and speech practice time; read aloud; Current Event; SIRP.  
**Homework: See Monday.**  
  
  
  
  
**Monday, December 8**  
Opener: journal; Novel Project sharing; The Circuit:  *Death Forgiven;*sample forgiveness poems (e.g., Lucille Clifton's "Forgiving My Father"); mini-lesson on hooks, conclusions, and transitions in speeches; speech work time; read aloud; Word Wizard; SIRP.  
**Homework: Read. Prepare your speech and Works Cited list. Remember the White Elephant gift exchange on Friday, December 19. Midterms are due on Tuesday, December 16 (are you missing any work?).**  
  
  
  
**Friday, December 5**  
Opener: Wild Card: ode topics and counterarguments; speech schedule sign up; ode samples and work time to write odes; mini-lessons on counterargument and source citations in speeches; short lab work time for speeches; read aloud; current event; SIRP.  
**Homework: Read. Think about your speech. Remember we will do a White Elephant-style gift exchange on Friday, December 19.**  
  
  
  
  
**Thursday, December 4**  
Opener: Geography Scramble for the Middle East; History Test; *The Circuit*"A Christmas Gift" + journal response + short video featuring the author; read aloud; mini-lessons on using OSLIS.org for Works Cited and graphic organizer to plan persuasive speech; lab work time for researching speeches.  
**Homework: Novel Project due tomorrow. Read.**  
  
  
  
  
**Wednesday, December 3**  
Opener: Word Wizard practice; history test review; Computer Lab time for reflecting on and writing about the revision process for the justice narrative and for brainstorming a speech topic.  
**Homework: Study for tomorrow's history test. Finish your Novel Project (due Friday). Read.**  
  
  
  
**Tuesday, December 2**  
Opener: conventions; Ancient Kush visual discovery and reading (10.4-10.5) and Processing; *The Circuit* "Miracle in Tent City and El Angel de Oro" with journal notes; read aloud; Word Wizard quiz; SIRP.  
**Homework: See Monday.**  
  
  
  
 **Monday, December 1**  
Opener: journal; Ancient Kush reading, visual discovery and role play (10.1-10.3); *The Circuit*; "Inside Out" with journal notes; introduction to speech task; read aloud; current event; SIRP.  
**Homework: Read. Word Wizard quiz and packet due tomorrow; justice narrative due Wednesday; history test Thursday; Novel Project due Friday.**