**Friday, January 30**  
Teacher Planning Day.  
  
  
  
  
**Thursday, January 29**  
Opener: Word Wizard practice; Novel Journals; mandalas; Novel Group.  
**Homework: See Wednesday.**  
  
 **Wednesday, January 28**  
Opener: conventions for there/their/they're, commas, and apostrophes; Current Event; Aesop's fables for theme; read aloud; Spelling Bee; mandalas on vinyl LPs.  
**Homework: Polished literary essay due Monday (wait for my comments first). Read.**  
  
  
  
  
**Tuesday, January 27**  
Opener: geography scramble to highlight desertification; History Test; "The Third Wish" by Joan Aiken for conflict/types of conflict/plot elements/theme; Spelling Bee written "test"; read aloud; Word Wizard; Current Event; SIRP.  
**Homework: Read. Grade book closes for second quarter on Thursday.**  
  
  
  
  
**Monday, January 26**  
Opener: journal; history test review; "Rikki Tikki Tavi" by Rudyard Kipling for plot map and plot elements; close reading activity for evidence related to whether or not Rikki Tikki is justified in his arrogance/pride and the end of the story; read aloud; Current Events; SIRP.  
**Homework: Study for history test. Read.**  
  
  
 **Friday, January 23**  
Opener: Central idea and details on Hinduism; Hinduism mandalas + time to finish notes and work on Asia study map; central ideas/details with reading on Loch Ness Monster; read aloud; Current Event; SIRP.  
**Homework: See Wednesday.**  
  
  
  
  
**Thursday, January 22**  
Opener: Word Wizard practice; Hinduism introduction; Novel Journals; Novel Groups; read aloud; Hinduism reading, visual discovery, and note-taking; Current Event.  
**Homework: See Wednesday.**  
  
 **Wednesday, January 21**  
Opener: geography scramble for countries bordering India; Pete the Cat; began new read aloud (*Saving Lucas Biggs)*; peer editing groups for literary papers.  
**Homework: Read. Polish literary essay for adult edit to share by Monday, January 26.**  
**India 1 test on Tuesday, January 27 (geography, Mohenjodaro, Hinduism). ISN due for Chapters 13-15 on Tuesday, January 27. Request donation from family for Auction Project.**

**Tuesday, January 20**  
Opener: journal; Mohenjodaro Stations and visual summary; literary essay model; self-edit opportunity in the Computer Lab; read aloud; Word Wizard; SIRP.  
**Homework. Read. Second draft of literary essay due tomorrow for peer edit groups. India 1 test on Tuesday, January 27 (geography, Mohenjodaro, Hinduism). ISN due for Chapters 13-15 on Tuesday, January 27. Request donation from family for Auction Project.**  
  
  
  
**Monday, January 19**  
No school due to MLK Holiday.

**Friday, January 16**  
Opener: sentence correction/MLK day reflection; excavating Mohenjodaro/Chapter 14 History Alive; mini-lesson on conclusions for literary essays; lab work time for essays; read aloud; Current Event: SIRP.  
**Homework: Read. Honor MLK. Have a rough draft of your literary essay on Tuesday.**  
  
  
  
  
**Thursday, January 15**  
Opener: compound sentences; pretend real estate ads for geographic features of India; preview of Mohenjodaro lesson (interpretation of artifact); novel journals; novel group; read aloud; mini-lesson on parenthetical citations for poetry; reminders about essay outline and MEAL Plan for body paragraphs; use of forward slash to show line breaks in poetry; work time in the Computer Lab for literary essay.  
**Homework: See Tuesday.**  
  
  
**Wednesday, January 14**  
Opener: sentence correction; finished visual discovery/reading activity on geographic features and early settlement in ancient india; updated table of contents in Writers' Notebook; mini-lesson on using the MEAL Plan (Main idea, Evidence, Analysis, Link) to craft body paragraphs in a literary essay; work time for literary essays.  
**Homework: See Tuesday.**  
  
  
**Tuesday, January 13**  
Opener: Word Wizard practice; geography and settlement of ancient India (13.1-13.5); [Black History 101 Mobile Museum](http://www.blackhistory101mobilemuseum.com/) tour (in school library); read aloud; Word Wizard quiz; SIRP.  
**Homework: Read. First draft of literary essay due on Tuesday, January 19. Be 1/4 through novel for Thursday.**  
  
  
**Monday, January 12**  
Opener: journal; Geography Challenge for ancient India; claim statements (thesis) for literary essay; hooks and introductory paragraphs; read aloud; Current Event; SIRP.  
**Homework: Read. WW quiz tomorrow. First draft of literary essay due on Tuesday, January 19. Be 1/4 through novel for Thursday.**  
  
  
  
  
**Friday, January 9**  
Opener:  Word Wizard practice; history test; graphic organizer for poetry essay; novel distribution and schedule; read aloud; current event; SIRP.  
**Homework: Read. WW quiz and packet due Tuesday.**  
  
  
  
  
**Thursday, January 8**  
Opener: Asia geography scramble; finished reading bridge and fence poems; began work on graphic organizer for literary paper; novel previews; read aloud; timeline for history; history review; SIRP and work time.  
**Homework: History Test and ISN due tomorrow for Chapter 11 and 12.**  
  
  
  
**Wednesday, January 7**  
Opener: sentence correction (commas); History Alive Chapter 12.4 and current event related to Jews and Judaism selection and reading; reading of poetry about bridges, walls, and fences in preparation for literary paper/learning of poetic terms.  
**Homework: See Monday, but add the Word Wizard quiz is on Tuesday, January 13 (and packet due).**  
  
  
  
  
**Tuesday, January 6**  
Opener: facts about Abraham, Moses, David and Solomon; experiential activity about the Jewish Diaspora; History Alive Chapter 12.1-12.3; reading of poetry about bridges, walls, and fences; read aloud; Word Wizard; SIRP.  
**Homework: See Monday.**  
  
  
  
  
**Monday, January 5**  
Opener: journal; Janus/god of doors and gates/January/metaphor discussion; bridges and fences as metaphors discussion (connection to "Soul Spans" and*Rabbit-Proof Fence;*Geography Bee; claims and evidence work with penguin rescue paired text in Scope; read aloud; Current Events; SIRP.  
**Homework: Read. Check Synergy for missing work. History Test on Friday, January 9 (ISN also due for Chapters 11 and 12).**