**Tuesday, March 31**  
Opener: geography scramble: islands in the Indian Ocean; act-it-outs about the rule of Qin Shihuangdu; work sample work time; read aloud; Word Wizard; SIRP.  
**Homework: See Monday.**  
  
  
 **Monday, March 30**  
Opener: journal; introduction to water work sample (video, infographic, World Water Day); work sample time: source reading; finished Chapter 22 on Emperor Qin with art annotations; read aloud; Current Event; SIRP.  
**Homework: Read. Persuasive essay final draft due Wednesday. Check Synergy fore late work. Gradebook closes Monday, April 6.**  
  
  
**Monday, March 23-Friday, March 27**  
Spring Break.  
  
  
  
**Friday, March 20**  
Opener: spring drawing; peer editing; film *The First Emperor*with alphaboxes; read aloud; Current Event;  SIRP.  
**Homework: Adult edit draft due by Monday, March 30. Novel Journal due March 30. Check Synergy for missing work.**  
  
  
 **Thursday, March 19**  
Opener: Conventions (commas, hyphen, dash); persuasive essay self edit; Novel Journals; Novel Group; read aloud; Current Event; introduction to Qin Dynasty and Qin Shihuangdi; more time for persuasive papers.  
**Homework: Second draft of persuasive essay due tomorrow for peer editing.**  
**Novel project due Friday, March 20. Last day to hand in Novel Journal is Monday, March 30.**  
  
  
**Wednesday, March 18**  
Opener: Word Wizard practice; read aloud; History Test; Current Event.  
**Homework: Persuasive first draft due by class time on Thursday, March 19. Finish novel for Thursday, March 19. Novel project due Friday, March 20. Last day to hand in Novel Journal is Monday, March 30.**  
 **Tuesday, March 17**  
Opener: Geography Scramble for countries bordering China and the physical features that form these borders; history test review; mini-lesson on using text evidence; lab time for persuasive essay drafting; read aloud; Word Wizard; SIRP.  
**Homework: History test tomorrow + ISN due for Chapters 19-21. Persuasive first draft due by class time on Thursday, March 19. Finish novel for Thursday, March 19. Novel project due Friday, March 20. Last day to hand in Novel Journal is Monday, March 30.**  
  
  
 **Monday, March 16**  
Opener: journal; Chinese Couplets and watercolor illustrations; mini-lesson reminder of using the MEAL Plan for persuasive body paragraphs; lab time to work on persuasive essay; read aloud; Current Event; SIRP.  
**Homework: Make sure you do and hand in your (late) SBAC homework. Read your novel so you're done for group on Thursday, March 19. Study for Wednesday's history test and make sure your ISN is complete for the Geography Challenge and Chapters 19-21. Draft of persuasive essay is due Wednesday, but I will not have time to check them until Thursday.**

**Friday, March 13**  
Opener: Chinese Couplets; Chinese Garden and Japanese American Historical Plaza field trip.  
**Homework: See yesterday's list.**  
  
  
  
  
**Thursday, March 12**  
Opener: journal; Chinese Couplets; themes for photography in the Chinese Garden; Novel Journal; Novel Groups; read aloud; current event; Daoism and Legalism (Chapter 21.4 and 21.5); hooks for persuasive essays.  
**Homework: SBAC Homework due Monday, March 16. History Test and ISN due on Wednesday, March 18. Finish Novel by Thursday, March 19. Novel Project due Friday, March 20. Draft of persuasive essay by Wednesday, but no need to work on this at home over the weekend (will do in class next week).**  
  
  
**Wednesday, March 11**  
Opener: claim statements; Zhou Dynasty/Mandate of Heaven/Feudalism/  
Warring States Period; Confucianism (Chapter 21.1-21.3); work time for essay planning.  
**Homework: Make sure you are 3/4 through your novel for tomorrow and that you have a complete plan for your persuasive essay. For other projects, see the list from Thursday, March 5.**  
  
  
 **Tuesday, March 10**  
Opener: geography scramble for Southern Hemisphere; review of Shang Dynasty; introduction to Chinese philosophies; mentor text on structure for persuasive writing (opposing viewpoints on sugary drinks); persuasive planner for claim statement and topic sentences; read aloud (new book *Echo*by Pam Munoz Ryan); Word Wizard quiz; SIRP.  
**Homework: See yesterday.**  
  
  
 **Monday, March 9**  
Opener: journal; Shang Dynasty "excavation"; mentor text for persuasive essay: what "moves" do the writers make in their essays to create a strong persuasive piece?; read aloud; Current Event: SIRP.  
**Homework: Please still see list from Thursday, March 5. You might want to add that the first draft of the persuasive essay is due on Wednesday, March 18.**  
  
  
 **Friday, March 6**  
Opener: geographic regions of China illustration; finish Chapter 19 notes, including scroll picture of two geographic regions; introduction to Shang Dynasty; text-based evidence for persuasive writing; lab time for printing and SBAC practice; read aloud; Current Event; SIRP.  
**Homework: See Thursday list.**  
 **Thursday, March 5**  
Opener: Conventions for commas, dialogue, awhile vs. a while; Novel Journal; SBAC Practice Homework introduction; lab opportunity for printing persona poems and SBAC Practice; Novel Groups; read aloud; Current Event; SIRP.  
**Homework (note complete and revised list):**  
**1. Read.**  
**2. 3/4 of novel for next Thursday.**  
**3. Final persona poem due tomorrow (Friday, March 6) with Works Cited list.**  
**4. Novel Project due Friday, March 20.**  
**5. Word Wizard Quiz and packet due on Tuesday, March 10.**  
**6.**[**SBAC practice sheet**](https://docs.google.com/a/apps4pps.net/document/d/1-UuhjVDvN8pFL_Fn4PmwKs2UQK7dbXqaQncwevxxtBI/edit?usp=sharing)**due Monday, March 16.  Here is a link to the**[**Practice Portal.**](http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/) **7. Permission Slip due Wednesday, March 11.**  
  
  
  
  
**Wednesday, March 4**  
Opener: Word Wizard practice; group activity on making inferences on settlement in ancient China based on map posters; also finished reading and notes for Chapter 15; read aloud; Current Event; SIRP.  
**Homework: See Monday.**  
  
  
  
  
**Tuesday, March 3**  
Opener: geography scramble for island nations of Asia; Booker T. Washington video, biography and poem to practice text-based writing from multiple sources; finished group activity on China geography posters; read aloud; Word Wizard; Current Event; SIRP.  
**Homework: See Monday.**  
   
  
  
**Monday, March 2**  
Opener: journal; China geography activity (elevation maps and posters in small groups); persona poems peer editing; read aloud; Current Event; SIRP.  
**Homework: Read. Persona Poem due Friday (with Works Cited list). Novel Project due Friday, March 20 (new date!!). 1/2 of novel for Thursday. Word Wizard quiz Tuesday, March 10.**