**Friday, March 22**

Opener: the importance of commas in messages such as slow children at play; History Test; *Mulan*.

**Homework: As long as you are caught up, the only homework over Spring Break is to read and complete one reading log. Have fun and be safe. See you on April 1.**

**Thursday, March 21**

Opener: Chinese history fact sentences; original, translated text of "Mulan"; Current Event; History Test Review; began watching Disney's *Mulan*.

**Homework: complete ISN and study for tomorrow's history test.**

**Wednesday, March 20**

Opener: grammar and punctuation (commas, homophones); Word Power Quiz; work time for Word Power, folktale grid, and ISN; read aloud; Chapter 19.3-19.4 and Processing in History Alive.

**Homework: complete ISN and study for history test.**

**Tuesday, March 19**

Opener: vocabulary; Current Events; folktale exploration, continued; read aloud; Chapter 19.1-19.2 (foreign policy in Imperial China.

**Homework: study for Word Power quiz; study for history test and complete ISN; complete late work.**

**Monday, March 18**

Opener: vocabulary; SIRP; last speech; folktale exploration (China, Japan, Central and South America); read aloud; finish Chapter 18 history.

**Homework: study for Word Power quiz; study for history test and complete ISN; complete late work.**

**Friday, March 15**

Opener: vocabulary; novel project sharing; SIRP; speeches; read aloud; work time for Chinese Inventions and Discoveries (Chapter 18).

**Homework:  Word Power sheets due and quiz on Wednesday, March 20. China Test and ISN due Friday, March 22. Reading log due Mondays. Take care of your late work (for reduced credit) before Spring Break.**

**Thursday, March 14**

Opener: vocabulary; speeches; Inventions and Discoveries during Imperial China (Chapter 18).

**Homework: finish your expository speech or paper; get feedback; do your Works Cited list; finish your Novel Project.  All are due on Friday, March 15.**

**Wednesday, March 13**

Opener: vocabulary; Word Power; SIRP; speeches; "Ameratasu" for plot and character maps; read aloud; Act-It-Out for China's economic development (agriculture; trade and commerce; urbanization; cause-and-effect diagram.

**Homework: finish your expository speech or paper; get feedback; do your Works Cited list; finish your Novel Project.  All are due on Friday, March 15.**

**Tuesday, March 12**

Opener: vocabulary; Current Events; speeches; "The Golden Reed Pipe" for plot map and connections; "Abiyoyo," read aloud; economic development in Imperial China (Ch. 17.3-17.4 + art connections).

**Homework: finish your expository speech or paper; get feedback; do your Works Cited list; finish your Novel Project.  All are due on Friday, March 15.**

**Monday, March 11**

Opener: journal; SIRP; "Why the Sky is Far from Earth" for motif and cause/effect; kente cloth work time; read aloud; economic development during Imperial China (Ch. 17.1-17.2 + art analysis).

**Homework: finish your expository speech or paper; get feedback; do your Works Cited list.**

**Friday, March 8**

Opener: vocabulary; SIRP; "A Cow of No Color" for theme; kente cloth art; read aloud; finish Chapter 16 (16.6 + processing)**.**

**Homework: Novel Journal due Monday, March 11. Expository speech or paper, feedback forms, and Works Cited list due Friday, March 15. Reading log due Monday.**

**Thursday, March 7**

Opener: vocabulary; Current Events; feedback sheets distributed and explained; speeches scheduled; OAKS and writing + quiet work time; read aloud; Political Developments in Imperial China (16.3-16.5).

**Homework: Novel Journal due Monday, March 11. Winter Novel Project due Friday, March 15. Expository Essay or Speech (with feedback sheets and Works Cited lists) due Friday, March 15.**

**Wednesday, March 6**

Opener: vocabulary; Word Power; Novel Journal; Novel Group; read aloud; OAKS and Writing Work Sample finish time. Some students worked in small groups on the auction project.

**Homework: Novel Journal due Monday, March 11. Winter Novel Project due Friday, March 15. Expository Essay or Speech (with feedback sheets and Works Cited lists) due Friday, March 15.**

**Tuesday, March 5**

Opener: vocabulary; Current Events; Political Developments in Imperial China (Ch. 16.1-16.2 + experiential exercise on scholars, foreigners and aristocrats); read aloud; OAKS and writing sample time. Some students, with completed tests, worked on the auction project.

**Homework: finish your novel; work on your speech note cards or expository draft.**

**Monday, March 4**

Opener: journal; test tips; SIRP; Writing Work

Sample; read aloud; OAKS testing.

**Homework: work on draft of expository paper or note cards; finish novel for Wednesday.**

**Friday, March 1**

Opener: vocabulary; Geography Challenge and SIRP; Writing Work Sample/Direct Writing Assessment; read aloud (newly started *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry); work time in Computer Lab for expository drafts and Works Cited lists.

**Homework:  Late work must be done or made up by Monday for midterms; remember your reading log; work on your expository paper and/or Novel Project.**