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Prose	<i>O Pioneers!</i> by Willa Cather	http://www.pagebypagebooks.com/Willa_Cather/O_Pioneers/ - available for free various bookstores & libraries Available for free on Amazon.com for e-readers or to read on a computer Free audiobooks and e-books are also available through iTunes.	Keep a dialectical journal as you read. You should have at least 20 entries and they should come from throughout the novel. Submit your dialectical journal entries via Edmodo*. If you are unfamiliar with dialectical journals, see the following websites which give examples and clarification: * http://www.everett.k12.ma.us/summer/docs/summerjournal.pdf * www.svusd.org/hp_images/4728/D17854-DialJournalDirections.doc * or e-mail Mr. McAdams or Ms. Padilla for clarification
Poetry	Focus on Walt Whitman & Ted Kooser		
	"Pioneers! O Pioneers!" "The Great Grandparents" "Spring Plowing" "So This is Nebraska"	http://www.daypoems.net/poems/1969.html http://classiclit.about.com/library/bl-etexts/wwhitman/bl-ww-pioneer.htm http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hWeTaL4ovI (audio & words) Check out Ted Kooser's website - http://tedkooser.net/ All of the poems are available on this website, both the transcript of the words and an audio version, with some background notes.	Write at least three dialectical journal entries for each poem. Pay particular attention to literary elements such as form, structure, imagery, diction, meter, and other literary devices Submit your dialectical journal entries via Edmodo*. There will be a place to upload them. Bloomington High School – Mr. McAdams & Ms. Padilla

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Art – Visual Text	“American Gothic”	http://www.wapellocounty.org/americangothic/ Read the information contained on this webpage: http://www.wapellocounty.org/americangothic/educate/ag.htm	Examine Grant Wood’s “American Gothic.” Write and post on Edmodo* your responses to the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What connections do you see among the novel, poems, and painting in this summer’s assignment?- In what way is the pioneer spirit relevant in today’s world? In what way are you a pioneer?
Finding out about the AP English Lit exam	Take the diagnostic AP English Literature Exam (multiple choice portion) that is found at http://testprep.sparknotes.com/testcenter/ap/englishlit/ . Print a copy of your results. Then write a one-half to one-page reflection about this experience and your results. Consider the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What does this test reveal about your current strengths and weaknesses with regard to the multiple choice portion of the AP English Literature exam?• Which questions (or types of questions) were the most difficult for you? Which were the easiest? You can upload these documents via Edmodo* or turn them in on the first day of class.		
Discussion & Processing	Participate in the discussion questions posted on Edmodo*. There will be a series of questions posted by June 1. Your assignment is to respond to at least one question with an original post (your response to a question). Also, respond to at least two classmates’ posts.		
Notes & Reminders			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be prepared to discuss the texts on the first day of school; all assignments are also due via Edmodo by the first day of school, August 6, 2012.• Have questions? Feel free to e-mail Mr. McAdams at ndmac@yahoo.com or Ms. Padilla at Lisa_Padilla@cjuds.net			

***An important first step: Join the AP English Literature & Composition Class of 2013 group.**

1. Go to www.edmodo.com
2. If you don’t already have an account, create one.
3. You’ll need our group code to join the class: **06cus6**
4. This group will be a place to submit your assignments, contribute to discussions, and ask questions. Check it regularly.
 If you are interested, there are iPhone and Android apps for Edmodo, and you can configure the settings to alert you when new assignments or comments are posted.
 You will also find a variety of resources on the Edmodo site.