Subject: English IV
Grade Level: 12th
Unit Title: Conformity vs. Individualism/Acceptance of role in society

Timeframe Needed for Completion: 4 weeks

Grading Period: TBD

Big Idea/Theme:

Rites of Passage—becoming a member of society

**Understandings:** Individual needs are often superseded by the needs of society. We are responsible for ourselves and for others. Actions by the individual have an impact on others. Propaganda is a tool used to influence others and can be used negatively or constructively. The use of force is prevalent in curtailing individualism and insubordination.

### **Essential Questions:**

- 1. Is there a price to pay if you to lay aside individual differences and cooperate?
- 2. What are the consequences of individuality?
- 3. Are we responsible more to ourselves or to others?
- 4. What is the basis for authority/should we respect all "authority"?
- 5. What is the effect of not meeting responsibility?
- 6. Is it our responsibility to take an active role in the affairs of our country? Is it our country's responsibility to be involved in the affairs of other countries?
- 7. Does an individual code of ethics replace societal rules?
- 8. What is the basis for authority/should we respect all "authority"?

# **Curriculum Goals/Objectives** (to be assessed at the end of the unit/quarter)

- 1.01 Compose reflective texts
- 1.02 Respond to texts
- 1.03 Read, listen to, and view a variety of texts on a literary focus
- 2.01 Process and comprehend texts that explain principles and concepts at work in the world
- 2.02 Analyze principles at work in life and literature
- 2.03 Compose texts that help an audience understand a principle or theory
- 2.04 Read, listen to, and view a variety of informational texts
- 3.01 Research and define issues of public concern
- 3.02 Organize and deliver an argument
- 3.03 Read, listen to, and view a variety of argumentative texts
- 4.01 Develop critiques to evaluate arguments
- 4.03 Read, listen to, and view a variety of critical texts
- 5.01/.02 Explore and engage in British literature
- 5.03 Read, listen to, and view a variety of literary texts
- 6.01 Apply knowledge of literary terms, grammar, and rhetoric to write well
- 6.02 Discern and correct errors in speaking and writing

### Essential Skills/Vocabulary:

Mood

Tone

Indirect characterization

Inference

Theme

Flashback

Symbolism

Integral setting

Concept of freedom--personal and societal

Propaganda

Censorship

Suspension of disbelief

Understand how the author's cultural background and societal values

affect the text

Determine the effect of juxtaposition of history and literature

Write fully developed essays with grammatical correctness

#### **Assessment Tasks:**

Anticipation guide

Narrative essay

Argumentative essay

Journal topics

Venn diagram

Quizzes and test

Grammar/Writing/Editing activities

## **Materials Suggestions:**

1984

"Pure Torture" -Tommy Moe

**Dateline Segment on North Korea** 

Clip from Enemy of the State

Clips from political ads

**Political cartoons** 

Articles on water boarding, gender selection, communism, technology, mind control, brain washing, voting

Alternative text—Animal Farm