**GRADE 9 Advanced: (Creation of life and literature / HERO CYCLES AND JOURNEYS)**

The Alchemist (1:1) (Summer Reading) (Introduction to journeys, heroes and

personal growth)

BEFORE ESSAY – 1-2 week punctuation and grammar

(Comma splice, run-ons, frags, verbosity, colons, semi-colons, sentence-types, formal voice, organizing thoughts)

**Siddhartha – Herman Hoesse / RUMI (poetry)**

Bible – Genesis (1:2) (2 -3 weeks) (Creation Tales and

The World on the Back of A Turtle (1:3) Literary Allusions)

The Odyssey (1:4) – (6-8 weeks) (End of first trimester) (Epic/Homeric Hero)

Oedipus (2:1) (Tragic Hero)

Grendel with a pre-reading of key scenes from Beowulf (Tragic Hero)

Candide (Link through nature of imperfection to desire to create the perfect) (Tragic Hero)

Arthur – The Once and Future King (over Spring) (Tragic Hero)

The Housekeeper and the Professor/film (Tragic Hero)

MacBeth / new movie (PTSD) (Tragic Hero)

Poetry Unit (Sound and Sense)