English III Syllabus

<u>Biblical and Thematic Connection:</u> Brother's Keeper. "Am I my brother's keeper?" Genesis 4:9b; "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Galations 6:10

Semester I

Literature/Reading

- 1. Same Kind of Different As Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore (Students Purchase; wrap up from summer reading)
- 2. An Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski (Students Purchase)
- 3. Thematic studies from varied genres: Poetry, Short Stories, Non-fiction articles, and Excerpts: Including but not limited to the following: "Initiation", Patrick Henry's speech, Paul Revere's Ride, Reilly's "Nothing but Nets", JFK's Inaugural Address, John Grisham's "Homeless", Anna Quindlen's "School's Out for Summer" and her homeless piece, other poverty selections. NOTE: These short story selections do not need to be purchased; I have class copies.

Writing

- 1. Literary Analysis
- 2. Argument Essay
- 3. Synthesis Essay/Research Paper (Singer Solution to Poverty)
- 4. Written Responses to literature
- 5. Grammar/Vocabulary Integration

Semester II

Literature/Reading

- 1. The Crucible by Arthur Miller (Students Purchase)
- 2. The Scarlett Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne (Students Purchase)
- 3. Thematic studies from varied genres: Poetry, Short Stories, Non-fiction articles, and Excerpts: Including but not limited to the following: "Why I Wrote the Crucible", student choice of presidential speeches for rhetorical analysis, Emily Dickinson's "Because I Could Not Stop for Death," Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken" and "Out, Out –", various poems for the poetry unit. NOTE: These short story selections do not need to be purchased; I have copies.

Writing

- 1. Rhetorical Analysis Essay
- 2. Written Responses to literature
- 3. Argument Essay revisited
- 4. Grammar/Vocabulary Integration

Honors Differentiation

- 1. Reader Record Card
- 2. Additional Out-of-Class Writing Assignment
- 3. Additional Sources for Research Paper

Note: While the syllabus is subject to change due to student needs, I will work to follow the above information.