**REQUIRED READING AND ASSIGNMENTS:**

- **Fiction:** *The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears* by Dinaw Mengestu
- **Literature Reader** edited by Nancy Long
- **Biography:** *The Life and Legacy of Mary McLeod Bethune* by Nancy Long
- **Weekly Newspaper:** *Daytona News Journal*

Jan. 9-11, 2008

**Week 1:** PERSONAL GOALS: Introduction, Course Policies, film Rudy (a lesson on perseverance)

Group discussion/ Journal 1: What are my strengths and weaknesses? What qualities will help me succeed? My New Year’s Resolutions


**Week 2:** Decisions? Making Ethical Decisions in my life

Diagnostic grammar test; "The Cop and the Anthem" by O Henry; "Supper with Miss Shivers" by P. Lovesey; Literary terms study sheet;

**Essay 1:** "My Life in 2028"  
**Quiz 1 on Bethune Ch. 1-2**

Activity: Invite students to join D4D group on campus (meeting on Friday Jan. 18 at 10:20 AM in classroom)

Jan. 21-25, 2008

**Week 3:** Values in American Society Today

Short Story "The Lesson" p. 1 by Tony Bambara
Short Story "Sweat" by Zora Hurston (handout),

Group discussion: Begin formulation of ideas for problem, solution, and resources for legislative proposal (D4D activity).

**Journal 2:** Politics: What do you want in a presidential candidate? What is the lesson in “The Lesson”? What can be done to encourage youth to vote?

Activity: Help with voter registration drive on campus and encourage students to vote in upcoming primary.

Jan. 28-Feb. 1, 2008

**Week 4:** WHAT CONSTITUTES A GOOD RELATIONSHIP?

Short Story "Story of an Hour" p. 21 by Kate Chopin;
Short Story "What We Talk About When We Talk About Love" p. 9 by Ray Carver;  
**Quiz 2 on Bethune Ch. 3-4**

**Essay 2:** Periclean Project: Work on legislative proposal (1200 words with research) which deals with a problem in society today: describe problem and give solutions. Locate at least 3 articles which provide background and data and find literature, poetry, or songs which relate to this issue.

Activity: Participation in National Forum for Global Warming (screening and web discussion)

Feb. 4-8, 2008

**Week 5:** MATERIALISM VS. SPIRITUALISM?
“The Necklace” p. 49 by Guy de Maupassant; Current events: editorials and discussion on global warming, presidential campaign, and war; conference on continued work for Issues Proposal and research.

Quiz 3 on Bethune Ch. 5–6–7
Activity: Volunteers will participate in the Zora Neale Hurston Cultural Festival in Eatonville, Fl.

Feb. 11–15, 2008
Week 6: What is real love?
Love poems: “How Do I Love Thee” p. 247; “My Love is Like a Red Rose” p. 249; History behind our Valentine customs (handout); “A Rose for Emily” by Faulkner p. 18
Group discussion and Journal 3: Person I Most Admire and my views of romance and love

Quiz 4 on Bethune book Ch. 8–end)

Feb. 18–22, 2008
Completion of Pericles proposal Midterm: Essay 3 (in class exam on given topic), test on literature

Week 8: SOCIAL ACTIVISM: GETTING AWARE AND INVOLVED
“Where Are You Going? Where Have You Been?” by Oates p. 57
Research paper outline, sources, and works cited due,

Group discussion/ Journal 4: Response to poetry and real life applications.

SPRING BREAK
March 10–14, 2008
Week 9: POSITIVE FAMILY VALUES AND TRADITIONS
Activity: Explore your roots and develop a family tree.
Short Story “The Lottery” p. 41; Quiz 5 on The Beautiful Things Ch. 1–3

Group discussion: What traditions are harmful to society?

March 17–21, 2008
Week 10: MATERIALISM IN TODAY’S SOCIETY
research paper rough draft due, Drama Raisin in the Sun p. 89; Journal 5: Reaction to the play and its theme

Quiz 6 on The Beautiful Things Ch. 4–7

Easter (Good Friday off)
March 24-28, 2008  
**Week 11: JEALOUSY AND GREED IN MODERN SOCIETY**  
Drama *Othello* p. 153, Film O; **Essay #5 on play theme/jealousy in real life**  
Group Discussion: Compare and Contrast play and film  
**Quiz 7 on The Beautiful Things Ch. 8-12**

March 31-April 4, 2008  
**Week 12:**  
**Quiz 8 on The Beautiful Things Ch. 13-end**

April 7-11, 2008  
**Week 13:**  
“Hills Like White Elephants” by Hemingway p. 35;  
April 14-18, 2008  **Discussion:** How has literature this semester taught me about real life? What character can I most relate to?  

**Week 14**  
**Final Essay 6 and Final Literature exam**

April 22-24: Final exams