This syllabus serves to illustrate a rough idea of what we will be working on during each grading period. Please keep in mind that this is not set in stone. Also, please note that you will be keeping a daily journal and working on vocabulary from *Word Smart* each week. You will receive a more detailed schedule at the beginning of each major unit.

**First Six Weeks:**
- Short stories (in your literature book and supplemented by Ms. Elliott)
- Diagnostic test
- Descriptive writing

**Second Six Weeks:**
- *The Odyssey* (in literature book)
- Poetry — reading & writing it

**Third Six Weeks:**
- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- Persuasive Writing
- Semester Exam

**Fourth Six Weeks:**
- Nonfiction
- Personal Narrative Writing
- TAKS preparation

**Fifth Six Weeks:**
- *Romeo and Juliet*
- Shakespeare/Elizabethan theater

**Sixth Six Weeks:**
- Novel to be announced

***Please come to me anytime you need additional help with what we are working on in class. I want ALL of you to be successful, and I am happy to do whatever I can to ensure that success. My conference period is 2nd period daily and I will communicate my tutorial schedule as soon as it is created. I know we will have a great year!***