Unit One

Disposition: Transformation Thinking

**THEMES:**

1. **Language transforms and is transformed by people.**
2. **In the transformation from oral language to the written word, universal truths of human nature were formalized.**

**Words to think about:**

“An important part of transformative learning is for the individuals to change their frames of reference by critically reflecting on their assumptions and beliefs and consciously making and implementing plans that bring about new ways of defining their worlds. This process is fundamentally rational and analytical.” —J. Mezirow

**Readings/Articles/Media:**

“Inside the Chrysalis” Dr. Lincoln Bower

*Finding Forrester*

*Beowulf*

NPR’s “Talk of the Nation”

*Canterbury Tales*, Geoffrey Chaucer

**Unit Breakdown**

1 Project

2 Literary Circles

3 Essays

4 Focus Questions

**Essential Questions**

1. **What evidence do I have that I am committed to learning?**
2. **Where will I find wisdom?**
3. **When is loyalty to myself more important than loyalty to a friend?**
4. **How do I demonstrate that I am open-minded enough to learn from my experiences?**
5. **How do the heroes of literature reflect the values of the time?**
6. **What journey will I take to become my own hero?**

**Heads-up on the Assessment!**

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| **You will be assessed on these THEMES** | **Date Learned:** |
| **Language transforms and is transformed by people.** |  |
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| **You will be assessed on these Genres:** | **Date Learned:** |
| Poem |  |
| Speech |  |
| Interview |  |
| **You will be assessed on these Elements of READING:** | **Date Learned:** |
| Inference |  |
| Main Idea |  |
| Analysis |  |
| Author’s Stance |  |
| Prefix/Suffix |  |
| **You will be assessed on these Elements of Literature:** | **Date Learned:** |
| Point of View |  |
| tone/voice |  |
| theme |  |
| Poetic Terms |  |
| motif |  |
| setting |  |
| Historical Place in Canon |  |
| **You will be assessed on these Elements of Writing:** | **Date Learned:** |
| cause/effect |  |
| compare/contrast |  |