

# HOPES and DREAMS

In order to accomplish a goal, we must first have HOPES and DREAMS in which we believe. Sometimes these HOPES and DREAMS can be easily reached, while other times it takes a considerable amount of planning, sacrifice, and tenacity to get there. Regardless, we all need to have HOPES and DREAMS in order to become successful in today's world.

## ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- What does it mean to have realistic expectations?
- What factors influence both our hopes and dreams & whether we can achieve them?
- How do one's HOPES and DREAMS guide relationships?
- How can HOPES and DREAMS themes in literature be identified?



## REQUIRED READING

*Of Mice and Men*-John Steinbeck (anchor text)  
"I Have a Dream"-Martin Luther King, Jr. (anchor text)  
"New Directions"-Maya Angelou  
"A Dream Deferred"-Langston Hughes  
"Mother to Son"-Langston Hughes

**Some Selections of Short Fiction:** from *The House on Mango Street*, "Marigolds," "The Necklace," "Two Kinds," "Life without Go-Go Boots," "Only Daughter," "Daughter of Invention"

## REQUIRED WRITING

Character Analysis Essay  
Informal Journals  
Narrative - possible  
Timed Writings



## SUGGESTED READING FOR SSR

- *The Pigman*-Paul Zindel
- *The Hobbit*-JRR Tolkien
- *Flowers for Algernon*-Daniel Keyes
- *I Heard the Owl Call my Name*-Margaret Craven
- *Stranger in a Strange Land*-Robert A. Heinlein



\*Honors will have a few other selections, both required and alternative.

## Now, answer the following questions based on your own HOPES AND DREAMS

1. Why is it important for you to have HOPES and DREAMS?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. List three HOPES and DREAMS that you have for yourself in high school?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How will you accomplish these HOPES and DREAMS in the next four years?