**American Literature & History**

**Essential Questions**

**What is our responsibility to ourselves?**

**to our community?**

**to our world?**

How have we as Americans navigated the tension between individual rights and the needs of society?

What makes someone more or less “American”? What are some quintessential American life stories? What does this tell you about the changing or conflicted definition of “American”?

What is the American dream? Who has access to it and why? What do the books you read have to say about this?

What is one essential characteristics or values that defines being American? (Not the American dream)