



UNIT 2: INDIVIDUALITY,  
CONFORMITY & THE  
AMERICAN SOCIETY

A large, circular watercolor splash in shades of red and pink, centered on a white background. The splash has a soft, feathered edge and a slightly textured appearance.

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**PREPARE**

Unit's Plan

# WHAT WE'RE DOING

## Core Text:

*The Catcher in the Rye*

## Supplementary Texts:

- ▶ Emerson's "Self-Reliance"
- ▶ Truth's "Ain't I a Woman"
- ▶ Frost's "Nothing Gold Can Stay" and "Mending Wall"
- ▶ Burns' "Comin' thro the Rye"
- ▶ Visuals on Civil Disobedience
- ▶ *Rebel Without a Cause*

## Assessments:

- ▶ Narrative response to "Ain't I a Woman."
- ▶ Semester 1 Final Essay: What is more important: The individual or American Society?

## ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- ▶ How has the concept of civil disobedience influenced America?
- ▶ How are individuals treated by society?
- ▶ Is the individual's treatment in society more important than a community's greater good?
- ▶ Why do people conform? Why do others choose not to conform? What happens as a result of these choices?



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*Ultimately, we will explore the relationship between  
the individual and American Society.*



# ENGAGEMENT + CONNECTION

Internet-based Discussion: How does this relate to your own life/viewpoints?

# TODAY'S INSTRUCTIONS

- ▶ Open Google Classroom
- ▶ Discuss the questions posed. There are 5.
  - You need to:
    - Post a minimum of 3 times
    - Comment a minimum of 5 times
  - Your posts and comments need to be:
    - Thorough & Thoughtful
      - Yes/no answers won't count!
    - Include Explanation & Evidence
      - You can include images, .gifs, videos, songs, etc to support your points.
      - If you include outside sources, you MUST discuss them!
    - Grammatically correct (edit your work!!!)
    - Be Polite & Respectful of others.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: A PREVIEW

1. Can an American truly be an individual?
2. Does everyone have the same idea about what is right and wrong? In other words, do all people share the same values about what is right and wrong?
3. Does truth ever change? In other words, can something be true for you but not for someone else?
4. Why do people conform? Why do others choose not to conform? What happens as a result of these choices?
5. What is more important: The individual or American Society?

**QUESTIONS?**

Yes? No?

Get to work. :)

