

CORNELL NOTES

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MT:		Period:3
Essential Question	What are the characteristics of the time period contemporary 1970's to present?	
Questions/Main Ideas/Vocabulary	Notes/Answers/Definitions/Examples/Sentences	
	Contemporary period: 1945 to the present	
What are some different characteristics for Contemporary Literature?	After World War II, the United States was the most powerful nation hands down	
	Some writers are Sherman Alexie and Helena Maria Viramontes. Most of the writers from this time period lived in fear of the bomb, the agony of the Vietnam War, the exhilaration of the March on Washington. Sometimes there are chronicle.	
	Contemporary Influences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cold war and nuclear destruction • The conflict with Vietnam • 1960's civil rights violence 	
	Contemporary tones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern with connections between people • Irony 	
What are some qualities for the time period 1970's to present for literature?	Social Concern: Attitude towards the individual and society as a whole has changed. This type of literature contains criticism of the barriers between people.	
	Strategies for reading contemporary lit.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the emotions conveyed, does the narrator express emotions or does he seem detached? 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify what, if anything, is being criticized and what just needs to be understood and accepted.
	There is a difference between the contemporary and the modern.
	<p>The contemporary is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the writers are more focused on describing people's emotional states
	<p>The modern is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the writer is focused on the objects of his or her culture
	Contemporary writers usually blend realistic elements with elliptical or surreal details.
	The term "contemporary art" refers to art made and produced by artists living today.
	Today's writers work in and respond to a global environment that is culturally diverse, technologically advancing and multifaceted.
	Contemporary writers often reflect and comment on modern-day society.
	Known to be difficult to characterize because of the reflection it has on contemporary life and culture, which is rapidly changing and full of contradictions.
	Known to be ironic, rather than "innocent"
<p>Summary: Our group received the genre contemporary for this unit. Contemporary is approximately from the time period of the 1970's to the present. It's the rather modern time period of the choices that were given. Other choices that were given out were colonial era and even the Harlem renaissance, and to get contemporary, made the assignment a little easier to understand and find information on. This unit is sort of confusing; however, I feel that it will definitely prepare us for what is to come on the AP exam that we are going to take in May.</p>	