AP English Literature and Composition – Themes of the Year

Theater of the Absurd –

Existentialism –

Nihilism - viewpoint that traditional values and beliefs are unfounded and that existence is senseless and useless

Social Construction –

Realism –

Expressionism –

The Innocent –

Feminism –

Satire –

Freudian Theory –

Tragic hero –

Tragic flaw –

Communism –

Identity –

Moral ambiguity –

Men and women –

Censorship –

Symbolism –

Bildungsroman –

Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely –

Racism –

Matriarchal –

Patriarchal –

The American Dream –

Hypocrisy –

Conflict (man v. man; man v. nature; man v. self; man v. technology)

Dystopia –