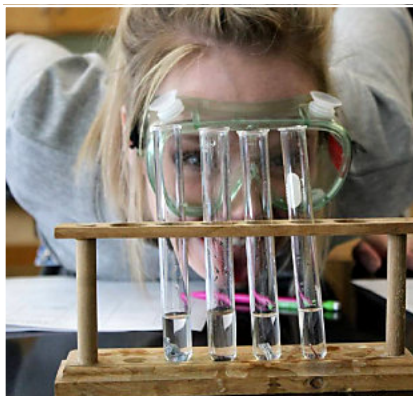


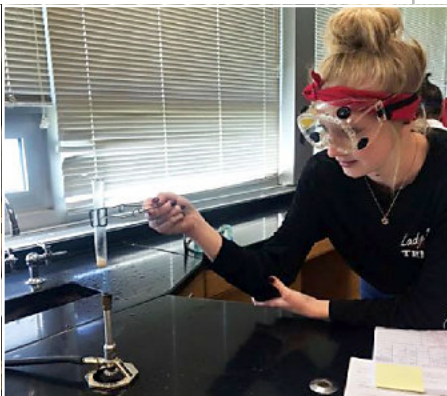
THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE...

Delaney Ochsner (11) observes the metals reacting during a lab in Chemistry. The purpose of the lab was to test different metals in multiple chemicals to see their chemical reaction over a short period of time. Ochsner said, "It's really cool to observe substances and catch their reactions."



THIS BOND CAN'T BE BROKEN...

Aspen Hockley (11) participates in a chemistry lab for testing the melting points of different elements. Hockley said, "This class can be difficult at times because you are constantly testing new things. If you are looking for a challenge and are interested in learning new things beyond nature based science, I would recommend Chemistry."



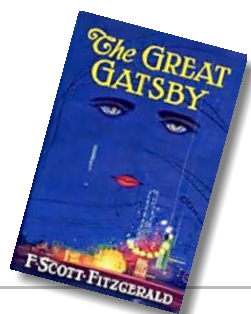
LANGUAGE IS THE ROAD

MAP OF CULTURE

Hispanohabletes II, Native Speakers 2 is an advanced course for students who speak Spanish fluently. The class is mainly focused on improving grammar and learning more about the Hispanic culture. Along with learning comes creativity, students created a presentation based on what their dream world or Utopia would look like. Senorita Rodriguez said, "It's a different experience with the Natives because I get to share more of the culture. With the Utopia project, I wanted everyone to show their own version of a perfect world. I wanted to see what the students thought process would be and what their perfect world is." Sophomores Andrea Rincon, Morelya Lopez, and Ixel Nunez show their dream world, "Un Mundo de Belleza, A World of Beauty." Nunez said, "This class has shown me a lot and improved my speaking and writing skills. While creating our world, we incorporated a lot of our likings, which is beauty. In a way, our world brought encouragement to other girls to express themselves and their beauty."



...JUNIORS MICHAEL PRATHER & ORIN BROWN



SYDNEY CARLSON (11) & KACIE HENRICHS (11)...
"The Great Gatsby taught me that when you feel a type of way don't wait too long. Life is too short to wait and wait," said Henrichs.



KAMERYN GARTRELL (11)...
"I chose the character Gatsby because we are so alike. We both like to be the star and run the show."



JUNIORS KYLEIGH KIELER, KOLBY BRANOM, EVAN GESICK, & KYLIE KAYSER...
"At first it was strange having to dress up because it was different, but it was overall very fun," said Kieler.

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OUR YAM FESTIVAL...

Josie Roselle (10) participates in the Yam Festival and grabs different foods from various cultures. Every year, sophomores read the novel *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. The book is read during the month of November, so in the spirit of Thanksgiving and of feasts, the class has their own Yam Festival. Every student must bring a food to share that is a tradition in their families. Roselle said, "My favorite part of the Yam Festival was how everybody brought different foods I have not tried before and how they explained why it is a tradition in their families."



STEPPING INTO AN OLD TRADITION



...ARIA DANIELS (10)



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...CONNOR LEWIS (10)



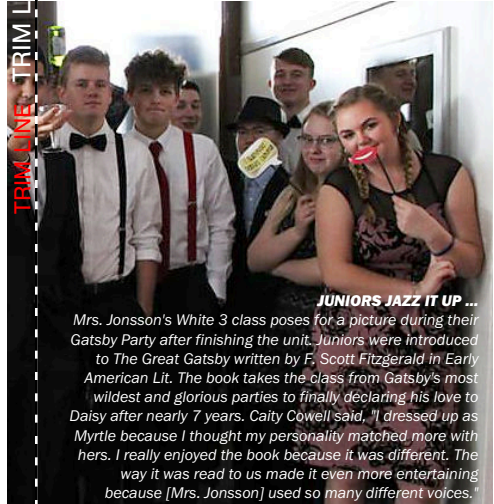
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...LOGAN WILLIER (12)



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JUNIORS JAZZ IT UP ...

Mrs. Jonsson's White 3 class poses for a picture during their Gatsby Party after finishing the unit. Juniors were introduced to *The Great Gatsby* written by F. Scott Fitzgerald in Early American Lit. The book takes the class from Gatsby's most wildest and glorious parties to finally declaring his love to Daisy after nearly 7 years. Caitly Cowell said, "I dressed up as Myrtle because I thought my personality matched more with hers. I really enjoyed the book because it was different. The way it was read to us made it even more entertaining because [Mrs. Jonsson] used so many different voices."

The novel, *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe, was written in 1958. The setting of the novel takes place in the south-eastern part of Nigeria upon the arrival of Europeans during the 19th Century. The main protagonist in the book is Okonkwo, who represents the worst and best qualities in a tribal leader. Okonkwo is constantly having to reassure himself of being successful due to his father, Unoka's constant failure of being responsible and leaving behind a large debt onto Okonkwo's shoulders. This was a large stepping stone Okonkwo had to conquer and had to learn how to determine his own success. Kylie Griffin is a language arts teacher that teaches *Things Fall Apart* to sophomores in World Literature. The aspects of culture unit in the World Literature curriculum mainly focuses on the language, customs, values, norms, morals, and rules every culture has. Culture is taught through various books, stories, and activities. Griffin said, "I feel students have a hard time connecting to the book because of the relating aspect. The book is a great example of depicting imperialism and colonialism. Initially food is the staple of that culture and serves economic purposes as well. It demonstrates different aspects of culture and it provides students the ability to show their different aspects of their culture when participating in the Yam Festival."



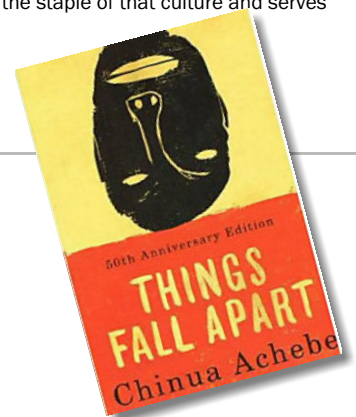
...TASIA DERRERA (12)



...ABIGAIL MCLEES (10)



...MOE SANTOS (12)



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