

# Great American Novels

## Secondary 2

Objective	Students will learn how to use Groups by making a page involving a character in their current novel.
Types of Students	This is a 10 <sup>th</sup> grade English class, specifically focused on Great American Novels.
Standards	<p><b>LIT.1:</b> Students apply their knowledge of word origins (words from other languages, from history or literature, and from other fields) to determine the meaning of new words encountered in reading and use those words accurately.</p> <p><b>LIT.2:</b> Students read and understand grade-level-appropriate material. The selections in the <a href="http://www.doe.in.gov/standards/readinglist.html">www.doe.in.gov/standards/readinglist.html</a> illustrate the quality and complexity of the materials to be read by students. Students read a wide variety of nonfiction, such as biographies, autobiographies, books in many different subject areas, essays, speeches, magazines, newspapers, reference materials, technical documents, and online information.</p>
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The novel of choice</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A computer with internet access to Grou.ps</li> </ul>
Procedures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Split the classroom into four groups</li> <li>2. Assign each group a main character from the novel.</li> <li>3. Create a Grou.ps page all about their character.</li> <li>4. As they get farther and farther into the story, make more and more updates on the page, as well as adding any additional highlights onto the page.</li> <li>5. After finishing the book, change the page as the group deems necessary.</li> <li>6. Become "friends" with the other members of the class and discuss what each group did well and what needs worked on.</li> </ol>
Application	After learning the basics of Grou.ps, students will use the application to create their own page based on their character.
Evaluation	The groups will be evaluated on how well they portray their character on the Grou.ps page. Students will not only be given a group grade but also a individual grade based on how well they work within the group. Students will also be evaluated by the other groups in the class.