

English III and The Upstanders Unit

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved." ~ Helen Keller

As the English III teachers address the various ways in which we strive to develop tolerance and acceptance among our students, the following materials and resources will be utilized during our Upstanders Unit. Our resources include various genres and compositional modes that foster literacy, global 21st Century expectations for inquiry and problem-based learning, with a focus on collaboration and character education. Please keep in mind that the following resources are inclusive of, but not limited to the following:

Film Study

The Laramie Project - based on *The Laramie Project*, a play by Kaufman, the film tells the story of the aftermath of the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyoming. It premiered at the 2002 Sundance Film Festival and was first broadcast on HBO in March 2002.

Literary Connections

"A Simple Gesture" from *Chicken Soup for The Soul* written by John W. Schlatter

"First they came" a poem Martin Niemöller

"Cyberbullying" (2010) composed and researched by The Southern Poverty Law Center

Excerpts from the *Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act*

Latest Hate Crime Statistics (2010) Federal Bureau of Investigations

Classroom Connections

Peer Educator Workshops - Homophobia Reduction and Teen Pep Information

Small and whole group discussions

Journal assignments

Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns. We look forward to providing our students with an educational opportunity to better our Clearview Community as we strive to make our students upstanding citizens.