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### **Self and Society**

The fall semester for 7th grade is about adjusting to a new class and new school and learning the ways of The Academy. Coursework for the first six weeks includes learning new vocabulary based on Greek and Latin roots and writing and reading aloud a daily personal narrative in response to a prompt. These writings lead to a revising project, which also comprises many basic organizational and study skills. The second half of the semester includes study of pre-contact Native American life in the Connecticut River Valley, which leads to individual research projects for fall exhibition. After reading *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the class immerses itself in World War II in the second semester, learning the history of the period through two autobiographical stories and then through a research project, which focuses on the entire research process, using note cards, developing an outline and working through the drafting process as well as attending to the detail work necessary to creating a properly MLA documented paper. Daily vocabulary continues as do reviews of parts of speech and sentence components. After spring vacation students study Greek mythology and spend six weeks reading and writing poetry.