

# **Gifted English 10**

***Unit 1: At War with Ourselves and Others***

**FINAL ASSESSMENT**

*Throughout this unit, we have read and analyzed works of world literature that explore physical and emotional battle and conflict. For your summative assessment, you will analyze this concept of battle and conflict as you write a persuasive letter based on the following scenario. You may choose to work alone or to compose your letter with a partner. (If you work with a partner, you must also write a response from the roommate.)*

You are a sophomore college student majoring in psychology. Your roommate, a physical education major and member of the college football or soccer team, insists that physical battle is more punishing than emotional struggle. Your task is to write a persuasive essay that will convince your argumentative roommate that emotional conflict is actually more difficult for a person to endure. As he evaluates your position and reasons, your stubborn but logical roommate is looking for a clearly stated position and will be swayed by compelling evidence in the form of quotations from texts. He won't be easily swayed by emotional appeals, and you need to anticipate his response to your argument and reasons. Be sure to include examples of FIVE literary characters or historical figures who experience emotional conflicts that are more punishing than the physical battles they endure.