

Course Description:

ENG I (2 of 2) is the second semester of the ninth-grade English Language Arts course. This course covers reading, writing, and analysis using both informational and literary texts. As students read the selections in this course, they review concepts such as textual evidence, themes and central ideas, characters, and inferences. They also learn new concepts, including rhetorical techniques, structure and style, and arguments and claims. As part of the course, students read the dystopian novella *Anthem* by Ayn Rand. Students also compare works from different time periods to identify how later works use earlier ones for inspiration. Grammar and usage lessons review context and word nuances. Students also learn about spelling conventions, style manuals, phrases and clauses, parallel structure, and colons and semicolons. Students complete two Writing Projects: an informational essay and an argument essay. As part of preparing these assignments, students practice and produce both short and extended-length writing. This course helps students achieve a deeper appreciation of literary and informational texts, while preparing them for high-stakes testing.

Course Objectives:

- Review themes, central ideas, characterization, organizational structure, and evidence and inferences.
- Demonstrate comprehension of literature and literary nonfiction.
- Analyze structural elements on text and their influence on a text's style.
- Use knowledge of writing ideas, concepts, and strategies to write an informational essay and an argument essay.
- Understand the differences between figurative, connotative, and technical meaning and language.
- Complete writing activities and projects in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose and audience.
- Discover the various elements of arguments and claims in persuasive writing, including their reliance on sound reasoning and relevant and sufficient textual evidence.
- Identify correct uses of grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
- Recognize point of view.
- Demonstrate ways to have effective discussions.
- Review details about context clues and word nuances.

Projects

- Informational essay on a famous historical event or figure
- Argument essay on an issue affecting the world today
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Required Materials:

- word-processing software
- Internet browser

Course Overview:

Each unit begins with an introduction, which includes a brief description of the content and intended learning outcomes. Following the introduction are these standard activities, which may or may not be present in each lesson:

Unit Vocabulary – Includes parts of speech, definitions, synonyms, and etymology; contains practice questions.

Language Skill Instruction – Includes instruction in language skills; contains practice questions.

Reading Selections – Includes reading selections, audio, images, and videos; is part of the Reading Skill.

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Writing Skill Instruction and Activity – Includes instruction in writing skills; contains practice questions; contains activities including writing projects, which are assessments graded by the instructor and which require you to apply your knowledge and writing capabilities to demonstrate mastery of the lesson content; includes a personal memoir, completed in Units 2 and 3; and a literary analysis, completed in Units 4 and 5.

Checkpoint – Uses approximately 10 questions to assess mastery of lesson objectives; is a graded activity; may be taken up to three times.

Discussion Board – Is an academic discussion board; gives you a chance to share your thoughts and ideas about the topics covered.

Exam Prep – Presents a summary of the skills covered in the unit.

In the last lesson of each unit, the Checkpoint activity is replaced with a comprehensive assessment:

Unit Exam – At the end of the unit is an exam that will assess your mastery of unit objectives. It consists of approximately 20 questions. You may take the Unit Exam only once.

Writing Exam – This exam is in Lesson 28 and tests how well you have learned the writing skills presented in the course. You may take the Writing Exam only once.

Final Exam – This exam is in the last lesson and consists of 35 questions that test you on the concepts and information learned in the course. You may take the Final Exam only once.