

Course Description:

In English 10A, students learn how to express their thoughts and feelings in writing. Emphasis is placed on the specific traits of the 6-Traits of Writing: Ideas, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, and Conventions. Students also review the 5-step writing process as they practice the skills of prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing. Each unit also includes instruction in the Greek roots of common English words. In English 10A students are guided through the 5-step writing process for each of the major types of writing: expository, persuasive, expressive, research, and functional. The writing projects center on each of the five major types. Students will receive comprehensive instruction on the various structures and styles of writing. Students are expected to produce original high quality examples of each of the major types of writing. Writing samples are graded against the 6-Traits of Writing.

Your Choice Novels (Student must choose 1 from this list for Semester A)

- *Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger
- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver
- *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare
- *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Houston
- *Antigone* by Sophocles

Module	Lesson Title	Objectives
<i>A Closer Look at Literature</i>	Analyzing Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify the theme of a story or poem.
	The Words They Choose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analyze word choice related to theme.• Distinguish between connotative and denotative meanings and their effects.

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	Figures of Speech and Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain how figures of speech affect meaning. Analyze figurative language related to theme.
	Analyzing Figures of Speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze an author's use of figures of speech.
	Analyzing Tone in Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze how an author uses tone to accomplish an article's purpose.
	Slightly Different Words	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify nuances of meaning in words with similar denotations
	A Closer Look at Literature Exam	
Focus on Fiction	Analyzing Characters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify examples of direct and indirect characterization. Distinguish between flat and round characters. Analyze a character in a story.
	Planning Fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use established fiction-writing techniques to select and introduce a narrator, build a plausible sequence of events, and keep readers interested and engaged.
	Drafting Fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft a short story. Create vivid and precise descriptive sentences.

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	Revising Fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply advanced revision techniques to an original work of fiction.
	Patterns of Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and use patterns of word change that indicate parts of speech.
	Focus on Fiction Exam	
Words in Perspective	The Narrator's Point of View	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and describe the point of view and narrator in a story.• Describe the role of the narrator in achieving the author's purpose.
	Analyzing Point of View in Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analyze a story's point of view.
	The Author's Point of View	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify an author's point of view.
	Identifying the Author's Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify an author's purpose.
	Using Context Clues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use context clues to determine meaning.

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	Words in Perspective Exam	
<i>Purpose and Information Exam</i>	Purpose in Literary Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify typical purposes for literary writing.
	Analyzing Literary Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze author's purpose in a literary work.
	Analyzing Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify text structures often used in informational text. Analyze the organization of an informational text.
	Informative Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify a topic for an informative report.
	Writing a Report of Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify elements and structure used in an informative report.
	Planning a Good Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare for collaborative discussions. Ask the right kinds of questions for a collaborative discussion, and answer other students' questions appropriately.
	Purpose and Information Exam	
<i>Making the Case</i>	Universal Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify universal themes.

Module	Lesson Title	Objectives
	Comparing Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compare themes across forms.
	Analyzing Arguments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distinguish between argumentative text and text that is simply informational.• Analyze the argument in a speech or article.
	Planning Arguments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan an argument to support a claim.
	Writing Your Argument	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify the features of strong and effective argumentative writing.
	Integrating Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrate multiple sources of information in a presentation.
	Making the Case Exam	
Structure and Suspense	Analyzing Story Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analyze how a short story is organized.
	Analyzing Suspense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analyze how suspense is developed in a classic short story.
	The Process of Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify steps for conducting research.

Module	Lesson Title	Objectives
	Your Research Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generate a research question for a persuasive research report.
	Strategies for Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify strategies for researching topics.
	Your Research Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a plan for researching a topic.
	Structure and Suspense Exam	
Semester Exam		