Critical Reading and Effective Writing is a course that develops both academic and life skills. Concepts are presented in creative and lively ways that reinforce learning goals and engage students. Literary selections include short fiction and poetry from around the globe, modern drama works, and a contemporary novel. Nonfiction selections feature historical correspondence, diaries, logs, and famous courtroom arguments. Life reading skills target forms, applications, and work-related communication. Grammar review and vocabulary development are included in every unit.

Summaries and annotations support fluency and comprehension of all reading material. Robust scaffolding in the form of process guides and graphic organizers helps reluctant writers to internalize strategies and develop composition skills. Select activities target text-handling skills and promote improved performance on commonly assessed literary analysis and response standards. Study sheets support engagement with direct instruction and develop note-taking and study skills.

The writing program builds confidence in young writers by targeting control of organization, effective sentences, and word choice.

The content is based on the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) standards and is aligned to state standards.

Length: Two semesters

UNIT 1: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE: THEME STUDY

LESSON 1: THEME STUDY

Study: What Is Theme?
Explore the concept of theme and how it is presented in different forms, including music, visual arts, political events, celebrations, menus, narratives, poetry, architecture, and interior design.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE IN SHORT FICTION

Study: Figuring Out Fiction
Examine how theme is conveyed in works of short fiction through characterization, setting, and plot elements. Examine cultural perspectives on the theme of continuity and change.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary and Terms
Learn and review words and literary terms — such as characterization, setting, and plot — that will be important for understanding the readings. Apply context strategies for vocabulary comprehension.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Two Short Stories
Read two short stories that address the theme of continuity and change: “The Man to Send Rain Clouds” by Leslie Marmon Silko and “Dead Men’s Path” by Chinua Achebe.
Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
**Study: How to Write a Topic Paragraph**
Learn the basics of writing a topic paragraph, including topic sentences, supporting sentences, and clinchers. Review organizational models for different types of paragraphs, including example and illustration; narration; description; process; comparison and contrast; analogy; cause and effect; classification and division; and explanatory.

*Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points*

**Practice: Theme: Topic Paragraph**
Write one topic paragraph tracing the theme of continuity and change in a story; discuss how the writer carries the theme using setting, characterization, or plot.

*Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points*

### LESSON 3: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE IN POETRY

**Study: Reading Poems**
Learn how themes are conveyed through poetry and poetic elements.

*Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Vocabulary and Terms**
Learn and review literary terms that will be important for understanding the readings. Use context strategies for understanding vocabulary.

*Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins*

**Read: Three Poems**
Read three poems that reinforce the theme of continuity and change: “anyone lived in a pretty how town” by E. E. Cummings, “Travel” by Edna St. Vincent Millay, and “The Bean Eaters” by Gwendolyn Brooks.

*Duration: 1 hr*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Readings**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points*

**Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Readings**
Respond to the readings.

*Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points*

**Study: How to Write an Essay**
Learn the basics of writing an expository essay about a literary work. Learn how to expand the structure of a topic paragraph into an essay.

*Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points*

### LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

**Journal: Respond to the Readings**
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.

*Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points*

**Study: Vocabulary Workshop**
Learn how to effectively use a thesaurus.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Study: Language Workshop**
Learn about parallelism in sentence structure with regard to paired ideas and items in a series. Learn how to apply parallel presentation in document design, addressing such elements as titles, subheadings, and bullet points.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Study: Writing Workshop**
Learn the basics of writing a personal narrative about a time of significant change.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Quiz: Comprehending the Studies**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**LESSON 5: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE: THEME STUDY WRAP-UP**

**Review: Continuity and Change: Theme Study**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins

**Test (CS): Continuity and Change: Theme Study**
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Test (TS): Continuity and Change: Theme Study**
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

**LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC**

**Diagnostic: Continuity and Change: Theme Study**
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

**UNIT 2: DRAMA**

**LESSON 1: IT'S NOT SAD — IT'S TRAGIC**

**Study: Tragedy and the Genre Wheel**
Learn about tragedy and its place on the genre wheel that also comprises comedy, romance, and irony.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**LESSON 2: ARTHUR MILLER'S THE CRUCIBLE, ACTS I AND II**

**Study: Arthur Miller: His Life and Work**
Learn about the life and work of Arthur Miller. Discover important background information about *The Crucible*.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Words to Live By**
Learn and review words and literary terms that will be important for understanding the readings. Apply context strategies for vocabulary comprehension.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins
Read: *The Crucible*, Acts I and II
Read acts I and II of *The Crucible*.
Duration: 1 hr

**Quiz: Comprehending the Readings**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Readings
Respond to the reading.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Write an Essay about Characters
Learn the basics of writing a character analysis.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**LESSON 3: ARTHUR MILLER'S THE CRUCIBLE, ACTS III AND IV**

Study: She's a Classic
Learn more about what constitutes a classic work of literature.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary and Terms
Learn and review words and literary terms that will be important for understanding the readings. Use context strategies for understanding vocabulary.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: *The Crucible*, Acts III and IV
Read the final two acts of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*.
Duration: 1 hr

**Quiz: Comprehending the Readings**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Opinion Paper
Express your opinion on who is to blame for the tragic events in the play.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

**LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

Journal: Respond to the Readings
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Vocabulary Workshop
Learn about word derivations.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Language Workshop
Learn about gerunds, infinitives, and participles and how to use them accurately in your writing. Learn about problems that arise in their use and how to enhance the sophistication of a sentence by using them effectively.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins
Study: Theater Tech Workshop
Learn about the technical aspects of staging a play, including lighting, stage and set design, costumes, props, and sound effects.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Studies
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: DRAMA WRAP-UP

Review: Drama
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins

Test (CS): Drama
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Test (TS): Drama
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic: Drama
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 32 points

UNIT 3: RHETORIC: THE ART OF PERSUASION

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION TO RHETORIC

Study: Socrates and the Art of Discourse
Explore formal and informal forms of discourse and oral argument.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: RHETORIC: DIALECTIC AND DEBATE

Study: Dialectic and Debate
Learn about dialectic, the Socratic approach to discourse.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary and Terms
Learn and review words and terms that will be important for understanding the readings. Apply context strategies for vocabulary comprehension.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Plato's *Apology*
Read excerpts from Plato's *Apology*, which details Socrates' method of discourse. Read Socrates' discourse with Crito.
Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points
Practice: Formal-Debate Graphic Organizer
Choose from a list of current topics and craft a formal debate transcript; use a graphic organizer structured to represent the progressive steps of both sides of the debate.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: RHETORIC AND THE COURTROOM

Study: Courtroom Rhetoric
Learn about rhetoric in ancient and modern courtrooms. Explore the art of cross-examination and opening and closing arguments.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary and Terms
Learn and review words and literary terms that will be important for understanding the readings. Use context strategies for understanding vocabulary.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Opening and Closing Arguments
Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading
Respond to the reading.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Mock Trial Opening Argument
Follow a step-by-step process for setting up the opening argument for a mock trial. Learn how to apply rhetorical devices and adhere to courtroom protocol.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Respond to the Readings
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Latin Roots, Part I
Learn 20 Latin roots that can help you decipher the meanings of numerous English vocabulary words.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Language Workshop
Learn about main and subordinate clauses and how they are used in simple, compound, and complex sentences. Learn about coordination and subordination. Discover ways to enhance your personal writing style through sentence variety.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Studies
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
LESSON 5: RHETORIC: THE ART OF PERSUASION WRAP-UP

Review: Rhetoric: The Art of Persuasion
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins

Test (CS): Rhetoric: The Art of Persuasion
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Test (TS): Rhetoric: The Art of Persuasion
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic: Rhetoric: The Art of Persuasion
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 35 points

UNIT 4: WORLD LITERATURE: SHORT FICTION AND POETRY

LESSON 1: WORLD LITERATURE

Study: Reading across Cultures
Consider the value and challenges of reading works from across cultures.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: WORLD LITERATURE: SHORT FICTION

Study: Short Fiction: The Art of Compression
Learn about the three works of short fiction covered in this lesson.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary and Terms
Learn and review words and literary terms that will be important for understanding the readings. Apply context strategies for vocabulary comprehension.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Three International Short Stories
Read three short stories by writers around the world: "La Puerta" by José Antonio Burciaga (Mexico), "Home" by Gwendolyn Brooks (United States), and "The Return" by Ngugi wa Thiong’o (Kenya).
Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Compare-and-Contrast Essays
Learn the basics of writing a compare-and-contrast essay.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
LESSON 3: WORLD LITERATURE: POETRY

Study: A Rainbow of Meaning
Learn the process of color marking and annotating a poem in order to discover motifs and extrapolate meaning.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary and Terms
Review the following terms and learn how they can help to convey meaning in a work of poetry: rhyme (internal, end, masculine, feminine, eye, and slant); meter (iamb, anapest, spondee, and trochee); tone; rhythm; figurative language; imagery; and motif. Use context strategies for understanding vocabulary.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Four International Poems
Explore the themes of love and light in poems by poets from four different countries: "Which Recounts How Fantasy Contents Itself with Honorable Love" by Juana Iñez de la Cruz (Mexico) and "The Triple Fool" by John Donne (England), both of which deal with love, and "Archaic Torso of Apollo" by Rainer Maria Rilke (Germany) and "Ode to Enchanted Light" by Pablo Neruda (Chile), both of which deal with light.
Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading
Respond to the reading.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Practice: Poem Commentary
Write your commentary on a poem.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Respond to the Readings
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Latin Roots, Part II
Learn 20 Latin roots.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Language Workshop
Learn the fundamentals of punctuation, including semicolons, colons, ellipses, commas, and hyphens; learn how to use them accurately and effectively.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Studies
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: WORLD LITERATURE: SHORT FICTION AND POETRY WRAP-UP

Review: World Literature: Short Fiction and Poetry
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Test (CS): World Literature: Short Fiction and Poetry
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Test (TS): World Literature: Short Fiction and Poetry
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC
Diagnostic: World Literature: Short Fiction and Poetry
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 25 points

UNIT 5: THE NOVEL: THE JOY LUCK CLUB

LESSON 1: THE NOVEL
Study: The Art of the Novel
Review the novel as a unique literary form.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: THE JOY LUCK CLUB, PART I
Study: The Joy Luck Club: Structure
Study the unique structure of Amy Tan's novel.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary and Terms
Learn and review words and terms that will be important for understanding the readings. Apply context strategies for vocabulary comprehension.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: The Joy Luck Club, Chapter 1
Read chapter 1 of The Joy Luck Club, "Feathers from a Thousand Li Away."
Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Cultural Artifacts
Consider your cultural upbringing and the material evidence of that culture in the objects around you. Think about culture as inclusive of all people. Consider the cultural significance of objects in your home. Explore different creative avenues for writing about a cultural artifact and illustrating its importance.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Cultural-Artifact Writing
Write a short cultural-artifact piece in one of a variety of creative forms, including poetry, dialogue, internal monologue, or narrative.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: THE JOY LUCK CLUB, PART II

Study: Voice
Learn about the writer's tools of point of view, narrative shift, and voice; explore Tan's unique use of these tools in The Joy Luck Club. Examine the effectiveness of Tan's choices and consider some of the reasons behind them.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary and Terms
Learn and review words and literary terms that will be important for understanding the readings. Use context strategies for understanding vocabulary.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: The Joy Luck Club, Chapter 8
Read chapter 8 of The Joy Luck Club, "Two Kinds."

Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Reading
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading
Respond to the reading.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Literary Analysis of Structure
Follow a step-by-step process for setting up an analysis of the structure of a novel.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Respond to the Readings
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Greek Roots, Part I
Learn 20 Greek roots that can help you decipher the meanings of numerous English vocabulary words.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Language Workshop
Learn about active and passive voice.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Studies
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: THE NOVEL: THE JOY LUCK CLUB WRAP-UP

Review: The Novel: The Joy Luck Club
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
**LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC**

*Diagnostic: The Novel: The Joy Luck Club*
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

**UNIT 6: SEMESTER WRAP-UP**

**LESSON 1: SEMESTER WRAP-UP**

*Review: Semester Review*
Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts covered in Critical Reading and Effective Writing Semester 1.
Duration: 2 hrs

*Exam: Semester Exam*
Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in Critical Reading and Effective Writing Semester 1.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

*Final Exam: Semester Exam*
Take a teacher-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in Critical Reading and Effective Writing Semester 1.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 100 points

**UNIT 7: THEME STUDY: LIFE LESSONS**

**LESSON 1: LIFE LESSONS: APPEARANCE AND REALITY**

*Study: Theme Exploration*
Examine the theme of appearance and reality across different genres, subject matter, and personal experiences.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

*Quiz: Comprehending the Study*
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**LESSON 2: THEME STUDY IN SHORT FICTION**

*Study: Finding Evidence of Theme*
Explore the theme of appearance and reality through the literary elements of plot, characterization, and tone.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

*Quiz: Comprehending the Study*
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

*Study: Vocabulary and Terms*
Learn and review words and literary terms that will be important for understanding the readings. Apply context strategies for vocabulary comprehension.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

*Read: Four Short Stories*
Read four short stories that address the theme of appearance and reality in different ways: "Charles" by Shirley Jackson,
"Success Story" by James Gould Cozzens, "Top of the Food Chain" by T. Coraghessan Boyle, and "The Dinner Party" by Mona Gardner.

Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: The Analytical Essay Revisited
Review the basics of prewriting, composing, and revising a literary essay and the hallmarks of thesis and topic-sentence writing. Explore ways to deepen insights, expand analyses, and offer credible support. Examine model introductions and conclusions.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Short Analysis
Trace the theme of one or more of the works of short fiction covered in this lesson. Link the writer's use of literary elements to the presentation of theme.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: THEME STUDY IN POETRY

Study: Poetry: Structured Verse
Learn about structured verse.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary and Terms
Learn and review words and literary terms that will be important for understanding the readings. Use context strategies for understanding vocabulary.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Read Two Poems
Read two poems that address the theme of appearance and reality in different ways: "When Great Dogs Fight" by Melvin B. Tolson and "Sonnet 130" by William Shakespeare.
Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Readings
Respond to the readings.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Respond to the Readings
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Greek Roots, Part II
Learn 20 Greek roots.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins
Study: Language Workshop: Analogies
Learn about forms of analogies often found on standardized tests.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Studies
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: THEME STUDY: LIFE LESSONS WRAP-UP
Review: Theme Study: Life Lessons
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins

Test (CS): Theme Study: Life Lessons
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Test (TS): Theme Study: Life Lessons
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC
Diagnostic: Theme Study: Life Lessons
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 25 points

UNIT 8: DRAMA: COMEDY
LESSON 1: COMEDY: MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING
Study: Intro to Comedy
Learn about the genre of comedy.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING, ACTS I &NDASH; III
Study: Guided Reading of Act I
Complete a structured, guided reading of act I of Much Ado about Nothing.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary and Terms
Learn and review words and terms that will be important for understanding the readings. Apply context strategies for vocabulary comprehension.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Much Ado about Nothing, Acts II and III
Read acts II and III of Much Ado about Nothing.
Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points
LESSON 3: MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING, ACTS IV AND V

Study: The Bard and His Times
Learn about the life of William Shakespeare, Elizabethan England, and theater in the late 1600s.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary and Terms
Learn words that will be important for understanding the readings. Use context strategies for understanding vocabulary.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Much Ado about Nothing, Acts IV and V
Read acts IV and V of Much Ado about Nothing.
Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Readings
Respond to the readings.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: How to Write an Original Scene
Learn how to expand a dramatic work with an original scene.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Original Scene
Write an original scene for Shakespeare’s play in which you remain true to the plot, themes, and characterization.
Choose to write in blank verse (adopting a formal register) or to adapt the scene to modern times and modern English.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Respond to the Readings
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Vocabulary Workshop
Learn about figurative language and idioms.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Language Workshop
Explore problems with modifiers.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Studies
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: DRAMA: COMEDY WRAP-UP

Review: Drama: Comedy
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins
**Test (CS): Drama: Comedy**
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Test (TS): Drama: Comedy**
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

**LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC**

**Diagnostic: Drama: Comedy**
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 35 points

**UNIT 9: LIFE SKILLS**

**LESSON 1: LIFE SKILLS: A DOSE OF REALITY**

**Study: Life Skills: Reading and Writing**
Learn about reading and writing skills and the processes involved in dealing with real-world tasks.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**LESSON 2: FILLING OUT FORMS**

**Study: Learn How to Fill Out Forms**
Explore the skills necessary for comprehending and completing forms, including school and work applications and change-of-address paperwork.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Vocabulary and Terms**
Learn and review words that will be important for understanding forms. Apply context strategies for vocabulary comprehension.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Read: Forms**
Read a variety of forms.
Duration: 1 hr

**Quiz: Comprehending the Readings**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Writing a Personal Statement**
Learn the basics of writing a response to applications that require a personal statement, bio, or introduction. Learn how to brainstorm appropriate responses to college-application essays and job-application introductions.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Practice: Personal Statement**
Write an application essay or a short, personal statement for a job application.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 50 points
LESSON 3: MEMOS AND LETTERS

Study: Memos and Business Letters
Learn about the finer points of reading and writing memos and letters.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: Memos and Letters
Read a selection of memos and letters.
Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Readings
Respond to the readings.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Respond to the Readings
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Vocabulary Workshop
Learn about dealing with technical vocabulary.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Language Workshop
Learn about appropriate language.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Understanding Technical Manuals
Learn strategies for reading technical manuals.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Studies
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: LIFE SKILLS WRAP-UP

Review: Life Skills
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins

Test (CS): Life Skills
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Test (TS): Life Skills
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic: Life Skills
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points
UNIT 10: DOCUMENTS: PRIMARY SOURCES

LESSON 1: PRIMARY SOURCES: LETTERS, DIARIES, AND LOGS

**Study: Primary Sources**
Learn about primary sources.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: HISTORICAL LETTERS

**Study: Historical Correspondence**
Learn active reading strategies for historical correspondence. Learn to appreciate the historical and aesthetic value of such documents.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Vocabulary and Terms**
Learn and review words and terms that will be important for understanding the readings. Apply context strategies for vocabulary comprehension.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Read: Historical Correspondence**
Read the correspondence of John and Abigail Adams. As an alternative, read Pvt. Arthur Pranger's World War II correspondence with his family or the round-robin letters started by the 1903 class of Goucher College that document suffrage, war, the Depression, and family life.
Duration: 1 hr

**Quiz: Comprehending the Readings**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Making a Claim**
Learn to extrapolate and synthesize information from primary documents in order to make educated claims about their contents. Learn to make valid claims about historical individuals using samples of their correspondence and to support your claims with direct references to a body of documents. Explore the basics of research-report writing and review the research method.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: DIARIES AND LOGS

**Study: Diaries and Logs**
Learn active reading strategies for historical diaries and logs. Learn to appreciate the historical and aesthetic value of such documents.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Vocabulary and Terms**
Learn words and terms that will be important for understanding the readings. Use context strategies for understanding
vocabulary.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Historical Diaries and Logs
Read excerpts from Alice Williamson's historical Civil War diary and Michael Palin's modern-day travelogue from his *Around the World in 80 Days* adventure.
Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Reading
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Readings
Respond to the readings.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Summaries and Paraphrases
Review the art of writing summaries, or précis, and paraphrases.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Summary and Paraphrase
Write a summary of a movie or novel and a paraphrase of one document covered in this unit.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Respond to the Readings
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Vocabulary Workshop
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Language Workshop
Learn about problems with pronouns and how to avoid them.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Studies
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: DOCUMENTS: PRIMARY SOURCES WRAP-UP

Review: Documents: Primary Sources
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins

Test (CS): Documents: Primary Sources
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Test (TS): Documents: Primary Sources
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC
UNIT 11: THE NOVEL: A SEPARATE PEACE

LESSON 1: A SEPARATE PEACE

Study: About the Novel
Learn about John Knowles’s experience at Phillips Exeter Academy and the historical backdrop of his novel A Separate Peace. Review aspects of the art of the novel, including basic building-block elements of this literary form.

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

LESSON 2: A SEPARATE PEACE, CHAPTERS 1–7

Study: Getting Ready to Read
Prepare to read the first seven chapters of A Separate Peace.

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Study: Vocabulary and Terms
Learn and review words and literary terms that will be important for understanding the readings. Apply context strategies for vocabulary comprehension.

Read: A Separate Peace, Chapters 1–7
Read the first seven chapters of A Separate Peace.

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Study: Building Tension in Novels
Conduct a close study of how John Knowles uses tension-building devices to propel his novel forward.

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Practice: Importance of Setting
Write a short explanation of how the novelist’s presentation of the setting is used to anticipate events in the plot.

LESSON 3: A SEPARATE PEACE, CHAPTERS 8–13

Study: Literary Elements
Prepare to read the final six chapters of A Separate Peace.

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
**Study: Vocabulary and Terms**
Learn and review words and literary terms that will be important for understanding the readings. Use context strategies for understanding vocabulary.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Read: A Separate Peace, Chapters 8 – 13**
Read the final six chapters of *A Separate Peace*.
Duration: 1 hr

**Quiz: Comprehending the Readings**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Readings**
Respond to the readings.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

**Study: Writing Original Fiction**
Learn how to compose an original work of fiction.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

**Journal: Respond to the Readings**
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Vocabulary Workshop**
Think about the role that etymology plays in connotation; explore how writers use deliberately connotative language in their writing.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Study: Language Workshop**
Learn the problems of subject-verb agreement and how to avoid them.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Quiz: Comprehending the Studies**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

**LESSON 5: THE NOVEL: A SEPARATE PEACE WRAP-UP**

**Review: The Novel: A Separate Peace**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins

**Test (CS): The Novel: A Separate Peace**
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Test (TS): The Novel: A Separate Peace**
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

**LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC**

**Diagnostic: The Novel: A Separate Peace**
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
**UNIT 12: SEMESTER WRAP-UP**

**LESSON 1: SEMESTER WRAP-UP**

**Review: Semester Review**
Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts covered in Critical Reading and Effective Writing Semester 2.
Duration: 2 hrs

**Exam: Semester Exam**
Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in Critical Reading and Effective Writing Semester 2.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Final Exam: Semester Exam**
Take a teacher-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in Critical Reading and Effective Writing Semester 2.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 100 points