Course materials required. See 'Course Materials' below.

As the third step in a four-year language arts program, American Literature builds on the literary and communication skills that 11th-grade students have developed in Introduction to Literature and Composition and Critical Reading and Effective Writing.

Students are exposed to a variety of genres and voices in American literature from the colonial to contemporary eras by reading titles such as *My Ántonia*, *Death of a Salesman*, and *The Way to Rainy Mountain*. With increasing sophistication, students examine how the historical context of literary works is reflected in thematic and stylistic textual elements.

Throughout the course, emphasis is placed on helping students develop and refine their critical reading and writing skills. Students write expository, research, and creative compositions while honing critical and analytic skills through close readings of literary, historical, expository, and functional documents. Alongside their investigations of connections between historical context and literary works, students participate in a variety of activities designed to build practical skills, including studies of functional documents and workplace communication.

Both semesters of the course culminate in an extensive unit focused on building writing skills. In semester one, students practice synthesizing key concepts from source texts and write a thesis-driven response to their synthesis. In semester two, students practice gathering, evaluating, synthesizing, presenting, and documenting information in a unit dedicated to writing research reports.

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

Length: Two semesters

**UNIT 1: THE NEED TO READ**

**LESSON 1: READING AND VOCABULARY**

**Study: Active Reading**
Learn skills and strategies that will help you be an active reader in this and other courses.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Active Reading**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Building a Vocabulary**
Learn how to use words to express a variety of ideas, and study a few helpful vocabulary words and tips.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Building a Vocabulary**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

**LESSON 2: GETTING STARTED IN THE COURSE**

**Study: Reading Strategies in the Course**
Learn how the eight reading strategies will be useful in this course.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Reading Strategies in the Course**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points
LESSON 3: THE NEED TO READWRAP-UP

Review: The Need to Read
Get ready for the unit test by reviewing important ideas and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

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

Test (TS): The Need to Read
Take a teacher-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 4: DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic: The Need to Read Diagnostic
Take a diagnostic test that will create a study plan based on your answers.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

UNIT 2: READING AND WRITING INDEPENDENCE

LESSON 1: AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE: HISTORICAL AND LITERARY CONTEXT

Study: What Is Historical Context?
Discover how learning about the time period during which a work was written can help you better understand the work; also learn that reading can be more interesting when you know who wrote it and why.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: The Context of Independence
Read parts of the Declaration of Independence and learn about the problems that caused the colonists to break away from England. Understand the historical context of the U. S. Constitution.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Why Read Historical Texts?
Discover how reading historical texts can help you understand modern texts.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: READING, RESPONDING, AND WRITING

Read: Excerpts from American Historical Documents
Read excerpts from the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and President Obama's inaugural speech. Make connections between what you read and when it was written.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Readings
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Readings
Discuss your thoughts and opinions about independence and freedom with other students. Use examples from your
own life and from the literature you read to support your points.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

**Study: Writing a Summary**
Learn why summaries are useful and how to write an accurate summary.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Practice: Write a Summary**
Write a summary of one of the excerpts from the Declaration of Independence or President Obama’s inaugural.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

**LESSON 3: SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

**Journal: Analyze the Reading**
Recognize and analyze literary allusions.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Writing Workshop: Sentences and Paragraphs**
Learn how to write sentences and paragraphs that provide an accurate description of what you have read.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Writing Workshop: Essay Structure**
Learn about how essays and paragraphs have a similar structure.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Writing Workshop: Thesis Statements**
Learn about effective thesis statements and how to write one.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 4: READING AND WRITING INDEPENDENCE WRAP-UP**

**Review: Reading and Writing Independence**
Get ready for the unit test by reviewing important ideas and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): Reading and Writing Independence**
Take a computer-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 40 points

**Test (TS): Reading and Writing Independence**
Take a teacher-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 100 points

**LESSON 5: DIAGNOSTIC**

**Diagnostic: Reading and Writing Independence**
UNIT 3: POETRY: WHITMAN AND DICKINSON

LESSON 1: WHITMAN AND DICKINSON: HISTORICAL AND LITERARY CONTEXT

Study: Whitman and Dickinson's America
Learn about how historical events and the Romantic movement in literature influenced the poetry of Walt Whitman and Emily Dickinson.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Romanticism
Learn about poetic devices such as imagery, stanza, theme, tone, structure, and persona.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Genre Study: Poetry
Learn about Romanticism to understand Whitman's and Dickinson's poetry.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: READING, RESPONDING, AND WRITING

Read: Poems by Whitman and Dickinson
Read some poems by Whitman and Dickinson. Learn how to understand poetry better.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Readings
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading
Discuss your thoughts and opinions about how poets express themselves through their work. Compare how poets express their feelings to how you or others express your feelings through the arts.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Writing a Poetry Analysis
Use your knowledge of poetic devices to write a poetry analysis.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Analyze a Poem
Write about how a specific poem makes you feel and why.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Analyze the Reading
Using examples from Dickinson's poems, explain why Dickinson is a Romantic writer. Or, using examples from Whitman's poems, explain how you know that Whitman wrote during the Civil War era.

**Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Connotation and Denotation**
Learn the difference between connotation and denotation to help you better understand poems.

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

**Study: Language Workshop: Parallelism**
Learn about pronouns and antecedents and how understanding them will help you write clearer sentences.

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

**LESSON 4: POETRY: WHITMAN AND DICKINSON WRAP-UP**

**Review: Poetry: Whitman and Dickinson**
Get ready for the unit test by reviewing important ideas and skills.

**Test (CS): Poetry: Whitman and Dickinson**
Take a computer-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.

**Test (TS): Poetry: Whitman and Dickinson**
Take a teacher-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.

**LESSON 5: DIAGNOSTIC**

**Diagnostic: Poetry: Whitman and Dickinson**
Take a diagnostic test that will create a study plan based on your answers.

**UNIT 4: INDEPENDENT VOICES: AMERICAN MASTERS OF THE ESSAY**

**LESSON 1: EMERSON AND THOREAU: HISTORICAL AND LITERARY CONTEXT**

**Study: Historical Context: Expansion and Conflict**
Learn about the historical context surrounding the writing of Emerson and Thoreau.

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

**Study: Transcendentalism**
Learn about the ideas of the literary movement Transcendentalism.
LESSON 2: READING, RESPONDING, AND WRITING

Read: "Self-Reliance" and *Walden*
Read excerpts from Thoreau's *Walden* and Emerson's "Self-Reliance." Make connections between what you read and the time period during which it was written.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Readings
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Readings
Discuss with other students how our actions show what we think is important, using examples from your own life and from what you have read.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Writing a Personal Essay
Learn how writers observe and describe the world around them.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Writing a Personal Essay
Observe a place outdoors and write a personal essay that describes it and explains what the place means to you.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Analyze the Reading
Explain how a quotation from Emerson or Thoreau shows what his life was like.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Word Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes
Learn how word etymology can help you better understand what you read.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Language Workshop: Compound and Complex Sentences
Learn about compound and complex sentences and how to write them.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Writing Workshop: Workplace Communication and Documents
Learn about documents people use at work and how to write and read them better.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 4: INDEPENDENT VOICES: AMERICAN MASTERS OF THE ESSAY WRAP-UP

Get ready for the unit test by reviewing important ideas and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Independent Voices: American Masters of the Essay
Take a computer-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 40 points

Test (TS): Independent Voices: American Masters of the Essay
Take a teacher-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 100 points

LESSON 5: DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic: Independent Voices: American Masters of the Essay
Take a diagnostic test that will create a study plan based on your answers.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 5: THE NOVEL

LESSON 1: MY ÁNTONIA: HISTORICAL AND LITERARY CONTEXT

Study: Historical Context: The Frontier
Explore historical events that took place around the turn of the 20th century and the concept of Realism.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Genre Study: Fiction and the Novel
Discover how novels are written to better understand what you read.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: *My Ántonia*, Books I-II
Read parts of *My Ántonia* and learn how to better understand what you read.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Study: Character Study: My Ántonia
Understand how characters function in a novel and discover ways to analyze character development.
Duration: 0 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points
LESSON 2: READING, RESPONDING, AND WRITING

Read: *My Ántonia*, Books III – V
Read parts of *My Ántonia* and learn how to better understand what you read.
Duration: 1 hr  Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Reading
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: Write a Critical Response Essay
Discuss how *My Ántonia* helps its readers understand what it might have been like to be a new immigrant in America.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Writing Critically about Literature
Learn how to write a critical-response essay.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Writing a Critical Response Essay
Write a critical-response essay on the main female characters of *My Ántonia*.
Duration: 1 hr  Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Analyze the Reading
Write about the role of setting in *My Ántonia*.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Latin and Greek Roots
Learn about Latin and Greek word roots to better understand what you read and to build your vocabulary.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Language Workshop: Verbs
Learn about verb tenses and verb forms and how to use them correctly.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Writing Workshop: Business Letters
Learn about business letters and how to write them.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 4: THE NOVEL: *MY ÁNTONIA*: WRAP-UP

Review: The Novel: *My Ántonia*
Get ready for the unit test by reviewing important ideas and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 0 points
Test (CS): The Novel: *My Ántonia*
Take a computer-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 40 points

Test (TS): The Novel: *My Ántonia*
Take a teacher-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 100 points

**LESSON 5: DIAGNOSTIC**
Diagnostic: The Novel: *My Ántonia*
Take a diagnostic test that will create a study plan based on your answers.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

**UNIT 6: WRITING WORKSHOP**

**LESSON 1: UNDERSTANDING AND USING SYNTHESIS**
*Study: Introduction to Synthesis*
Learn what *synthesis* means and why it is an important skill for reading and writing.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

*Quiz: Understanding the Study*
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

*Study: Prewriting Strategies for Synthesis*
Learn how to gather information and ideas from what you read.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

*Quiz: Understanding the Study*
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

*Study: Using Sources*
Learn how to use and cite information from sources in your writing.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

*Quiz: Understanding the Study*
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 2: READING, RESPONDING, AND WRITING**

*Read: Synthesis and Response*
Read an example of a synthesis/response essay to better understand how to write one.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

*Quiz: Understanding the Reading*
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

*Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Readings*
Discuss the most effective ways to review another student's writing and offer feedback.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

*Study: Writing a Synthesis Paragraph*
Write a synthesis paragraph that shows a common theme among quotations from literary works.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

*Quiz: Understanding the Study*
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
**LESSON 3: SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

**Journal: Analyze the Reading**
Analyze the use of evidence in a sample synthesis and response essay.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Writing Workshop: Conclusions**
Learn about writing conclusions and how to revise them.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: Writing Workshop: Sentence Fluency**
Learn how to use proofreading and editing strategies to make sentences clearer to readers.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: Writing Workshop: The Final Steps**
Learn how to prepare documents to turn them in.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 0 points

**LESSON 4: SYNTHESIS AND RESPONSE WRITING WORKSHOP WRAP-UP**

**Review: Synthesis and Response Writing Workshop**
Get ready for the unit test by reviewing important ideas and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): Synthesis and Response Writing Workshop**
Take a computer-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 40 points

**Test (TS): Synthesis and Response Writing Workshop**
Take a teacher-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 100 points

**LESSON 5: DIAGNOSTIC**

**Diagnostic: Synthesis and Response Writing Workshop**
Take a diagnostic test that will create a study plan based on your answers.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

**UNIT 7: SEMESTER WRAP-UP**

**LESSON 1: SEMESTER WRAP-UP**

**Review: Semester Review**
Get ready for the exam by reviewing important ideas and skills covered in this semester.
UNIT 8: MODERNISM

LESSON 1: HISTORICAL AND LITERARY CONTEXT

Study: Historical Context: America in the Early 20th Century
Learn about the historical events of the early 20th century to better understand what you read.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: What is Modernism?
Understand and be able to identify literary terms such as allusion, author, dialogue, poetic form, dialect, idiom, setting, imagery, personification, and figures of speech.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: American Modernists
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: READING, RESPONDING, AND WRITING

Read: Selected Modernist Literature
Read and understand poems and a short story.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Reading
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading
Discuss stories that you like and what makes a story interesting.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Analyzing Short Stories
Learn about the techniques of short stories to better understand them.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Analyze Short Story Techniques
Write about your response to a short story and how the author's writing techniques caused your response.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: SKILLS WORKSHOPS
Journal: Analyze the Reading
Write about a Modernist idea or theme you've noticed in the poems or stories you've read in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Anglo-Saxon Roots
Learn about Anglo-Saxon word roots to better understand what you read and to build your vocabulary.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Language Workshop: Idioms and Dialects
Learn about idioms and dialect to better understand what you read.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Writing Workshop: Résumés
Learn about resumes and how to write one.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 4: MODERNISM WRAP-UP
Review: Modernism
Get ready for the unit test by reviewing important ideas and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Modernism
Take a computer-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 40 points

Test (TS): Modernism
Take a teacher-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 100 points

LESSON 5: DIAGNOSTIC
Diagnostic: Modernism
Take a diagnostic test that will create a study plan based on your answers.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 9: THE STRUGGLE FOR THE AMERICAN DREAM: TRAGEDY

LESSON 1: HISTORICAL AND LITERARY CONTEXT
Study: Historical and Literary Context: The Mid-20th Century
Learn about historical events of the mid-20th century and the idea of the American Dream to better understand what you read and listen to in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Genre Study: Drama**
Learn about drama to better understand how to read a play.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Read: Death of a Salesman, Act I**
Read the first act of *Death of a Salesman*.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Study: What is a Tragedy?**
Read the first act of *Death of a Salesman*.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**LESSON 2: READING, RESPONDING, AND WRITING**

**Read: Death of a Salesman, Act II**
Read Act II and the Requiem of *Death of a Salesman*, paying attention to how the author develops his characters.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Reading**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading**
Discuss what success means to you.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

**Study: Analyzing a Character**
Learn how to write a character analysis.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Practice: Writing a Character Analysis**
Choose one character from *Death of a Salesman* and write about whether he or she is a tragic hero.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

**LESSON 3: SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

**Journal: Analyze the Reading**
Write about how the stage directions for a specific scene in *Death of a Salesman* help you understand the setting and action of the play.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Pronouns and Antecedents**
Learn how to use the dictionary to help you pronounce words.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Language Workshop: Using Transitions**  
Learn how to punctuate dialogue.  
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**  
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.  
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Writing Workshop: Reading and Writing Directions**  
Learn about reading and writing instructions effectively.  
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**  
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.  
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

**LESSON 4: THE STRUGGLE FOR THE AMERICAN DREAM: TRAGEDY WRAP-UP**

**Review: The Struggle for the American Dream: Tragedy**  
Get ready for the unit test by reviewing important ideas and skills.  
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): The Struggle for the American Dream: Tragedy**  
Take a computer-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.  
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 40 points

**Test (TS): The Struggle for the American Dream: Tragedy**  
Take a teacher-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.  
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 100 points

**LESSON 5: DIAGNOSTIC**

**Diagnostic: The Struggle for the American Dream: Tragedy**  
Take a diagnostic test that will create a study plan based on your answers.  
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

**UNIT 10: GAINING FREEDOM THEME STUDY**

**LESSON 1: HISTORICAL AND LITERARY CONTEXT**

**Study: Historical and Literary Context: The Civil Rights Movement**  
Learn about the U.S. civil rights movement of the 20th century and the theme of the struggle for freedom to better understand what you read.  
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**  
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.  
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Understanding Arguments and Rhetoric**  
Learn about techniques writers and speakers use to persuade.  
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**  
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.  
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Audience Appeals and Persuasion**  
Listen to a speech and learn how the speaker persuades listeners.  
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points
Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: READING, RESPONDING, AND WRITING

Read: Persuasive Speeches
Read and understand short stories about the struggle for freedom.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Readings
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading
Discuss with other students what it means to you to be free.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Writing a Persuasive Speech
Learn how to write a persuasive speech.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Persuasive Speech Writing
Write a short persuasive speech for an adult audience.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Analyze the Reading
Write about how two different types of literature use appeals to persuade.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Diction
Learn how to make effective word choices.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Language Workshop: Avoiding Bias
Learn how to avoid language that creates gender or cultural bias.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Writing Workshop: College Applications
Learn how to complete a college application.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 4: GAINING FREEDOM THEME STUDY WRAP-UP
Review: Gaining Freedom Theme Study
Get ready for the unit test by reviewing important ideas and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins  Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Gaining Freedom Theme Study
Take a computer-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins  Scoring: 40 points

Test (TS): Gaining Freedom Theme Study
Take a teacher-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins  Scoring: 100 points

LESSON 5: DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic: Gaining Freedom Theme Study
Take a diagnostic test that will create a study plan based on your answers.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins  Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 11: IDENTITY IN THE POSTMODERN AGE

LESSON 1: HISTORICAL AND LITERARY CONTEXT

Study: Historical and Literary Context: Postmodernism
Learn about the historical events of the second half of the 20th century, the ideas of Postmodernism, how people form an identity, and the literary genre of memoir to better understand what you read.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins  Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins  Scoring: 20 points

Study: Momaday's Context: Postmodernity and Identity
Learn about why and how people write memoirs and how reading them helps us understand personal identity.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins  Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins  Scoring: 20 points

Read: The Way to Rainy Mountain, Part I
Duration: 1 hr  Scoring: 0 points

Study: Genre Study: Memoir
Read excerpts from Chief Joseph's memoir.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins  Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins  Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: MEMOIR AND IDENTITY

Read: The Way to Rainy Mountain, Part II
Read selections from The Way to Rainy Mountain and look for themes of identity and Postmodernism.
Duration: 1 hr  Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Reading
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins  Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading
Discuss the cultural groups you feel you are a part of by sharing your personal experience with other students.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins  Scoring: 15 points
Study: Writing Workshop: Memoir Essay
Learn how to write a memoir essay.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Your Memoir
Write a memoir essay about a time in your life when you felt part of a group or left out of a group.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Analyze the Reading
Learn about how writers use voice in their writing.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Homophones
Learn about homophones and how to use them correctly.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Language Workshop: Figurative Language
Learn about figurative language to help you read and write more effectively.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Writing Workshop: Personal Statement
Learn about personal statements and how to write them.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: IDENTITY IN THE POSTMODERN AGE WRAP-UP

Review: Identity in the Postmodern Age
Get ready for the unit test by reviewing important ideas and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Identity in the Postmodern Age
Take a computer-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 40 points

Test (TS): Identity in the Postmodern Age
Take a teacher-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 100 points

LESSON 5: DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic: Identity in the Postmodern Age
Take a diagnostic test that will create a study plan based on your answers.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points
UNIT 12: THE RESEARCH ESSAY

LESSON 1: WRITING THE RESEARCH ESSAY

Study: What Is a Research Essay?
Learn about research essays and how to write one.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Research Questions
Learn how to ask and focus a research question.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Using Sources
Learn how to find, read, and evaluate sources when doing research.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: READING, RESPONDING, AND WRITING

Read: Read a Sample Research Essay
Learn about primary and secondary sources and how to read them effectively. Read sources to answer your research questions.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Reading
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading
Discuss with other students what you have learned about your research questions from reading sources.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Writing a Thesis Statement
Learn how to use your research to write and support a thesis statement.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Research Essay
Learn how to outline a thesis argument for an effective research essay.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Analyze the Reading
Write about how you would respond to someone who disagreed with your essay’s thesis.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Writing Workshop: Punctuation
Learn about synonyms and antonyms and how to use a thesaurus to improve your writing.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Language Workshop: Active and Passive Voice**
Learn how to give credit to the sources you use in your research essay.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Skills Workshop: Using Graphics**
Learn how graphs, charts, and pictures are used in documents to help you understand what you read.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understanding the Study**
Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

**LESSON 4: THE RESEARCH ESSAY WRAP-UP**

**Review: The Research Essay**
Get ready for the unit test by reviewing important ideas and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): The Research Essay**
Take a computer-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 40 points

**Test (TS): The Research Essay**
Take a teacher-scored test to check what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 100 points

**LESSON 5: DIAGNOSTIC**

**Diagnostic: The Research Essay**
Take a diagnostic test that will create a study plan based on your answers.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

**UNIT 13: SEMESTER WRAP-UP**

**LESSON 1: SEMESTER WRAP-UP**

**Review: Semester Review**
Get ready for the exam by reviewing important ideas and skills covered in this semester.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Exam: Semester Exam**
Take a computer-scored exam to show what you have learned in this semester.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 40 points

**Final Exam: Semester Exam**
Take a teacher-scored exam to show what you have learned in this semester.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 100 points