

The focus of English 2 Honors is the writing process. Three forms of writing guide the curriculum: persuasive, expository, and narrative writing. A typical lesson culminates in a written assignment that lets students demonstrate their developing skill in one of these forms.

English 2 Honors includes at least one anchor text per lesson focused on a thematic core of the capacity of language to influence others. Readings include poems, stories, speeches, plays, and a graphic novel, as well as a variety of informational texts, and these texts are often presented as models for students to emulate as they practice their own writing. The readings represent a wide variety of purposes and cultural perspectives, ranging from the Indian epic *The Ramayana* to accounts of Hurricane Katrina told through different media. Audio and video presentations enhance students' awareness and command of rhetorical techniques and increase their understanding of writing for different audiences.

English 2 Honors provides opportunities for self-directed study, including outside readings, open-ended journal entries, and free-form projects, all of which challenge Honors students to use their creativity and critical thinking skills to gain independent mastery of reading and writing.

Length: Two Semesters

UNIT 1: THE WRITTEN WORD

- Lesson 1: Expository Prose
- Lesson 2: Persuasive Prose
- Lesson 3: Narrative Prose
- Lesson 4: Wrap Up: The Written Word

UNIT 2: THE STORY

- Lesson 1: Plot
- Lesson 2: Character
- Lesson 3: Description
- Lesson 4: Wrap Up: The Story

UNIT 3: LITERARY CRITICISM

- Lesson 1: Theme
- Lesson 2: Figurative Language
- Lesson 3: Context
- Lesson 4: Wrap Up: Literary Criticism

UNIT 4: THE RESEARCH PAPER

- Lesson 1: Finding Support
- Lesson 2: Using Sources
- Lesson 3: Revision
- Lesson 4: Wrap Up: The Research Paper

UNIT 5: WRAP UP

- Lesson 1: Wrap Up

UNIT 6: PRACTICAL DOCUMENTS

- Lesson 1: Organization
- Lesson 2: Clarity
- Lesson 3: Formal Letters

- Lesson 4: Wrap Up: Practical Documents

UNIT 7: PERSUASIVE TEXTS

- Lesson 1: Tone
- Lesson 2: The Medium
- Lesson 3: Purpose
- Lesson 4: Wrap Up: Persuasive Texts

UNIT 8: THE SPEECH

- Lesson 1: Speech Analysis
- Lesson 2: Speechwriting
- Lesson 3: Moving an Audience
- Lesson 4: Wrap Up: The Speech

UNIT 9: RESEARCHED ARGUMENTATION

- Lesson 1: Claims, Reasons, and Evidence
- Lesson 2: Counterclaims
- Lesson 3: Revision, Proofreading, and Peer Evaluation
- Lesson 4: Wrap Up: Researched Argumentation

UNIT 10: WRAP UP

- Lesson 1: Wrap Up