American Literature is a general studies program in literature and composition, organized as a survey of American literature. It can stand alone as a complete year of general study in English without a specific prerequisite, but its modular design allows flexibility in how the program is used in the classroom; teachers may use a single unit, lesson, or activity to supplement regular class content. American Literature expands upon and deepens understanding of literary and communication skills covered in Critical Reading and Effective Writing, including reading, writing, language appreciation and aesthetics, listening and speaking, viewing and representing, and research.

Within these general topic areas, special emphasis is placed on writing expository, research, and creative compositions; honing critical and analytic skills through close readings of literary, historical, expository, and functional documents; using context strategies and an understanding of etymology to build vocabulary; and practicing communication skills in online discussions.

Reading selections cover a variety of genres and voices in literature and expository prose. Students read a survey of American literature from colonial to contemporary eras. They are encouraged to respond critically and personally to these works and to use them as a context for thinking about the unique and universal aspects of culture. They learn and practice skills for workplace communication in special activities. Finally, students practice gathering, evaluating, synthesizing, presenting, and documenting information in a unit dedicated to writing research reports.

This course is built to state standards and the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) standards.

Length: Two semesters

UNIT 1: REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE

LESSON 1: REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE

Discuss: Introductions
Log in to the discussion board and introduce yourself to your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Orientation to American Literature
Learn about activity types, how to submit assignments, and what you will be expected to do in this course.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Setting Goals for Yourself
Think about what you want to achieve by taking this course. Learn how to keep a record of your progress and development.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

LESSON 2: WRITING REVIEW

Study: Writing: The Well-Crafted Sentence
Review the fundamentals of sentence structure and punctuation.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Writing: Paragraphs
Review paragraph structure and practice writing topic sentences.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Writing: The Essay
Review the fundamentals of essay structure.
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 3: LITERARY-KNOWLEDGE REVIEW

Study: Genre Review
Refresh your memory about the characteristics of major genres of literature and nonfiction.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Literary Terms and Concepts Review
Review key terms crucial to understanding and interpreting literature.
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 4: GRAMMAR REVIEW

Study: Vocabulary: Key-Concept Review
Review terms to build your vocabulary.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Language Review: Verbs and Verbals
Review skills necessary for handling verbs and their derivatives.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Language Review: Modifiers and Pronouns
Review and practice the correct use of modifiers and pronouns.
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: UNIT REVIEW AND TEST

Review: Prepare to Take the Unit Test
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins

Test (CS): The Unit Test
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 Unit Test
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: Review the Course Introduction
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

UNIT 2: DOCUMENTING INDEPENDENCE

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION

Study: Introduction: Historical and Literary Context
Explore the historical and literary context of this unit’s reading materials.
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 DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Study: Documenting Independence
Read documents from America's precolonial and colonial eras to learn skills for reading and interpreting historical 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 Key Terms
Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: The Declaration of Independence
Read the Declaration of Independence.
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
Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Responses to Authority
Trace the evolution of responses to authority in precolonial and colonial writing.
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: Summarize the Declaration of Independence
Write a one-paragraph summary of the Declaration of Independence.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: CONSTITUTIONS

Study: Constitutions and the Rules of Independence
Learn about why constitutions are necessary and who drafts them. Learn about the history of the two documents you will read in this unit.
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 Key Terms
Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: The U.S. Constitution
Read the U.S. Constitution.
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
Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Writing Workshop: The Analysis Essay
Learn about the characteristics of the analytical essay.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Analysis Essay: Independence and Constitutions
Using the documents you have read in this unit, write a brief essay analyzing the relationship between independence and constitutions.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

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

Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Etymology I
Trace the etymology of terms used in the fields of political science and history.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Language Workshop: Reading Strategies
Learn to employ strategies to help you understand what you are reading.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Functional Document Workshop: Locating Information
Practice finding information by skimming, scanning, and highlighting.
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

Explore: Introduction to Media Literacy
Go online to learn more about media literacy.
Duration: 1 hr

Project: Draft a Constitution
Draft your own constitution for your classroom, team, or other group.
Duration: 1 hr

LESSON 5: DOCUMENTING INDEPENDENCE WRAP-UP

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

Test (CS): Documenting Independence
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points
Test (TS): Documenting Independence
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: Documenting Independence
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 40 points

UNIT 3: POETRY: WALT WHITMAN AND EMILY DICKINSON

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION
Study: Historical and Literary Context
Explore the historical and literary context of this unit’s reading materials.
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: AMERICAN POET: WALT WHITMAN
Study: Walt Whitman: His Life and Poems
Learn about Walt Whitman’s life and explore some of the characteristic themes and techniques that appear in his work.
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 Key Terms
Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins
Read: Poems by Walt Whitman
Read a selection of poems from *Leaves of Grass*.
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
Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points
Study: Thinking about Poetry
Learn techniques and review key terms in order to become a better reader and interpreter of poetry.
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: Analyze a Poem
Write a one-paragraph analysis of the function of a literary device, image, or theme from one of the poems from the reading assignment.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: AMERICAN POET: EMILY DICKINSON
Study: Emily Dickinson: Her Life and Poems
Learn about Emily Dickinson's life and explore some of the characteristic themes and techniques that appear in her work.
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 Key Terms
Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Poems by Emily Dickinson
Read a selection of poems by Emily Dickinson.
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
Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Writing Workshop: The Compare-and-Contrast Essay
Review the characteristics of the compare-and-contrast 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

Practice: Compare-and-Contrast Essay: Dickinson and Whitman
Write an essay comparing and contrasting elements of poems by Whitman and Dickinson.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

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

Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Etymology II
Research the etymology of words found in poems from this lesson.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Language Workshop: Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement
Review and practice pronoun-antecedent agreement.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Practice reading directions and filling out forms.
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

Explore: Topics in Media Literacy: Perspectives on Truth
Read newspaper editorials from the Civil War to understand how the agendas of writers or publications can compromise journalistic objectivity.
Duration: 1 hr

**Project: Multimedia Presentation**
Create a multimedia backdrop for a reading of one of the poems from this unit.
Duration: 1 hr

**LESSON 5: POETRY: WHITMAN AND DICKINSON**

**Review: Poetry: Whitman and Dickinson**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins

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

**Test (TS): Poetry: Whitman and Dickinson**
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: Poetry: Whitman and Dickinson**
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 40 points

**UNIT 4: THE ESSAY: AMERICAN MASTERS**

**LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION**

**Study: Historical and Literary Context**
Study the historical and literary context of 19th-century America.
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: RALPH WALDO EMERSON AND SELF-RELIANCE**

**Study: Reading Self-Reliance**
Learn about Ralph Waldo Emerson and explore the philosophical foundation of *Self-Reliance*.
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 Key Terms**
Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Read: Self-Reliance**
Read Emerson's essay *Self-Reliance*.
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**
Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

**Study: Writing Workshop: Developing an Idea in a Personal Essay**
Lean how to use the genre of the personal essay to develop an idea and come to a conclusion.
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: Write an Outline for a Personal Essay**
Write a one-page outline for a personal essay on a topic of your choice.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

**LESSON 3: HENRY DAVID THOREAU AND WALDEN**

**Study: Reading Walden**
Learn about Henry David Thoreau and the philosophical foundation of *Walden*.
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 Key Terms**
Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Read: Excerpts from Walden**
Read excerpts from Thoreau's *Walden*.
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**
Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

**Study: The Personal Essay**
Learn about the history and characteristics of the personal essay and trace its development in American 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

**Practice: Write a Personal Essay**
Using the outline you wrote in the previous lesson, write a personal essay that introduces and develops an idea.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

**LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

**Journal: Respond to the Reading**
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**
Learn the meaning of 20 Greek root words.
Study: Language Workshop: Analogies
Learn how to read and understand analogies.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Functional Document Workshop: Workplace Documents I
Learn about types of documents you are likely to encounter in the workplace. Practice reading and comprehending examples of those 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

Explore: Topics in Media Literacy: Media Consolidation
Research the origins of media consolidation and its present-day repercussions.
Duration: 1 hr

Project: Self-Reliance Interviews
Conduct a series of interviews among your peers on the topic of self-reliance. Present your findings.
Duration: 1 hr

LESSON 5: THE ESSAY: AMERICAN MASTERS WRAP-UP

Review: The Essay: American Masters
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins

Test (CS): The Essay: American Masters
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 Essay: American Masters
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 Essay: American Masters
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 40 points

UNIT 5: THE NOVEL

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION

Study: Historical and Literary Context
Explore the historical and literary context of this unit’s reading materials.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

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

LESSON 2: MY ÁNTONIA, PART I

Study: The American Novel
Trace the history of the American novel up to 1900. Consider the genre in relation to the traditions of the European 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
Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: My Ántonia, Books I and II
Read the first two books of My Antonia.
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
Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Contrasting Visions of Prairie Life
Learn about the history of the American prairie. Consider different perspectives on its settlement by European immigrants.
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: Writing about Reading Preferences
Compose a short explanation of your reading preferences.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: MY ÁNTONIA, PART II

Study: Pioneer: A Woman's Voice in American Fiction
Explore Willa Cather's role in bringing a new perspective to the American 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 Key Terms
Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: My Ántonia, Books III, IV, and V
Read the final three books of My Antonia.
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
Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Writing Workshop: Critical Perspectives
Learn about some of the schools of literary criticism. Prepare to use those critical perspectives in an essay of your own.
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

Discuss: Peer Review: Drafting
Write a draft of an introductory paragraph, including a thesis statement and an outline, for an essay examining My Antonia from two critical perspectives.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

Practice: Critical Interpretation
Write a critical interpretation paragraph.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Respond to the Reading
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
Learn 20 Latin root words.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Language Workshop: Verb Tenses
Practice recognizing and using verb tenses.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Functional Document Workshop: Workplace Documents II
Learn the ins and outs of writing business 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

Explore: Topics in Media Literacy: The Purposes of Media
Learn about the function of different kinds of media.
Duration: 1 hr

Project: Analyze Two Prairie-Themed Paintings
Write an analysis of two prairie-themed paintings. Compare and contrast how each painter communicates meaning through form, color, light, and spatial relationships.
Duration: 1 hr

LESSON 5: THE NOVEL WRAP-UP

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

Test (CS): The Novel
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
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
UNIT 6: SEMESTER REVIEW

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION

Review: Semester Review
Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts covered in American Literature Semester 1.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins

Exam: Semester Exam
Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in American Literature 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 American Literature Semester 1.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 100 points

UNIT 7: MODERNISM

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION

Study: Historical and Literary Context
Explore the historical and literary context of this unit's reading materials.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

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

LESSON 2: AMERICAN MODERNISM, PART I

Study: A New Direction: Modernism
Learn about the Modernist literary movement in Europe and America.
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 Key Terms
Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Modernist Poetry
Read poems written by American Modernists.
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
Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: American Modernist Poetry
Explore techniques, schools, and philosophies of American Modernist poets.
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: Poem Analysis
Write a one paragraph analysis of a poem.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: AMERICAN MODERNISM, PART II

Study: Modernism and the American Short Story
Think about Modernism as a literary movement in American short 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

Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms
Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Two Short Stories
Read "Sweat" by Zora Neale Hurston and "Hills Like White Elephants" by Ernest Hemingway.
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
Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Writing Workshop: Short Fiction
Prepare to write a short story in the realist tradition.
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 Story
Write a short story in the Modernist style.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

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

Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Anglo-Saxon Root Words
Learn 20 Anglo-Saxon root words.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Language Workshop: Idioms and Dialects
Explore figures of speech and regional and cultural variations in the English language.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Functional Document Workshop: Writing a Résumé
Write a résumé for a job application.
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

**Explore: Topics in Media Literacy: Yellow Journalism and the Spanish-American War**
Explore the influence of media on public opinion and government policy.
Duration: 1 hr

**Project: Comparing Images**
Look at examples of visual art from two different eras. Draw conclusions about how they reflect the culture of the times in which they were produced.
Duration: 1 hr

**LESSON 5: UNIT REVIEW AND TEST**
**Review: Prepare to Take the Unit Test**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins

**Test (CS): The Unit Test**
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 Unit Test**
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: Modernism and Realism**
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 31 points

**UNIT 8: DRAMA**

**LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION**
**Study: Historical and Literary Context**
Explore the historical and literary context of this unit's reading materials.
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: DEATH OF A SALESMAN, PART I**
**Study: Arthur Miller: Social Dramatist**
Learn about Arthur Miller and his work and discover Death of a Salesman.
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 Key Terms**
Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Read: Death of a Salesman, Act I**
Read Act I of *Death of a Salesman*.
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**
Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

**Study: Modern Tragedy**
Explore the genre of tragedy and think about how it has been adapted for modern audiences.
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: Making Predictions**
Based on the reading assignments and your knowledge of tragedy, predict what will happen in the second half of the play.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

**LESSON 3: DEATH OF A SALESMAN, PART II**

**Study: What Makes *Death of a Salesman* a Classic?**
Think about the timeless elements of Miller's play and why it continues to be performed.
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 Key Terms**
Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

**Read: *Death of a Salesman*, Act II**
Read Act II and the Requiem of *Death of a Salesman*.
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**
Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

**Study: Writing Workshop: Character Study**
Learn the ins and outs of writing a character study.
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: Character Study**
Write a character study.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 50 points
**LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

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

*Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Connotation and Denotation*
Practice vocabulary skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

*Study: Language Workshop: Using Transitions Effectively*
Practice language skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

*Study: Functional Document Workshop: Following Directions*
Follow directions to complete a task.
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

*Explore: Topics in Media Literacy: The Rise of the Adman*
Explore the development of the advertising industry.
Duration: 1 hr

*Project: Storyboard a Commercial*
Design a storyboard for a commercial for a favorite product.
Duration: 1 hr

**LESSON 5: UNIT REVIEW AND TEST**

*Review: Prepare to Take the Unit Test*
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins

*Test (CS): The Unit Test*
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 Unit Test*
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 20 mins Scoring: 38 points

**UNIT 9: THEME STUDY: THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM**

**LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION**

*Study: Lesson Introduction: Historical and Literary Context*
Explore the historical and literary context of this unit’s reading materials.
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 RHETORIC OF FREEDOM

Study: What Is Theme?
Explore the concept of theme and how it applies to this unit's reading assignments.
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 Key Terms
Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Orations on Freedom
Read "Eulogy for Rufino Contreras" by Cesar Chavez, "The Children's Era" by Margaret Sanger, and "I Have a Dream" by Martin Luther King Jr.
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
Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Elements of Rhetoric
Think about the techniques and devices that writers and orators use to persuade audiences.
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: Speech Summary
Summarize one of the speeches from this lesson.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: STORIES OF FREEDOM

Study: Fiction and Persuasion
Think about how writers use stories to communicate ideas and philosophical positions.
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 Key Terms
Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Stories about Freedom
Read "The Story of an Hour" by Kate Chopin and "Girl" and "On 'Girl'" by Jamaica Kincaid.
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
Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Writing Workshop: Speechwriting
Use your knowledge of rhetoric to write a speech on a topic related to the themes covered in this unit.
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: Speechwriting
Write a speech.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

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

Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Word Choice
Practice vocabulary skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Language Workshop: Gender and Culture Bias
Practice language skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Functional Document Workshop: College Application
Fill out a college application.
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

Explore: Topics in Media Literacy: Media and Power
Explore the relationship between power and access to media.
Duration: 1 hr

Project: Give a Speech
Prepare to deliver a speech.
Duration: 1 hr

LESSON 5: UNIT REVIEW AND TEST

Review: Prepare to Take the Unit Test
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins

Test (CS): The Unit Test
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 Unit Test
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: The Struggle for Freedom
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 25 points

UNIT 10: THE MEMOIR

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION

Study: Historical and Literary Context
Explore the historical and literary context of this unit’s reading materials.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

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

LESSON 2: THE WAY TO RAINY MOUNTAIN, PART I

Study: Postmodernism: A Theory of Fracture
Learn about the theory of postmodernism and consider how The Way to Rainy Mountain might be considered a postmodern memoir.
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 Key Terms
Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: The Way to Rainy Mountain, Part I
Read the prologue, introduction, and first two chapters of The Way to Rainy Mountain.
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
Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: The Memoir
Think about the characteristics and history of the memoir as a genre.
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: Three Perspectives on Memory
Using Momaday’s unique narrative structure as a model, examine a memory from your childhood from three perspectives.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: THE WAY TO RAINY MOUNTAIN, PART II

Study: Momaday’s Many Voices
Think about the confluence of European and Native American traditions in Momaday’s memoir. How does the narrative reflect the Native American experience?
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 Key Terms
Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: The Way to Rainy Mountain, Part II
Read the final two chapters and closing poem of The Way to Rainy Mountain.
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
Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

Study: Writing Workshop: Reflective Composition
What stories tell us who we are? Learn to write a reflective composition that ties personal experience to larger issues and questions.
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: Reflective Composition
What stories tell us who we are? Write an essay examining the relationship between narrative and identity.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

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

Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Prefixes and Suffixes
Practice vocabulary skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Language Workshop: Listening Skills
Practice language skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Functional Document Workshop: The Personal Statement
Write a personal statement.
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

Explore: Topics in Media Literacy: Media and Identity
Explore some of the ways that media influence how we think about ourselves.
Duration: 1 hr

Project: Native American Culture
Research and design a brief presentation about a Native American tribe in your region.
Duration: 1 hr

LESSON 5: UNIT REVIEW AND TEST
Review: Prepare to Take the Unit Test
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins

Test (CS): The Unit Test
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 Unit Test
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 Memoir
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

UNIT 11: THE RESEARCH ESSAY
LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION
Study: Introduction to the Research Essay
Learn about the fundamental characteristics and functions of the research essay.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

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

Study: Asking and Refining Questions
Think about how to refine and ask questions to use as the basis of your research.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

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

Practice: Research Questions
Submit your research questions.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 2: THE RESEARCH PROCESS, PART I
Study: Finding, Evaluating, and Interpreting Source Material
Learn to find, evaluate, and interpret sources in order to answer your research questions.
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: Compiling and Organizing Information
Learn how to make sense of the information that you gather in the research process.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Study: Writing Workshop: Writing an Outline
Write an outline for your research 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

Discuss: Peer Review: Drafting
Share your outline with your classmates.
Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

Practice: Research Outline
Submit your outline.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: THE RESEARCH PROCESS, PART II

Study: Synthesizing and Drawing Conclusions
Think about how to use the information you have gathered to answer your research questions.
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: Documentation
Learn how to document your sources in bibliographies and works-cited lists.
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

Discuss: Any Questions?
Discuss questions or concerns with your classmates about the research process.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 15 points

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Technical Vocabularies
Practice vocabulary skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Language Workshop: Writing for Different Audiences
Practice language skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Learn how to interpret and understand graphic elements of texts.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Explore the relationship between research and journalism. What happens when journalists cut corners in the research process?
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Explore: Topics in Media Literacy: Credibility in Journalism
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
**Project: Graphics and Illustrations**
Compile graphics and illustrations with which you might augment a research essay.
Duration: 1 hr

**Practice: Research Essay**
Submit the final copy of your research essay.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

**LESSON 5: UNIT REVIEW AND TEST**

**Review: Prepare to Take the Unit Test**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins

**Test (CS): The Unit Test**
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 Unit Test**
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 Research Essay**
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 31 points

**UNIT 12: SEMESTER REVIEW**

**LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION**

**Review: Semester Review**
Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts covered in American Literature Semester 2.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins

**Exam: Semester Exam**
Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in American Literature 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 American Literature Semester 2.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 100 points