

Reading for College Success provides an English curriculum focused on developing the mastery of skills identified as critical to postsecondary readiness in reading. This single semester elective aligns to Florida's Postsecondary Readiness Competencies in reading and targets students required to complete additional instruction based on their performance on the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT). Course topics include vocabulary acquisition and use; use of academic and domain-specific words; reading for key ideas and details; reading non-fiction; and research.

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.

This course is built to Florida Postsecondary Readiness Competencies.

Length: One semester

### UNIT 1: VOCABULARY: LEARNING AND USING NEW WORDS

- Lesson 1: Introduction to Vocabulary Building
- Lesson 2: Introduction to Context Clues and Word Skipping
- Lesson 3: More Using Context
- Lesson 4: Connotation
- Lesson 5: Idioms and Other Figurative Language
- Lesson 6: Using a Thesaurus
- Lesson 7: Vocabulary: Learning and Using New Words Wrap-Up

### UNIT 2: VOCABULARY: LEARNING ACADEMIC AND DOMAIN WORDS

- Lesson 1: Introduction to Word Roots
- Lesson 2: Introduction to Prefixes
- Lesson 3: Introduction to Suffixes
- Lesson 4: Latin Roots: Part I
- Lesson 5: Latin Roots: Part II
- Lesson 6: Greek Roots: Part I
- Lesson 7: Greek Roots: Part II
- Lesson 8: Technical Vocabulary
- Lesson 9: Vocabulary: Learning Academic and Domain Words Wrap-Up

### UNIT 3: READING: NON-FICTION

- Lesson 1: Reading as a Process
- Lesson 2: Gaining and Retaining Information
- Lesson 3: Introduction to Strategies for Reading Newspapers
- Lesson 4: Introduction to Reading Essays
- Lesson 5: Introduction to Charts and Graphs
- Lesson 6: Introduction to Reading School Texts
- Lesson 7: Introduction to Discovering Meaning Through Design
- Lesson 8: Introduction to Evaluating Sources of Visual Media
- Lesson 9: Introduction to Comparing Media
- Lesson 10: Introduction to Culture in Media
- Lesson 11: Reading Non-Fiction Wrap-Up

### UNIT 4: READING: KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS

- Lesson 1: Main Idea
- Lesson 2: Connections Across Texts
- Lesson 3: Ralph Waldo Emerson and *Self-Reliance*
- Lesson 4: Reading: Key Ideas and Details Wrap-Up

## **UNIT 5: READING: TEXT STRUCTURE**

- Lesson 1: Types of Nonfiction
- Lesson 2: Personal Essays and Letters
- Lesson 3: Biographies and Interviews
- Lesson 4: Opinion and Editorial Essays
- Lesson 5: Reading: Text Structure Wrap-Up

## **UNIT 6: READING: INTEGRATING KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS**

- Lesson 1: Introduction to the Art of Persuasion
- Lesson 2: Historical Speeches
- Lesson 3: Introduction: Historical and Literary Context
- Lesson 4: The Declaration of Independence
- Lesson 5: Constitutions
- Lesson 6: Reading: Integrating Knowledge and Ideas Wrap-Up

## **UNIT 7: WRITING: RESEARCH**

- Lesson 1: Introduction: Research Essay
- Lesson 2: The Research Process, Part I
- Lesson 3: The Research Process, Part II
- Lesson 4: Writing: Research Wrap-Up

## **UNIT 8: REVIEW AND EXAM**

- Lesson 1: Review and Exam