

English II builds upon students' foundation of critical reading and analytical writing skills. Through texts that range from investigative journalism, essays, articles, and historical documents to a novel, drama, poetry, and short stories, students analyze the use of elements in literature and nonfiction. As they develop their writing skills and respond to theses, students learn to refine arguments and organize evidence to support their position. To hone their listening and speaking skills, students engage with a variety of media types through which they analyze and synthesize information, discuss material, create presentations, and share their work.

English II supports all students in developing the depth of understanding and higher order skills required by the TEKS. Students break down increasingly complex readings with close reading tools, guided instruction and robust scaffolding as they apply each of the lesson's concepts back to its anchor text. Students build their writing and speaking skills in journal responses, discussions, frequent free response exercises, and essays or presentations, learning to communicate clearly and credibly in narrative, persuasive, and explanatory styles.

This course is built to the TEKS English II Standards and Benchmarks.

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: Poetry and 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: Thesis, Reasons, and Evidence
- Lesson 2: Counter-Arguments
- Lesson 3: Revision, Proofreading, and Peer Evaluation
- Lesson 4: Wrap Up: Persuasion and Research

UNIT 10: WRAP UP

- Lesson 1: Wrap Up