

ENGLISH 11 Honors

Grade Level: 11

Credit: 0.5 or 1.0

Prerequisite: English 9, 10

Honors English 11 is an intensive literary analysis and critical thinking course. It includes the units “Humor” which looks at a Shakespearean comedy and early works of satire, “The Highest Court in the Land” which looks at the legal reasoning in Supreme Court cases, “Survey of American Literature” which looks at sample works from the Puritan period to Modernity exploring key themes of each literary movement, and “What is missing? Reading Omissions” in which students are encouraged to read historical and literary texts with an eye for what is left out. Through writing assignments of various lengths as well as specific exercises, students are encouraged to refine their use of syntax with a focus on style. Students must also lead a debate with at least two friends and complete a multimedia project. This course is aligned to Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts.

Unit 1: Getting Started:

Lesson 00: Introduction

Lesson 1: Grammar Review: Sentence Structure

Lesson 1.5: Grammar Review: Commas

Lesson 2: Plagiarism and Citation

Lesson 3: How To Do Research

Lesson 4: How to Answer Questions

Unit 2: Humor

Lesson 5: Humor: Tricks of the Trade

Lesson 6: Is Shakespeare Funny?

Lesson 7: Satire

Lesson 8: Creative writing

Lesson 9: Grammar Check: Syntactic Style



Unit 3: The Highest Court in the Land

Lesson 10: What is legal reasoning?

Lesson 11: The Bill of Rights

Lesson 12: The Pledge of Allegiance vs. Freedom of Speech

Lesson 13: Pick Your Own Case: Research and Reasoning Project

Lesson 14: Pick Your Own Case: Debating with Friends Project

Lesson 15: Grammar Check: Language in Flux

Unit 4: Survey of American Literature

Lesson 16: Puritanism to Enlightenment

Lesson 17: Romanticism and Transcendentalism

Lesson 19: Modernity (1915-1946)

Lesson 20: Modern Novel

Lesson 21: More American Voices

Lesson 22: Grammar Check: Hyphenation

Unit 5: What is missing? Reading Omissions

Lesson 23: President Reagan's Speech at Moscow State University

Lesson 24: President Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address

Lesson 25: Death of a Salesman

Lesson 26: Skills Assessment

