



Grade Nine Academic English
ENG 1D
Course Outline
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to develop the oral communication, reading, writing, and media literacy skills that students need for success in their secondary school academic programs and in their daily lives. Students will analyse literary texts from contemporary and historical periods, interpret informational and graphic texts, and create oral, written, and media texts in a variety of forms. An important focus will be on the use of strategies that contribute to effective communication. The course is intended to prepare students for the Grade 10 academic English course, which leads to university or college preparation courses in Grades 11 and 12. (1 credit)

UNIT 1: Short Fiction and Non-Fiction

- Students will examine elements of fiction through a study of short stories.
- Students will learn the components of a newspaper and read and write short articles.
- Students will employ a variety of strategies for developing reading comprehension.
- Tasks: quizzes, various compositions (newspaper article, introduction to the essay, journal entries), reading comprehension test (end of unit)

UNIT 2: Novel Study (*Bifocal*, *Chrysalids*, *Sketches* or other teacher-selected novel)

- Students will read and analyze one novel together as a class, with most reading to be done at home in conjunction with daily homework questions to prepare for class discussion.
- Students will further develop reading strategies by reading independently and/or in class.
- Tasks: research, oral presentation, quizzes, essay, character sketch, media comparison

UNIT Three: Mythology

- Students will read myths involving the major gods and goddesses of Greek mythology as well as explore myths of other cultures.
- Tasks: independent project involving research, summarizing, creative thinking, and oral presentation

UNIT 4: Shakespeare (*Twelfth Night* or *Julius Caesar*)

- Students will be introduced to Shakespeare's time and language using a variety of engaging resources.
- Students will read the play in class with frequent checks for understanding.
- Tasks: quizzes, writing assignments, group participation in acting out a scene, essay

UNIT 5: Poetry

- Students will be exposed to a variety of poetry forms with a focus on rhythm and poetic devices.
- Tasks: close reading and interpretation of poetry and other related activities

UNIT 6: Language Conventions

- Students will practice the correct application of English language conventions, with an emphasis on editing and proofreading their work in order to produce high quality products.
- Tasks: quizzes; language conventions also evaluated in all tasks

UNIT 7: Summative Task and Exam Preparation

- Students will complete a summative activity related to the content and skills covered in the course, and be given direction in preparing for the exam (most review, however, should be completed at home).

