



**Grade Ten Academic English
ENG 2D
Course Outline
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

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

UNIT 1: SHORT STORIES

- Students will review elements of plot and characterization in short stories with an emphasis on identifying, expressing, and explaining theme.
- Students will work on the writing process, story and theme analysis, and personal responses.

UNIT 2: GRAMMAR, WRITING and WRITING PROCESS

- Students will review parts of the sentence, types of sentences, sentence structure, subordinate clauses, structure of essay; writing process including brainstorming, outlining, drafting, revision and publication.
- Students will work on grammar quizzes and writing assignments.

UNIT 3: NOVEL: *Lord of the Flies* or another teacher-selected novel

- Students will study the novel as a means of reviewing key literary elements and making connections to their world. Students will focus on theme, symbolism, character development, analysis and motivation. Students will also often study a film as connected to the novel with a focus on media conventions.
- Students may work on research assignments, presentations, tests, and five-paragraph essays with emphasis on a strong thesis statement supported by evidence-based arguments.

UNIT 4: POETRY: Lyric Poetry/Sonnets

- Students will study poetic devices, lyric poetry (including song lyrics), as well as the structure of sonnets.
- Students may work on an oral presentation, a quiz, and or personal response/creative writing.

UNIT 5: DRAMA: *Romeo and Juliet*

- Students will develop an appreciation of Shakespeare's life and times, language, techniques, and the creation of characters while learning to paraphrase. Students will also study film adaptations of the play.
- Students may work on quizzes, paraphrasing, dramatization, group projects, and/or an essay.

EVALUATION:

Course Work 70%	Summative 30%
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 70% of the final grade will be based on evaluation of the overall expectations in the four strands of Oral Communication, Reading and Literature, Writing, and Media.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30 % of the final grade will be based on two or more summative tasks covering the overall expectations. One of the summatives will be an essay exam.

