

Course Name: English 10

Duration: 1 Semester Full Year

Grade Level: 9th 10th 11th 12th (check all that apply)

Are there any prerequisites for the course?

English 9

WHAT this course is about:

This course will help you become a better thinker and communicator. You will continue your English 9 skills in reading, writing, and speaking.

WHY take this course:

You will read interesting texts (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, visuals, and film), write different genres (argumentative, informational, and narrative), and continue to develop vocabulary.

WHAT you'll learn:

You will practice reading closely and annotating text. You will continue to improve your own writing skills. You will also learn vocabulary.

WHAT you'll do:

Unit 1: You will consider how carefully selected words can have power. Through a study of argumentative texts, you develop the ability to identify how authors attempt to persuade their audiences—and how they can use those techniques to strengthen your own writing. You will take a stance on multiple topics. You will read a variety of texts and develop your own arguments to use persuasion as a communication tool.

Unit 2: You will continue to explore the power of argument as you move into reading literature. You will read Chinua Achebe's historical novel *Things Fall Apart*. You will also read literature from around the world, learn to craft an insightful literary analysis, and compose an original piece of writing. You will consider how a work can reflect a cultural perspective, as well as the value of making connections between works from those varied cultural perspectives.

Unit 3: You will synthesize a wide range of views from a variety of sources and find your own voice. You will read Supreme Court cases, UN reports, op-eds, political cartoons, and research reports. We will go through the research process and produce an annotated bibliography, a position paper, and a presentation.

Unit 4: We will read poetry and drama about three universal purposes that have inspired people to create art: praise, mock, mourn. You will consider how authors use language to create an effect on their readers. You will create creative assignments as well as literary analyses.

WHERE this could take you:

The skills and knowledge you gain will help you in your Junior and Senior year English courses.

OPTIONAL Course Outline (“scope and sequence”, sequence chart, etc.)

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