English I is specifically aligned to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) English I Standards and Benchmarks. Introduction to Literature and Composition is a course that covers literature study, reading, writing, and language. Students read literature from around the world, including the following genres: short story, poetry, memoir, autobiography, drama, and epic. They read examples of informational writing, such as a letter, Web site, magazine articles, newspaper article, speech, editorial, and movie or book review. Along the way, they acquire and practice reading skills and strategies that are directly applicable to these literary and informational reading materials.

Summaries and annotations support fluency and comprehension of all reading material. Robust scaffolding in the form of process guides and graphic organizers helps reluctant writers to internalize strategies and develop composition skills. Select activities target text-handling skills and promote improved performance on commonly assessed literary analysis and response standards. Study sheets support engagement with direct instruction and develop note-taking study skills.

Students develop and practice writing and language skills and employ the writing process to create narrative, expository, and persuasive compositions.

In addition to unit and semester computer and teacher scored summative assessments, each semester concludes with a STAAR diagnostic assessment. This assessment contains questions specifically designed to reflect the test items found on the STAAR End-of-Course exams.

The content is based on the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) standards and is specifically aligned to the TEKS English I Standards and Benchmarks.

Length: Two semesters

UNIT 1: THE SHORT STORY: PLOT AND SETTING

LESSON 1: LITERATURE, COMPOSITION, AND STORIES

Study: Introduction to Literature and Composition
Learn about the significance of literature and composition.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Study: Plot and Setting
Learn about plot and setting through an interactive multimedia activity.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: "THE MOST DANGEROUS GAME"

Study: Analysis, Chronological Order, Foreshadowing, and Suspense
Learn about analysis, chronological order, and suspense through an interactive multimedia activity.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Vocabulary for "The Most Dangerous Game"**
Learn words that will be important for understanding the story.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Read: "The Most Dangerous Game"**
Get information on where to find the story, along with a useful reading guide.
*Duration: 0 hr 45 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Reading**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Writing Workshop**
Learn about the elements of a personal narrative.
*Duration: 0 hr 30 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Practice: A Personal Narrative**
Write a short personal narrative and learn more about writing processes.
*Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points*

**LESSON 3: "THE INTERLOPERS"**

**Study: Setting, Mood, and Meaning**
Learn about setting, mood, and atmosphere through an interactive multimedia activity.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Vocabulary for "The Interlopers"**
Learn words that will be important for understanding the story.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Read: "The Interlopers"**
Get information on where to find the story, along with a useful reading guide.
*Duration: 0 hr 45 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Reading**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading**
Respond to the reading.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 15 points*

**Study: Thinking about Suspense and Setting**
Reflect on some of the story's literary devices through an interactive multimedia activity.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*
Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

Practice: A Surprise Ending
Write a surprise ending for a children’s story.
*Duration: 1 hr 30 min Scoring: 50 points*

**LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

Journal: Respond to the Reading
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.
*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 20 points*

Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Using Context
Review and learn more about context clues through an interactive activity.
*Duration: 0 hr 30 min*

Study: Language Workshop
Review and learn more about personal pronoun case through an interactive activity.
*Duration: 0 hr 30 min*

Quiz: Comprehending the Studies
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**LESSON 5: PLOT AND SETTING WRAP-UP**

Review: Plot and Setting
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
*Duration: 1 hr 30 min*

Test (CS): Plot and Setting
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points*

Test (TS): Plot and Setting
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points*

**LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC**

Diagnostic: Plot and Setting
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 30 points*

**UNIT 2: THE SHORT STORY: CHARACTER**

**LESSON 1: CHARACTER**

Study: Character
Learn about this unit's main literary concepts through an interactive multimedia activity.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*
LESSON 2: "GENTLEMAN OF RIO EN MEDIO"

Study: Elements of Characterization
Learn about the tools that authors use to create characters.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary for "Gentleman of Rio en Medio"
Learn words that will be important for understanding the story.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Read: "Gentleman of Rio en Medio"
Get information on where to find the story, along with a useful reading guide.
Duration: 0 hr 45 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Reading
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

Practice: A Character-Driven Story
Develop an original short story around the actions of a character.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: "ALL THE YEARS OF HER LIFE"

Study: Preparing to Read
Learn about some of the techniques that the author uses to create the story.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary for "All the Years of Her Life"
Learn words that will be important for understanding the story.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Read: "All the Years of Her Life"
Get information on where to find the story, along with a useful reading guide.
Duration: 0 hr 45 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Reading
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading
Respond to the reading.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 15 points

Study: Writing Workshop
Learn the elements of a good compare-and-contrast essay.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Practice: A Compare-and-Contrast Essay**
Write a focused essay that compares and contrasts at least two things.
*Duration: 1 hr 30 min Scoring: 50 points*

**LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

**Journal: Respond to the Reading**
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.
*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 20 points*

**Study: Vocabulary Workshop**
Review words from earlier in the unit and learn new ones that will be useful when writing.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Language Workshop: Verb Tense**
Learn about consistency of verb tense.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Listening Workshop**
Listen to a story and discuss how the storyteller keeps you interested.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Studies**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**LESSON 5: THE SHORT STORY: CHARACTER WRAP-UP**

**Review: The Short Story: Character**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
*Duration: 1 hr 30 min*

**Test (CS): The Short Story: Character**
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points*

**Test (TS): The Short Story: Character**
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points*

**LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC**

**Diagnostic: The Short Story: Character**
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 29 points*

**UNIT 3: THE SHORT STORY: VOICE**

**LESSON 1: VOICE**

**Study: Narrative Voice: You Talkin’ to Me?**
Learn about this unit’s main literary concepts through an interactive multimedia activity.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**LESSON 2: "THE TELL-TALE HEART"**

**Study: Preparing to Read**
Learn about some of the significant literary elements of the upcoming reading selection through an interactive multimedia activity.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Vocabulary for "The Tell-Tale Heart"**
Learn words that will be important for understanding the story.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Read: "The Tell-Tale Heart"**
Get information on where to find the story, along with a useful reading guide.
*Duration: 0 hr 45 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Reading**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Practice: Narration**
Write a story in which you create a convincing narrator.
*Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points*

**LESSON 3: "AN OCCURRENCE AT OWL CREEK BRIDGE"**

**Study: Narration**
Learn about some of the significant literary elements of the upcoming reading selection through an interactive multimedia activity.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Vocabulary for "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge"**
Learn words that will be important for understanding the story.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Read: "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge"**
Get information on where to find the story, along with a useful reading guide.
*Duration: 0 hr 45 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Reading**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading**
Respond to the reading.
*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 15 points*
Study: Writing Workshop
Learn how to write a process essay.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 15 min Scoring: 10 points

Practice: A Process Essay
Write an essay that describes a process.
Duration: 1 hr 30 min Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Respond to the Reading
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.
Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 20 points

Study: Vocabulary for Review and the Process Essay
Learn vocabulary terms that will be useful when writing a process essay.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Study: Language Workshop
Identify frequently misspelled words and use a dictionary or other resource to determine the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Study: Media Literacy Workshop
Explore the similarities and differences between text and film.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Studies
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: THE SHORT STORY: VOICE WRAP-UP

Review: The Short Story: Voice
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 min

Test (CS): The Short Story: Voice
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points

Test (TS): The Short Story: Voice
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic: The Short Story: Voice
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 34 points

UNIT 4: THE SHORT STORY: TONE AND THEME
LESSON 1: THEME AS A LITERARY ELEMENT

Study: Theme
Learn some of the basic concepts behind themes and what they do for readers.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: "THE NECKLACE"

Study: Preparing to Read
Learn how tone and theme will be used in the upcoming reading.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary for "The Necklace"
Learn words that will be important for understanding the story.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Read: "The Necklace"
Get information on where to find the story, along with a useful reading guide.
Duration: 0 hr 45 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Reading
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading
Respond to the reading.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 15 points

Practice: Story Extension
Write an extension to the story.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: "AMBUSH"

Study: Preparing to Read
Learn about some of the literary elements in the upcoming reading.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary for "Ambush"
Learn words that will be important for understanding the story.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Read: "Ambush"
Get information on where to find the story, along with a useful reading guide.
Duration: 0 hr 45 min
Quiz: Comprehending the Reading
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

Study: Writing Workshop: Cause-and-Effect Essay
Learn about writing a cause-and-effect essay.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

Practice: A Cause-and-Effect Essay
Write an essay describing a cause-and-effect relationship.
Duration: 1 hr 30 min Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Respond to the Reading
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.
Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 20 points

Study: Vocabulary Workshop
Learn and practice some new words.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Study: Language Workshop
Learn to identify and fix run-on sentences and common errors in capitalization.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Study: Listening and Taking Notes
Learn useful techniques for listening and taking notes.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Studies
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: THE SHORT STORY: TONE AND THEME WRAP-UP

Review: The Short Story: Tone and Theme
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 min

Test (CS): The Short Story: Tone and Theme
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points

Test (TS): The Short Story: Tone and Theme
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic: The Short Story: Tone and Theme
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 28 points
UNIT 5: THE SHORT STORY: IRONY AND SYMBOLISM

LESSON 1: IRONY AND SYMBOLISM

Study: Irony and Symbolism
Learn about irony, symbolism, and sarcasm.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: "THE GIFT OF THE MAGI"

Study: Preparing to Read
Learn how irony and symbolism are used in the upcoming reading selection.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary for "The Gift of the Magi"
Learn words that will be important for understanding the story.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Read: "The Gift of the Magi"
Get information on where to find the story, along with a useful reading guide.
Duration: 0 hr 45 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Reading
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

Practice: An Ironic Story
Write a story that demonstrates irony.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: "JUST LATHER, THAT'S ALL"

Study: Preparing to Read
Learn more about symbols and irony.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary for "Just Lather, That's All"
Learn words that will be important for understanding the story.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Read: "Just Lather, That's All"
Get information on where to find the story, along with a useful reading guide.
Duration: 0 hr 45 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Reading
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading**
Respond to the reading.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 15 points*

**Study: Writing Workshop: Writing about Theme**
Learn the steps for writing an essay about theme.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Practice: A Thematic Essay**
Write an essay using what you’ve learned about theme.
*Duration: 1 hr 30 min Scoring: 50 points*

**LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

**Journal: Respond to the Reading**
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.
*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 20 points*

**Study: Vocabulary Workshop**
Learn new words and check your understanding of them.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Language Workshop**
Learn how to recognize and fix sentence fragments and common errors in comma usage.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Media Workshop**
Learn how sights and sounds convey irony and symbolism in movies.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**LESSON 5: THE SHORT STORY: IRONY AND SYMBOLISM WRAP-UP**

**Review: The Short Story: Irony and Symbolism**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
*Duration: 1 hr 30 min*

**Test (CS): The Short Story: Irony and Symbolism**
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points*

**Test (TS): The Short Story: Irony and Symbolism**
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points*

**LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC**

**Diagnostic: The Short Story: Irony and Symbolism**
UNIT 6: INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION SEMESTER 1 REVIEW AND EXAM

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION SEMESTER 1

Review: Introduction to Literature and Composition Semester 1
Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts covered in Introduction to Literature and Composition Semester 1.
*Duration: 3 hr*

Exam: Introduction to Literature and Composition Semester 1
Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in Introduction to Literature and Composition Semester 1.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points*

Final Exam: Introduction to Literature and Composition Semester 1
Take a teacher-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in Introduction to Literature and Composition Semester 1.
*Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 100 points*

UNIT 7: STAAR DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT

LESSON 1: STAAR DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT

Diagnostic: STAAR Diagnostic Assessment
Take a diagnostic test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
*Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 30 points*

Diagnostic: STAAR Diagnostic Assessment
Take a diagnostic test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 30 points*

UNIT 8: NONFICTION: LIVES IN HISTORICAL SETTINGS AND CONTEXTS

LESSON 1: TYPES OF NONFICTION

Study: Types of Nonfiction
Define *nonfiction* and learn about types of nonfiction.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

LESSON 2: PERSONAL ESSAYS AND LETTERS

Study: Voices in Primary Sources
Learn to recognize and evaluate different voices and points of view in primary sources.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*
Study: Vocabulary for Personal Essays and Letters
Study vocabulary words in context and read personal essays and letters.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Read: Personal Essays and Letters
Read A. A. Milne's "A Word for Autumn."
*Duration: 1 hr*

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

Practice: Personal Descriptive Essay
Write a short descriptive piece on a memorable event from your life.
*Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points*

**LESSON 3: BIOGRAPHIES AND INTERVIEWS**

Study: Interpreting a Life
Explore an overview of the history and the different types of biographies.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

Study: Vocabulary for Biographies and Interviews
Learn new vocabulary using context clues.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Read: Reading Biographies
Read pieces on two women: a modern athlete and an ancient mathematician.
*Duration: 1 hr*

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading
Respond to the reading.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 15 points*

Study: Writing Workshop
Learn the basics of researching someone's life and writing a biography.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

Practice: Biography
Conduct an interview and write a short biography.
*Duration: 1 hr 30 min Scoring: 50 points*

**LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

Journal: Respond to the Reading
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.

Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Vocabulary Workshop**
Using context clues, prefixes, and suffixes to learn new words.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

**Study: Language Workshop**
Learn how to use citations.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

**Study: Oral Presentations**
Learn how to adapt a written assignment into an oral presentation.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

**Quiz: Comprehending the Studies**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

**LESSON 5: NONFICTION: LIVES IN HISTORICAL SETTINGS AND CONTEXTS WRAP-UP**

**Review: Nonfiction: Lives in Historical Settings and Contexts**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 min

**Test (CS): Nonfiction: Lives in Historical Settings and Contexts**
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points

**Test (TS): Nonfiction: Lives in Historical Settings and Contexts**
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points

**LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC**

**Diagnostic: Nonfiction: Lives in Historical Settings and Contexts**
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 32 points

**UNIT 9: THE ART OF PERSUASION**

**LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE ART OF PERSUASION**

**Study: Tools of Persuasion**
Learn about the art of rhetoric in written and visual media.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

**LESSON 2: HISTORICAL SPEECHES**

**Study: Voices of Leadership**
Study famous speeches to learn the tools of persuasive speaking.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min
Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

Study: Vocabulary for Persuasive Speeches
Learn new words from context clues.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Read: Three Famous Speeches
Read three historic speeches.
*Duration: 0 hr 45 min*

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

Study: Writing Workshop
Learn the basics of writing a persuasive speech.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

Practice: Speech
Write and revise a speech.
*Duration: 1 hr 30 min Scoring: 50 points*

LESSON 3: OPINION AND EDITORIAL ESSAYS

Study: Op-Ed Writing
Learn to distinguish between fact and opinion. Explore the ABCs of op-ed writing.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

Study: Common Terms in Modern Op-Ed Pieces
Learn new words from context clues.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Read: When Believing Isn’t Seeing
Read an op-ed piece by a Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial writer.
*Duration: 0 hr 45 min*

Quiz: Comprehending the Reading
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading
Respond to the reading.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 15 points*

Practice: Write an Op-Ed Piece
Write an essay in the op-ed style.
*Duration: 1 hr 30 min Scoring: 50 points*
LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Respond the Readings
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.
Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 20 points

Study: Vocabulary Workshop
Learn about word roots, prefixes, and suffixes.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Study: Language Workshop
Learn about subject-verb agreement when using compound subjects, indefinite pronouns, and collective nouns.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Study: Television Commercials
Learn about persuasive techniques used in television commercials.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Studies
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: THE ART OF PERSUASION WRAP-UP

Review: The Art of Persuasion
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 min

Test (CS): The Art of Persuasion
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points

Test (TS): The Art of Persuasion
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic: The Art of Persuasion
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 27 points

UNIT 10: POETRY

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION TO POETRY

Study: Forms and Purposes of Poetry
Read and think about several definitions of poetry.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: NARRATIVES AND BALLADS: POEMS THAT TELL STORIES

Study: Narratives and Ballads
Learn about poems that tell stories.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Learning Elements through World War I Poetry**
Learn some elements of World War I poetry.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

**Study: The Motif of Melancholy in "The Raven"**
Learn more about how Edgar Allan Poe uses melancholy as a motif in his famous poem.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

**Read: "The Raven"**
Read "The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe.
Duration: 0 hr 45 min

**Quiz: Comprehending the Reading**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

**Practice: Dream Poem**
Write a poem about a dream.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

**LESSON 3: LYRIC POEMS: POETRY THAT EXPRESSES MOODS AND FEELINGS**

**Study: Lyrics and Sonnets**
Learn about the sonnet as a poetic form and about how it functions as lyric poetry, expressing moods and feelings.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

**Study: Vocabulary for Lyrics and Sonnets**
Learn words that will be important for understanding the poems.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

**Read: Lyrics and Sonnets**
Read more lyric poems.
Duration: 0 hr 45 min

**Quiz: Comprehending the Readings**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

**Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading**
Respond to the reading.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 15 points

**Study: Writing Workshop**
Learn how to incorporate elements of poetry into prose writing.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min
Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Descriptive Essay
Write an essay that describes an important person, place, object, or event.
Duration: 1 hr 30 min Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Respond to the Reading
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.
Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 20 points

Study: Vocabulary Workshop
Review words from earlier in the unit and learn new ones that will be useful when writing.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Study: Language Workshop
Learn about pronoun-antecedent agreement.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Studies
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: POETRY WRAP-UP

Review: Poetry
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 1 hr 30 min

Test (CS): Poetry
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points

Test (TS): Poetry
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic: Poetry
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 37 points

UNIT 11: EPICS AND MYTHS

LESSON 1: THE ODYSSEY: INVOCATION

Study: The Odyssey and Rap
Learn about the elements of epic poems.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points
Study: Comprehending the Invocation
Check your understanding of the introduction of the *Odyssey*.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Read: The *Odyssey*: Invocation
Start reading the *Odyssey*.
*Duration: 0 hr 45 min*

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min*  
*Scoring: 10 points*

**LESSON 2: THE ODYSSEY, BOOKS 1 – 12**

Read: The *Odyssey*, Book 1
Continue reading the *Odyssey*.
*Duration: 0 hr 45 min*

Study: Greek Values, Geography, and Monsters
Learn some important information about the *Odyssey*.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Quiz: Comprehending the Study and Reading
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min*  
*Scoring: 10 points*

Read: The *Odyssey*, Book 5
Continue reading the *Odyssey*.
*Duration: 0 hr 45 min*

Study: Reviewing the Elements of an Epic
Learn about the oral tradition as it relates to epic poetry and rap music.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Quiz: Comprehending the Study and Reading
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min*  
*Scoring: 10 points*

Read: The *Odyssey*, Book 6
Continue reading the *Odyssey*.
*Duration: 0 hr 45 min*

Read: The *Odyssey*, Books 9, 11, and 12
Continue reading the *Odyssey*.
*Duration: 0 hr 45 min*

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min*  
*Scoring: 10 points*

Practice: An Original Myth
Write an original myth or excerpt from a myth.
*Duration: 1 hr 30 min*  
*Scoring: 50 points*

**LESSON 3: READING AND RESPONDING TO MYTHOLOGY**

Study: Common Elements and Vocabulary
Learn about some of the common elements of myths from different cultures.

**Duration:** 0 hr 30 min

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

**Duration:** 0 hr 20 min **Scoring:** 10 points

**Read: Sample of World Myths**
Read myths and think about mythical archetypes.

**Duration:** 0 hr 45 min

**Quiz: Comprehending the Readings**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

**Duration:** 0 hr 20 min **Scoring:** 10 points

**Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading**
Respond to the reading.

**Duration:** 0 hr 30 min **Scoring:** 15 points

**Study: The Argumentative Essay**
Learn about writing an argumentative essay.

**Duration:** 0 hr 40 min

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

**Duration:** 0 hr 20 min **Scoring:** 10 points

**Practice: An Argumentative Essay**
Write a persuasive essay that presents a problem and a solution.

**Duration:** 1 hr 30 min **Scoring:** 50 points

**LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

**Journal: Respond to the Reading**
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.

**Duration:** 0 hr 30 min **Scoring:** 20 points

**Study: Vocabulary Workshop**
Learn about Latin and Greek word roots, prefixes, and suffixes.

**Duration:** 0 hr 40 min

**Study: Language Workshop**
Learn more about using pronouns.

**Duration:** 0 hr 40 min

**Study: Procedural Texts**
Analyze documents that provide a step-by-step process or procedure.

**Duration:** 0 hr 40 min **Scoring:** 0 points

**Quiz: Comprehending the Studies**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

**Duration:** 0 hr 20 min **Scoring:** 10 points

**LESSON 5: EPICS AND MYTHS WRAP-UP**

**Review: Epics and Myths**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Test (CS): Epics and Myths
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points

Test (TS): Epics and Myths
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC
Diagnostic: Epics and Myths
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 34 points

UNIT 12: DRAMA: SHAKESPEARE AND BROADWAY

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION TO SHAKESPEAREAN TRAGEDY
Study: Show Business
Learn how different people define tragedy.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: ROMEO AND JULIET, ACTS I AND II
Study: The Capulets and the Montagues
Learn about Romeo and Juliet in this interactive multimedia activity.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary for Romeo and Juliet, Acts I and II
Learn new vocabulary from context clues.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Read: Romeo and Juliet, Acts I and II
Begin reading Romeo and Juliet.
Duration: 0 hr 45 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Reading
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

Study: Writing Workshop
Learn to analyze and critique a dramatic piece.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points
Practice: A Movie or Television Program
Apply literary analysis techniques to a piece of popular culture.
*Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points*

LESSON 3: *WEST SIDE STORY, ACT I*

Study: The Jets and the Sharks
Learn about the elements of an effective tragedy.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

Study: Vocabulary for *West Side Story, Act I*
Learn new vocabulary with help from context clues.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Read: *West Side Story, Act I*
Begin reading *West Side Story*.
*Duration: 0 hr 45 min*

Quiz: Comprehending the Reading
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading
Respond to the reading.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 15 points*

Practice: A Pastiche
Write a *West Side Story* pastiche.
*Duration: 1 hr 30 min Scoring: 50 points*

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Respond to the Reading
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.
*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 20 points*

Study: Vocabulary Workshop
Review words from earlier in the unit and learn new ones that will be useful when writing.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Study: Language Workshop
Learn to recognize and fix misplaced modifiers.
*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

Quiz: Comprehending the Studies
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

LESSON 5: DRAMA: SHAKESPEARE AND BROADWAY WRAP-UP

Review: Drama: Shakespeare and Broadway
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
*Duration: 1 hr 30 min*
Test (CS): Drama: Shakespeare and Broadway
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points

Test (TS): Drama: Shakespeare and Broadway
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic: Drama: Shakespeare and Broadway
Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 26 points

UNIT 13: INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION SEMESTER 2 REVIEW AND EXAM

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION SEMESTER 2

Review: Introduction to Literature and Composition Semester 2
Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts covered in Introduction to Literature and Composition Semester 2.
Duration: 2 hr

Exam: Introduction to Literature and Composition Semester 2
Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in Introduction to Literature and Composition Semester 2.
Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points

Final Exam: Introduction to Literature and Composition Semester 2
Take a teacher-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in Introduction to Literature and Composition Semester 2.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 100 points

UNIT 14: STAAR DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT

LESSON 1: STAAR DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT

Diagnostic: STAAR Diagnostic Assessment
Take a diagnostic test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 30 points

Diagnostic: STAAR Diagnostic Assessment
Take a diagnostic test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.
Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 30 points