

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

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 31 points

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 Autumnn."

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 &NDASH; 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.

Duration: 1 hr 30 min

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