

Liberty High School

English Department

Course: ESOL 1A / English 1A Overview

Course Descriptions:

Description: English I focus is on reading comprehension, writing skills, and vocabulary to provide experiences to enhance higher level thinking skills. The process of writing is emphasized with correct grammar mechanics and usage taught in the editing phase of the writing process. Students are given the opportunity to write for a variety of purposes. Vocabulary study is correlated with reading and writing assignments.

Course Objectives:

1. To read, understand, and evaluate a variety of text
2. To develop writing skills by composing in a wide variety of forms, journal entries, analysis of literature, personal narratives, persuasive essays, and research papers.
3. To learn how to use and evaluate research tools effectively by producing a substantial research project that involves multiple sources of information
4. To apply acquired knowledge in projects which reflect depth of understanding and the student's time and effort
5. To possess the skills necessary for success in English course work.

Student Expectations:

Students will: **Be Responsible** **Be Respectful**

Academic Dishonesty will be penalized in accordance with the HISD Student Code of Conduct.

Resources:

<http://schools.houstonisd.org/Liberty>

Text: Literature English I

Writing Coach Grade English I

Oxford/Sandler Vocabulary

Course Units:

Style & Voice

- In fiction and media
- In fiction and Nonfiction

Expository Text

- Articles & Essays
- Informational Text and Media

Rhetorical Devices in Persuasive Texts and Media

- Persuasive Media

Persuasive Text

1 MAJOR typed 1-2 page paper per semester, revised and graded, portfolio

Topics

Writing process, paragraph development, style and voice, thesis, grammar; timed writing assignments

Expository

1-2 pages concentrate on sequence, focus and intro, thesis development

Grading Policy

Academic Subjects	Conduct
90–100 = excellent	E = excellent
80–89 = good; above average	S = satisfactory
75–79 = satisfactory; average	P = poor; below average
70–74 = passing; below average	U = unsatisfactory
below 70 = unsatisfactory; failing	

Semester Grade: First Nine Weeks 40% Second Nine Weeks: 40% Semester Exam: 20%

Nine Weeks Grades: Major: 60% Daily 40%

Without prior arrangements with your teacher, the following applies:

Absentee Make-Up Policy: Make-up work needs to be completed within five days of return.

Late Work Policy: Work turned in past due date will be penalized 20% per day, and not accepted after five days past due date.

Supplies: Paper/ pencil/ pens/ notebook