

Course Description

Grade 11 American Literature

Philosophy Statement: God is the Supreme Communicator and has spoken to His people in many ways. In His goodness, He has gifted us with the ability to read, write, listen, and speak. These language arts are the foundation and gateway to all learning and life skills. Students become life-long learners about God and His Word through the study of language arts.

Course Objective: This course is predominately a study of American literature, from the histories, biographies, and journals of the earliest colonists to the poetry, prose, and drama of our modern writers. Students will learn the literary terms pertaining to the various genres of literature, and will use these terms to effectively discuss and analyze the literature read in this class. Students will increase their understanding of formal grammar usage and apply it to their written work (i.e., answers to study/essay questions, vocabulary sentences, and essays). Students will also gain proficiency in their oral communication skills through various oral presentations.

Textbook: Implications of Literature: Pioneer Level
Textword Press
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Grammar and Writing for Standardized Tests
Sadlier Oxford
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Vocabulary: Level F
Sadlier Oxford
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Materials:

- Student textbooks
- Book Sets:
 - *Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
 - *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder
 - *Up From Slavery* by Booker T. Washington

Time Allotment: 45 minutes per day, 5 days per week

Course Content:

- Using Formal Grammar
- Building Vocabulary Reading Nonfiction (essays, journals, histories, biographies)
- Reading Fiction (short stories and novels)
- Reading Poetry
- Reading Drama
- Writing Essays (informal, literary, persuasive)

Areas to be evaluated:

- Vocabulary usage
- Study/essay questions
- Reading quizzes
- Unit quizzes
- Vocabulary quizzes
- Essays
- Worksheets
- Editorial journal entries
- Creative Writing Prompts

Additional activities:

- Small group discussions
- Novel assignments

- Vocabulary drills
- Portfolio