

Eleventh-Grade English, Part 2 Syllabus



Course Description

This course helps students strengthen their academic reading and writing skills through a focus on metacognition, grammar, and style. Students analyze how phrases and clauses function in sentences, practice correct use of commas and semicolons, and apply conventions of standard written English. Through reflection and revision, students develop awareness of their own thinking and writing processes. They use these skills to produce clear, well-structured writing in MLA style, complete quizzes and assessments, and create a final project that demonstrates growth as a reflective and effective writer.

Prerequisites

Eleventh-Grade English, Part 1 (recommended)

Course Materials and Technology

You must buy these materials and technology to complete the course:

- a webcam for the Video Response to "A Quilt of A Country"
- ONE of the following novels for your anchor text:
 - *Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive*, Laura Hillenbrand, Any Edition, Delacorte Press / Random House Publishing Group, 2017, ISBN-13 978-0385742528.
 - *Butterfly Yellow*, Thanh Hà Lai, Any Edition, HarperCollins Children's Books, 2019, ISBN-13 978-0062229212.
 - *The Joy Luck Club*, Amy Tan, Any Edition, G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1989, ISBN-13 978-0399134203.

Course Outcomes

As you complete the course assignments, you will increase their knowledge, improve a 21st-century skill, and develop an attribute.



Knowledge: Eleventh-Grade English, Part 2

In this course, *knowledge* refers to the subject matter and content you will learn while completing the readings, practices, quizzes, and assignments.

On successful completion of this course, you will be able to do the following:

1. Build reading skills by exploring stories and essays that talk about the American dream and what it means to different people.
2. Study how early American writers and leaders used words and ideas to describe their vision for the country.
3. Practice research and communication skills by learning about both famous and lesser-known people who worked toward their goals in America.
4. Examine how the idea of the American dream has changed over time by reading books and stories from different time periods.
5. Track themes and take notes to understand how one author shows their view of the American dream in your anchor text.
6. Write a literary analysis essay that explains the main theme of the American dream in your chosen book or story, using examples from the text.
7. Strengthen key English skills—like reading comprehension, clear writing, and proper MLA citations—to meet core English standards.



21st-Century Skill: Creativity—Openness and Courage to Explore

As students complete this course's assignments, they will gain skills in *Openness and Courage to Explore*. This skill is part of *Creativity*.



Attribute: Resilience

This course focuses on developing the attribute of *Resilience* in the context of English.



Grading and Assignments

The letter grade in this course will be based on these assignments and exams.

Assignment or Exam	Grading	Percent of Total Grade
Study Guides	Computer-Graded	15%
Application Projects	Teacher-Graded	40%
Assignments	Teacher-Graded	10%
Module Quizzes	Computer-Graded	5%
Midcourse Quiz	Computer-Graded	10%
Final Exam*	Computer-Graded	20%

Assignments and Exams

Due Dates

The due dates in the course are only suggestions to help the students pace themselves. You do *not* need to complete assignments, quizzes, and exams by the due date set in the course.

Study Guides

Study guides are provided for each module. They will help students focus on the important concepts needed to be successful in this course and in life. Study guides will be due in each module and points will be awarded upon submission.

Application Projects

Application projects give the students opportunities to apply the concepts they have learned to real-life situations, scenarios, and events. They also evaluate the students' mastery of the skill for the course.

Assignments

Assignments give students a chance to practice and reinforce what they have learned in each module. They help students check their understanding and build skills through guided activities and questions.

Module Quizzes

Quizzes are administered at the end of each module. Each quiz is open-book and open-note and untimed. They consist entirely of multiple-choice questions and come directly from the lesson material and the videos.

Midcourse Quiz

This computer-graded quiz covers the material up to the midcourse quiz. The questions on the midcourse quiz are similar in format to the questions on the final exam.

Final Exam

The final exam covers all course content.

Course Grade

The letter grade will be calculated according to these percentages.

Percent to Letter Grade Calculation	
A	100%–93%
A–	<93%–90%
B+	<90%–87%
B	<87%–83%
B–	<83%–80%
C+	<80%–77%
C	<77%–73%
C–	<73%–70%
D+	<70%–67%
D	<67%–63%
D–	<63%–60%
F (fail)	<60%–0%