



Syllabus

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All personal pronouns are referring to the author of the course. If you have questions, remember to contact your instructor rather than the course author.

What You Should Already Know

This is the second half of Twelfth-Grade English.

Learning Outcomes

In the course you will focus on certain skills that will help prepare you for college, or whatever your plans might be after high school. The skills you will master include the following:

- Expand your word power by enlarging your vocabulary.
- Gain a basic understanding of rhetorical devices, and, more importantly, be able to appreciate language and identify rhetorical devices at work in writing.
- Learn to write more effectively by using the Six-Traits Writing Assessment Model.
- Gain proficiency at specific areas of usage and style in your writing.
- Write in several different modes including personal narrative and argument writing.

Course Materials

You will need three books for this course. All are available in paperback, and you shouldn't have a problem getting them from any major or online bookstore.

- *Blood Brothers* by Elias Chacour
- *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros
- *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry

In addition, you will be asked to watch a movie version of *A Raisin in the Sun*. This should also be easy to find.

Other Resources

There is a course discussion board at the end of the course. The discussion board is designed for students to connect, discuss course-related matters, and share ideas with each other.

Assignments

- Most of the objectives in this course are followed by a Self Check quiz. These computer-graded quizzes do not count toward your grade. If you pay attention and do well, they will prepare you for the Speedback assignments and for the final exam.
- This course consists of 12 lessons. Each lesson ends with a Speedback assignment. These computer-graded assignments count toward your grade and are one of the best ways to prepare for the final exam.
- There are 21 written assignments throughout this course. Each one is worth approximately 2.5% of your grade. Follow all of the instructions for each assignment then save it in a safe place. You will submit these assignments after the objective where the assignment is introduced.

Exams

The final exam consists of around 100 multiple-choice questions and 1 essay question.

Grading

Your grade breakdown for the course will be as follows:

Grade Percentage	
Assignments	50%
Speedback Assignments	35%
Final Exam	15%
Total	100%

Grading Scale	
A	100-93
A-	92-90
B+	89-87
B	86-83
B-	82-80
C+	79-77
C	76-73
C-	72-70
D+	69-67
D	66-63
D-	62-60
E (fail)	59 or below