



# Syllabus

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## What You Should Already Know

This is the second half of a tenth-grade/sophomore level course. In order to be successful with the material included and forms of assessment, you should have had the first half of a tenth-grade English class.

## Learning Outcomes

- Read more carefully and thoughtfully than you already do by connecting your own experience to that of the author.
- Strengthen your vocabulary by using the words that you learn in your writing and conversations.
- Identify literary devices in the genres included within the course, and within your own writing.
- Assess your own writing using the Six-Trait Writing Model.
- Communicate honestly in writing your opinions surrounding the themes present in each literary work.

## Course Materials

- Shaara, Michael. *The Killer Angels*. Modern Library. 2004. (ISBN # 0679643249).
- Shakespeare, William. *The Merchant of Venice*. Dover Publications. 1995. (Dover/Thrift Editions/ISBN # 0486284921).
- A headset/speakers and microphone are necessary to conduct required speaking appointments; a webcam is preferred but not required. For optimal connection speeds during speaking appointments, it is recommended that you use a hard-wired, high-speed internet connection during the appointment.

## Assignments

- Each objective in this course is followed by a self check quiz. These computer-graded quizzes do not count toward your grade. They are designed to test your understanding of the material and prepare you for the Speedback assignments.
- This course consists of 7 units. Each unit ends with a Unit Quiz (some unit quizzes in this course are taken in two parts). There are also two cumulative unit quizzes, one after Unit 4 and another after Unit 7. These computer-graded assignments count toward your grade and are one of the best ways to prepare for the final exam.
- There are also 17 assignment submissions, and 1 blog assignment. These are instructor-graded assignments that you will complete throughout the course. When you finish one, save and submit it according to the instructions given in the assignment.

## 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.

## Exams

*Summary: 1 final exam (multiple-choice, matching and short-answer questions).*

The exam consists of approximately 92 multiple-choice questions, 3 matching questions, 2 short-answer questions, and 1 essay. It is closed book/note.

## Grading

Your grade breakdown in this course will be as follows:

Overall Percent Breakdown	
UNIT / ASSIGNMENT	PERCENTAGE

<b>Overall Percent Breakdown</b>	
<b>Unit 1</b>	<b>22%</b>
Unit 1 Unit Quiz Part 1	2%
Poetry Analysis Assignment	3%
Poetry Recitation Assignment	3%
Response Journal Assignment	3%
Writing Assignment 1	3%
Writing Assignment 2	3%
Writing Assignment 3	3%
Unit 1 Unit Quiz Part 2	2%
<b>Unit 2</b>	<b>10%</b>
Unit 2 Unit Quiz Part 1	2%
Response Journal Assignment	3%
Writing Assignment 4	3%
Unit 2 Unit Quiz Part 2	2%
<b>Unit 3</b>	<b>13%</b>
Ekphrasis Assignment	3%
Unit 3 Unit Quiz Part 1	2%
Response Journal Assignment	3%
Writing Assignment 5	3%
<b>Unit 4</b>	<b>7%</b>

<b>Overall Percent Breakdown</b>	
Unit 4 Unit Quiz Part 1	2%
Response Journal Assignment	3%
Unit 4 Unit Quiz Part 2	2%
<b>Cumulative Unit Quiz 1</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Unit 5</b>	<b>10%</b>
Writing Assignment 6	3%
Writing Assignment 7	3%
Unit 5 Unit Quiz	4%
<b>Unit 6</b>	<b>10%</b>
Response Journal Assignment	3%
Persuasive Letter Assignment	3%
Unit 6 Unit Quiz	4%
<b>Unit 7</b>	<b>10%</b>
Response Journal Assignment	3%
Writing Assignment 8	3%
Unit 7 Unit Quiz	4%
<b>Cumulative Unit Quiz 2</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Grading Scale</b>	
<b>A</b>	100–93
<b>A–</b>	92–90
<b>B+</b>	89–86
<b>B</b>	85–83
<b>B–</b>	82–80

<b>Grading Scale</b>	
<b>C+</b>	79–76
<b>C</b>	75–73
<b>C–</b>	72–70
<b>D+</b>	69–66
<b>D</b>	65–63
<b>D–</b>	62–60
<b>E (fail)</b>	59 or below