

American Literature is a literature and composition course offering organized as a survey of American literature. It can stand alone as a complete year of general study in English without a specific prerequisite, but its modular design allows flexibility in how the program is used in the classroom; teachers may use a single unit, lesson, or activity to supplement regular class content. The course builds literary and communication skills, including reading, writing, language appreciation and aesthetics, listening and speaking, viewing and representing, and research.

Within these general topic areas, special emphasis is placed on writing expository, research, and creative compositions; honing critical and analytic skills through close readings of literary, historical, expository, and functional documents; using context strategies and an understanding of etymology to build vocabulary; and practicing communication skills.

Reading selections cover a variety of genres and voices in literature and expository prose. Students read a survey of American literature from colonial to contemporary eras. They learn and practice workplace communication skills in special activities. Finally, students practice gathering, evaluating, synthesizing, presenting, and documenting information in a unit dedicated to writing research reports.

Summaries and annotations support fluency and comprehension of all reading material. Robust scaffolding in the form of process guides and graphic organizers helps reluctant writers to internalize strategies and develop composition skills. Select activities target text-handling skills and promote improved performance on commonly assessed literary analysis and response standards. Study sheets support engagement with direct instruction and develop note-taking and study skills.

The content is based on the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) standards and is aligned to state standards.

Length: Two semesters

## UNIT 1: REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE

### LESSON 1: REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE

#### **Discuss: Introductions**

Log in to the discussion board and introduce yourself to your classmates.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 15 points*

#### **Study: Orientation to American Literature**

Learn about activity types, how to submit assignments, and what you will be expected to do in this course.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Study: Setting Goals for Yourself**

Think about what you want to achieve by taking this course. Learn how to keep a record of your progress and development.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### LESSON 2: WRITING REVIEW

#### **Study: Writing: The Well-Crafted Sentence**

Review the fundamentals of sentence structure and punctuation.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Study: Writing: Paragraphs**

Review paragraph structure and practice writing topic sentences.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Writing: The Essay**

Review the fundamentals of essay structure.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Studies**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## LESSON 3: LITERARY-KNOWLEDGE REVIEW

**Study: Genre Review**

Refresh your memory about the characteristics of major genres of literature and nonfiction.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Literary Terms and Concepts Review**

Review key terms crucial to understanding and interpreting literature.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Studies**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## LESSON 4: GRAMMAR REVIEW

**Study: Vocabulary: Key-Concept Review**

Review terms to build your vocabulary.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Language Review: Verbs and Verbals**

Review skills necessary for handling verbs and their derivatives.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Language Review: Modifiers and Pronouns**

Review and practice the correct use of modifiers and pronouns.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Studies**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## LESSON 5: UNIT REVIEW AND TEST

**Review: Prepare to Take the Unit Test**

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min*

**Test (CS): The Unit Test**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points*

**Test (TS): The Unit Test**

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points*

## LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

**Diagnostic: Review the Course Introduction**

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 40 points*

## UNIT 2: DOCUMENTING INDEPENDENCE

### LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION

#### **Study: Introduction: Historical and Literary Context**

Explore the historical and literary context of this unit's reading materials.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

### LESSON 2: THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

#### **Study: Documenting Independence**

Read documents from America's precolonial and colonial eras to learn skills for reading and interpreting historical documents.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

#### **Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms**

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Read: The Declaration of Independence**

Read the Declaration of Independence.

*Duration: 1 hr*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Reading**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

#### **Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading**

Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 15 points*

#### **Study: Responses to Authority**

Trace the evolution of responses to authority in precolonial and colonial writing.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

### LESSON 3: CONSTITUTIONS

#### **Study: Constitutions and the Rules of Independence**

Learn about why constitutions are necessary and who drafts them. Learn about the history of the two documents you will read in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

#### **Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms**

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Read: The U.S. Constitution**

Read the U.S. Constitution.

*Duration: 1 hr*

### **Quiz: Comprehending the Reading**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

### **Study: Writing Workshop: The Analysis Essay**

Learn about the characteristics of the analytical essay.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

### **Practice: Analysis Essay: Independence and Constitutions**

Using the documents you have read in this unit, write a brief essay analyzing the relationship between independence and constitutions.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min Scoring: 50 points*

## **LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

### **Journal: Respond to the Reading**

Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.

*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 20 points*

### **Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Etymology I**

Trace the etymology of terms used in the fields of political science and history.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Study: Language Workshop: Reading Strategies**

Learn to employ strategies to help you understand what you are reading.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Study: Functional Document Workshop: Locating Information**

Practice finding information by skimming, scanning, and highlighting.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## **LESSON 5: DOCUMENTING INDEPENDENCE WRAP-UP**

### **Review: Documenting Independence**

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min*

### **Test (CS): Documenting Independence**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points*

### **Test (TS): Documenting Independence**

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points*

## **LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC**

### **Diagnostic: Documenting Independence**

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 40 points*

## **UNIT 3: POETRY: WALT WHITMAN AND EMILY DICKINSON**

### **LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION**

#### **Study: Historical and Literary Context**

Explore the historical and literary context of this unit's reading materials.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

### **LESSON 2: AMERICAN POET: WALT WHITMAN**

#### **Study: Walt Whitman: His Life and Poems**

Learn about Walt Whitman's life and explore some of the characteristic themes and techniques that appear in his work.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

#### **Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms**

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Read: Poems by Walt Whitman**

Read a selection of poems from *Leaves of Grass*.

*Duration: 1 hr*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Readings**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

#### **Study: Thinking about Poetry**

Learn techniques and review key terms in order to become a better reader and interpreter of poetry.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

#### **Practice: Analyze a Poem**

Write a one-paragraph analysis of the function of a literary device, image, or theme from one of the poems from the reading assignment.

*Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points*

### **LESSON 3: AMERICAN POET: EMILY DICKINSON**

#### **Study: Emily Dickinson: Her Life and Poems**

Learn about Emily Dickinson's life and explore some of the characteristic themes and techniques that appear in her work.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

### **Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms**

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Read: Poems by Emily Dickinson**

Read a selection of poems by Emily Dickinson.

*Duration: 1 hr*

### **Quiz: Comprehending the Readings**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

### **Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading**

Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 15 points*

### **Study: Writing Workshop: The Compare-and-Contrast Essay**

Review the characteristics of the compare-and-contrast essay.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## **LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS**

### **Journal: Respond to the Reading**

Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.

*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 20 points*

### **Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Etymology II**

Research the etymology of words found in poems from this lesson.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Study: Language Workshop: Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement**

Review and practice pronoun-antecedent agreement.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Study: Functional Document Workshop: Filling Out Forms**

Practice reading directions and filling out forms.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## **LESSON 5: POETRY: WHITMAN AND DICKINSON**

### **Review: Poetry: Whitman and Dickinson**

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min*

### **Test (CS): Poetry: Whitman and Dickinson**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points*

### **Test (TS): Poetry: Whitman and Dickinson**

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points

## LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

### Diagnostic: Poetry: Whitman and Dickinson

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 40 points

## UNIT 4: THE ESSAY: AMERICAN MASTERS

### LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION

#### Study: Historical and Literary Context

Study the historical and literary context of 19th-century America.

Duration: 0 hr 40 min

#### Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

### LESSON 2: RALPH WALDO EMERSON AND *SELF-RELIANCE*

#### Study: Reading *Self-Reliance*

Learn about Ralph Waldo Emerson and explore the philosophical foundation of *Self-Reliance*.

Duration: 0 hr 40 min

#### Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

#### Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

Duration: 0 hr 40 min

#### Read: *Self-Reliance*

Read Emerson's essay *Self-Reliance*.

Duration: 1 hr

#### Quiz: Comprehending the Reading

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

#### Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading

Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.

Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 15 points

#### Study: Writing Workshop: Developing an Idea in a Personal Essay

Learn how to use the genre of the personal essay to develop an idea and come to a conclusion.

Duration: 0 hr 40 min

#### Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points

### LESSON 3: HENRY DAVID THOREAU AND *WALDEN*

#### Study: Reading *Walden*

Learn about Henry David Thoreau and the philosophical foundation of *Walden*.

Duration: 0 hr 40 min

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms**

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Read: Excerpts from *Walden***

Read excerpts from Thoreau's *Walden*.

*Duration: 1 hr*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Reading**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: The Personal Essay**

Learn about the history and characteristics of the personal essay and trace its development in American literature.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Practice: Write a Personal Essay**

Using the outline you wrote in the previous lesson, write a personal essay that introduces and develops an idea.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min Scoring: 50 points*

## LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

**Journal: Respond to the Reading**

Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.

*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 20 points*

**Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Greek Roots**

Learn the meaning of 20 Greek root words.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Language Workshop: Analogies**

Learn how to read and understand analogies.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Functional Document Workshop: Workplace Documents I**

Learn about types of documents you are likely to encounter in the workplace. Practice reading and comprehending examples of those documents.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## LESSON 5: THE ESSAY: AMERICAN MASTERS WRAP-UP

**Review: The Essay: American Masters**

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min*

**Test (CS): The Essay: American Masters**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points*

### **Test (TS): The Essay: American Masters**

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points*

## **LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC**

### **Diagnostic: The Essay: American Masters**

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 40 points*

## **UNIT 5: THE NOVEL**

### **LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION**

#### **Study: Historical and Literary Context**

Explore the historical and literary context of this unit's reading materials.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 10 min Scoring: 10 points*

### **LESSON 2: MY ANTONIA, PART I**

#### **Study: The American Novel**

Trace the history of the American novel up to 1900. Consider the genre in relation to the traditions of the European novel.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

#### **Study: Vocabulary**

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Read: My Antonia, Books I and II**

Read the first two books of *My Antonia*.

*Duration: 1 hr*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Reading**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

#### **Study: Contrasting Visions of Prairie Life**

Learn about the history of the American prairie. Consider different perspectives on its settlement by European immigrants.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

#### **Practice: Writing about Reading Preferences**

Compose a short explanation of your reading preferences.

*Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points*

### **LESSON 3: MY ANTONIA, PART II**

**Study: Pioneer: A Woman's Voice in American Fiction**

Explore Willa Cather's role in bringing a new perspective to the American novel.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms**

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Read: *My Antonia*, Books III, IV, and V**

Read the final three books of *My Antonia*.

*Duration: 1 hr*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Reading**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading**

Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 15 points*

**Study: Writing Workshop: Critical Perspectives**

Learn about some of the schools of literary criticism. Prepare to use those critical perspectives in an essay of your own.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

**Journal: Respond to the Reading**

Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.

*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 20 points*

**Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Latin Roots**

Learn 20 Latin root words.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Language Workshop: Verb Tenses**

Practice recognizing and using verb tenses.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Functional Document Workshop: Workplace Documents II**

Learn the ins and outs of writing business letters.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## LESSON 5: THE NOVEL WRAP-UP

**Review: The Novel**

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min*

### **Test (CS): The Novel**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points*

### **Test (TS): The Novel**

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points*

## **LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC**

### **Diagnostic: The Novel**

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 25 points*

## **UNIT 6: SEMESTER REVIEW**

### **LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION**

#### **Review: Semester Review**

Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts covered in American Literature Semester 1.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min*

#### **Exam: Semester Exam**

Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in American Literature Semester 1.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points*

#### **Final Exam: Semester Exam**

Take a teacher-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in American Literature Semester 1.

*Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 100 points*

## **UNIT 7: MODERNISM**

### **LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION**

#### **Study: Historical and Literary Context**

Explore the historical and literary context of this unit's reading materials.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 10 min Scoring: 10 points*

### **LESSON 2: AMERICAN MODERNISM, PART I**

#### **Study: A New Direction: Modernism**

Learn about the Modernist literary movement in Europe and America.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

#### **Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms**

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Read: Modernist Poetry**

Read poems written by American Modernists.

*Duration: 1 hr*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Readings**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: American Modernist Poetry**

Explore techniques, schools, and philosophies of American Modernist poets.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Practice: Poem Analysis**

Write a one paragraph analysis of a poem.

*Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points*

## LESSON 3: AMERICAN MODERNISM, PART II

**Study: Modernism and the American Short Story**

Think about Modernism as a literary movement in American short fiction.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms**

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Read: Two Short Stories**

Read "Sweat" by Zora Neale Hurston and "Hills Like White Elephants" by Ernest Hemingway.

*Duration: 1 hr*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Readings**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading**

Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 15 points*

**Study: Writing Workshop: Short Fiction**

Prepare to write a short story in the realist tradition.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

**Journal: Respond to the Reading**

Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.

*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 20 points*

**Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Anglo-Saxon Root Words**

Learn 20 Anglo-Saxon root words.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Language Workshop: Idioms and Dialects**

Explore figures of speech and regional and cultural variations in the English language.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Functional Document Workshop: Writing a Résumé**

Write a résumé for a job application.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Studies**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## LESSON 5: UNIT REVIEW AND TEST

**Review: Prepare to Take the Unit Test**

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min*

**Test (CS): The Unit Test**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points*

**Test (TS): The Unit Test**

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points*

## LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

**Diagnostic: Modernism and Realism**

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 31 points*

## UNIT 8: DRAMA

### LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION

**Study: Historical and Literary Context**

Explore the historical and literary context of this unit's reading materials.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

### LESSON 2: DEATH OF A SALESMAN, PART I

**Study: Arthur Miller: Social Dramatist**

Learn about Arthur Miller and his work and discover *Death of a Salesman*.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms**

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Read: *Death of a Salesman*, Act I**

Read Act I of *Death of a Salesman*.

*Duration: 1 hr*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Reading**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading**

Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 15 points*

**Study: Modern Tragedy**

Explore the genre of tragedy and think about how it has been adapted for modern audiences.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## LESSON 3: DEATH OF A SALESMAN, PART II

**Study: What Makes *Death of a Salesman* a Classic?**

Think about the timeless elements of Miller's play and why it continues to be performed.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms**

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Read: *Death of a Salesman*, Act II**

Read Act II and the Requiem of *Death of a Salesman*.

*Duration: 1 hr*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Readings**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Writing Workshop: Character Study**

Learn the ins and outs of writing a character study.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Practice: Character Study**

Write a character study.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min Scoring: 50 points*

## LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

**Journal: Respond to the Reading**

Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.

*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 20 points*

**Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Connotation and Denotation**

Practice vocabulary skills.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Language Workshop: Using Transitions Effectively**

Practice language skills.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Functional Document Workshop: Following Directions**

Follow directions to complete a task.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## LESSON 5: UNIT REVIEW AND TEST

**Review: Prepare to Take the Unit Test**

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min*

**Test (CS): The Unit Test**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points*

**Test (TS): The Unit Test**

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points*

## LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

**Diagnostic: Drama**

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 38 points*

# UNIT 9: THEME STUDY: THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM

## LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION

**Study: Lesson Introduction: Historical and Literary Context**

Explore the historical and literary context of this unit's reading materials.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## LESSON 2: THE RHETORIC OF FREEDOM

**Study: What Is Theme?**

Explore the concept of theme and how it applies to this unit's reading assignments.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms**

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Read: Orations on Freedom**

Read "Eulogy for Rufino Contreras" by Cesar Chavez, "The Children's Era" by Margaret Sanger, and "I Have a Dream" by Martin Luther King Jr.

*Duration: 1 hr*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Readings**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Elements of Rhetoric**

Think about the techniques and devices that writers and orators use to persuade audiences.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Practice: Speech Summary**

Summarize one of the speeches from this lesson.

*Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points*

## LESSON 3: STORIES OF FREEDOM

**Study: Fiction and Persuasion**

Think about how writers use stories to communicate ideas and philosophical positions.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms**

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Read: Stories about Freedom**

Read "The Story of an Hour" by Kate Chopin and "Girl" and "On 'Girl'" by Jamaica Kincaid.

*Duration: 1 hr*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Readings**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading**

Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 15 points*

**Study: Writing Workshop: Speechwriting**

Use your knowledge of rhetoric to write a speech on a topic related to the themes covered in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

**Journal: Respond to the Reading**

Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.

*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 20 points*

### **Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Word Choice**

Practice vocabulary skills.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Study: Language Workshop: Gender and Culture Bias**

Practice language skills.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Study: Functional Document Workshop: College Application**

Fill out a college application.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## **LESSON 5: UNIT REVIEW AND TEST**

### **Review: Prepare to Take the Unit Test**

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min*

### **Test (CS): The Unit Test**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points*

### **Test (TS): The Unit Test**

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points*

## **LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC**

### **Diagnostic: Theme Study: The Struggle for Freedom**

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 25 points*

## **UNIT 10: THE MEMOIR**

### **LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION**

#### **Study: Historical and Literary Context**

Explore the historical and literary context of this unit's reading materials.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 10 min Scoring: 10 points*

### **LESSON 2: THE WAY TO RAINY MOUNTAIN, PART I**

#### **Study: Postmodernism: A Theory of Fracture**

Learn about the theory of postmodernism and consider how *The Way to Rainy Mountain* might be considered a postmodern memoir.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms**

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Read: *The Way to Rainy Mountain, Part I***

Read the prologue, introduction, and first two chapters of *The Way to Rainy Mountain*.

*Duration: 1 hr*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Reading**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Discuss: Your Thoughts on the Reading**

Discuss the reading assignment with your classmates.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 15 points*

**Study: The Memoir**

Think about the characteristics and history of the memoir as a genre.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## LESSON 3: THE WAY TO RAINY MOUNTAIN, PART II

**Study: Momaday's Many Voices**

Think about the confluence of European and Native American traditions in Momaday's memoir. How does the narrative reflect the Native American experience?

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms**

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Read: *The Way to Rainy Mountain, Part II***

Read the final two chapters and closing poem of *The Way to Rainy Mountain*.

*Duration: 1 hr*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Reading**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Study: Writing Workshop: Reflective Composition**

What stories tell us who we are? Learn to write a reflective composition that ties personal experience to larger issues and questions.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

**Practice: Reflective Composition**

What stories tell us who we are? Write an essay examining the relationship between narrative and identity.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min Scoring: 50 points*

## LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

### Journal: Respond to the Reading

Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.

*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 20 points*

### Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Prefixes and Suffixes

Practice vocabulary skills.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### Study: Language Workshop: Listening Skills

Practice language skills.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### Study: Functional Document Workshop: The Personal Statement

Write a personal statement.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## LESSON 5: UNIT REVIEW AND TEST

### Review: Prepare to Take the Unit Test

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min*

### Test (CS): The Unit Test

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points*

### Test (TS): The Unit Test

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points*

## LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

### Diagnostic: The Memoir

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

*Duration: 0 hr 30 min Scoring: 40 points*

## UNIT 11: THE RESEARCH ESSAY

### LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION

#### Study: Introduction to the Research Essay

Learn about the fundamental characteristics and functions of the research essay.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 10 min Scoring: 10 points*

#### Study: Asking and Refining Questions

Think about how to refine and ask questions to use as the basis of your research.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

#### Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 10 min Scoring: 10 points*

## LESSON 2: THE RESEARCH PROCESS, PART I

### **Study: Finding, Evaluating, and Interpreting Source Material**

Learn to find, evaluate, and interpret sources in order to answer your research questions.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

### **Study: Compiling and Organizing Information**

Learn how to make sense of the information that you gather in the research process.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

### **Study: Writing Workshop: Writing an Outline**

Write an outline for your research essay.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

### **Discuss: Peer Review: Drafting**

Share your outline with your classmates.

*Duration: 0 hr 45 min Scoring: 30 points*

### **Practice: Research Outline**

Submit your outline.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min Scoring: 50 points*

## LESSON 3: THE RESEARCH PROCESS, PART II

### **Study: Synthesizing and Drawing Conclusions**

Think about how to use the information you have gathered to answer your research questions.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

### **Study: Documentation**

Learn how to document your sources in bibliographies and works-cited lists.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

### **Quiz: Comprehending the Study**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

### **Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Technical Vocabularies**

Practice vocabulary skills.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Language Workshop: Writing for Different Audiences**

Practice language skills.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Study: Functional Document Workshop: Understanding Graphics and Illustrations**

Learn how to interpret and understand graphic elements of texts.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min*

**Explore: Topics in Media Literacy: Credibility in Journalism**

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 10 points*

## LESSON 5: UNIT REVIEW AND TEST

**Review: Prepare to Take the Unit Test**

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min*

**Test (CS): The Unit Test**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points*

**Test (TS): The Unit Test**

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

*Duration: 0 hr 40 min Scoring: 50 points*

## LESSON 6: DIAGNOSTIC

**Diagnostic: The Research Essay**

Take a diagnostic unit test that will generate a study plan based on your responses.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 31 points*

## UNIT 12: SEMESTER REVIEW

### LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION

**Review: Semester Review**

Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts covered in American Literature Semester 2.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min*

**Exam: Semester Exam**

Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in American Literature Semester 2.

*Duration: 0 hr 20 min Scoring: 20 points*

**Final Exam: Semester Exam**

Take a teacher-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in American Literature Semester 2.

*Duration: 1 hr 30 min Scoring: 100 points*