

Reading for College Success provides an English curriculum focused on developing the mastery of skills identified as critical to postsecondary readiness in reading. This single semester elective aligns to Florida's Postsecondary Readiness Competencies in reading and targets students required to complete additional instruction based on their performance on the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT). Course topics include vocabulary acquisition and use; use of academic and domain-specific words; reading for key ideas and details; reading non-fiction; and research.

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.

This course is built to Florida Postsecondary Readiness Competencies.

Length: One semester

UNIT 1: VOCABULARY: LEARNING AND USING NEW WORDS

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION TO VOCABULARY BUILDING

Study: Building Vocabulary: Value of Vocabulary

Learn about the importance of building vocabulary. Explore some general vocabulary-building skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: INTRODUCTION TO CONTEXT CLUES AND WORD SKIPPING

Study: Vocabulary Building: Context Clues and Word Skipping

Learn how to use the context of a word to derive its meaning and how to skip words effectively as you read.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: MORE USING CONTEXT

Study: More Using Context

Review and learn more about context clues through an interactive activity.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: CONNOTATION

Study: Connotation

Learn to determine a word's connotation and its relationship to other similar words. Put words with similar meaning in order by intensity.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Test Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: IDIOMS AND OTHER FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Study: Idioms and Figurative Language

Learn how to decode idioms and other figurative language.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Test Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 6: USING A THESAURUS

Study: Using a Thesaurus

Learn how to effectively use a thesaurus.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 9 points

LESSON 7: VOCABULARY: LEARNING AND USING NEW WORDS WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Vocabulary: Learning and Using New Words

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

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 2: VOCABULARY: LEARNING ACADEMIC AND DOMAIN WORDS

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION TO WORD ROOTS

Study: Building Vocabulary: Word Roots

Learn about the importance of word roots and how they can be used to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: INTRODUCTION TO PREFIXES

Study: Building Vocabulary: Prefixes

Learn about the importance of prefixes and how they can be used to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: INTRODUCTION TO SUFFIXES

Study: Building Vocabulary: Suffixes

Learn about the importance of suffixes and how they can be used to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: LATIN ROOTS: PART I

Study: Latin Roots: Part I

Learn 20 Latin roots that can help you decipher the meanings of numerous English vocabulary words.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: LATIN ROOTS: PART II

Study: Latin Roots: Part II

Learn 20 Latin roots.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 6: GREEK ROOTS: PART I

Study: Greek Roots: Part I

Learn 20 Greek roots that can help you decipher the meanings of numerous English vocabulary words.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 7: GREEK ROOTS: PART II

Study: Greek Roots: Part II

Learn 20 Greek roots.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 8: TECHNICAL VOCABULARY

Study: Technical Vocabulary

Practice vocabulary skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 9: VOCABULARY: LEARNING ACADEMIC AND DOMAIN WORDS WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Vocabulary: Learning Academic and Domain Words

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

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 3: READING: NON-FICTION

LESSON 1: READING AS A PROCESS

Study: Pre-Reading

Learn how the pre-reading process works.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Three Reading Process Strategies

Learn about effective highlighting, thinking with symbols, and the three question approach.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: GAINING AND RETAINING INFORMATION**Study: Reading Comprehension: Scanning Key Points, Questioning, and Using Graphic Organizers**

Learn how to organize your thoughts and hold your thinking before, during, and after your reading by using the following strategies: scanning key points, questioning, and using graphic organizers.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Reading Comprehension: Identifying Facts and Opinions

Learn to identify facts and opinions. Complete an interactive, guided practice of new strategies.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: "The Aftermath" — *Time Magazine*

Apply strategies to independent reading.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: INTRODUCTION TO STRATEGIES FOR READING NEWSPAPERS**Study: Reading Comprehension: 5 Ws, Synthesis, and Evaluation**

Learn to use the five Ws, synthesis, and evaluation to improve reading comprehension and ability to gain information.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Reading Comprehension: Identifying Argument Logic

Learn how to identify the logic of arguments. Complete an interactive, guided practice of new strategies.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: An Editorial from *The Times-Picayune*

Apply strategies to independent reading.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: INTRODUCTION TO READING ESSAYS**Study: Reading Comprehension: Summarizing, Paraphrasing, and More**

Learn to use knowledge assessment, surveying, restating, and paraphrasing; to locate additional material; and to summarize to improve reading comprehension and gain information.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Reading Comprehension: Identifying Different Text Structures

Learn to identify different text structures. Complete an interactive, guided practice of new strategies.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: *Last Great Words of Great Men* by Mark Twain

Apply strategies to independent reading.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: INTRODUCTION TO CHARTS AND GRAPHS

Study: Study Skills: Charts and Graphs

Learn how to read charts and graphs correctly. Learn to use charts and graphs as organizational tools to assist with your studying.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 6: INTRODUCTION TO READING SCHOOL TEXTS

Study: Reading Comprehension: SR²

Learn how to use strategies to improve your reading comprehension and ability to gain information.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Reading Comprehension: Identifying Main Idea and Supporting Details

Learn to identify a text's main idea and supporting details. Complete an interactive, guided practice of new strategies.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Textbook Page Reading

Apply strategies to independent reading.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 7: INTRODUCTION TO DISCOVERING MEANING THROUGH DESIGN

Study: Media Literacy: The Impact of Design

Learn to dissect the design of a piece of visual media. Discover how design can enhance meaning.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 8: INTRODUCTION TO EVALUATING SOURCES OF VISUAL MEDIA

Study: Media Literacy: Go to the Source

Learn to identify the source of a piece of visual media and its sponsor's possible biases.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 9: INTRODUCTION TO COMPARING MEDIA

Study: Media Literacy: Comparing and Contrasting Media Coverage

Learn to compare, contrast, and critique various media coverage of the same event.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 10: INTRODUCTION TO CULTURE IN MEDIA

Study: Media Literacy: Culture in Media

Learn to identify the cultural influences and design decisions that reflect cultural bias in media.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 11: READING NON-FICTION WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Reading Non-Fiction

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

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 4: READING: KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS

LESSON 1: MAIN IDEA

Study: Main Idea

Learn how to identify the main idea in a passage of text, and learn to defend your answer using the text.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Test Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 10 points

Checkup: Check Your Knowledge

Check your understanding of the skills from the study and get instant feedback.

Duration: 0 hrs 35 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Main Idea

Practice your new skills from the study and get instant feedback.

Duration: 0 hrs 35 mins Scoring: 20 points

Quiz: Test Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: CONNECTIONS ACROSS TEXTS

Study: Connections Across Texts

Learn to make connections in and draw conclusions from a text, and find strong support for these conclusions and connections in the text itself.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Test Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 10 points

Checkup: Check Your Knowledge

Check your understanding of the skills from the study and get instant feedback.

Duration: 0 hrs 35 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Connections Across Texts

Practice your new skills from the study and get instant feedback.

Duration: 0 hrs 35 mins Scoring: 20 points

Quiz: Test Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: 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 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms

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

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

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 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: READING: KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Reading: Key Ideas and Details

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

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 5: READING: TEXT STRUCTURE

LESSON 1: TYPES OF NONFICTION

Study: Types of Nonfiction

Define *nonfiction* and learn about types of nonfiction.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: PERSONAL ESSAYS AND LETTERS

Study: Voices in Primary Sources

Learn to recognize and evaluate different voices and points of view in primary sources.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary for Personal Essays and Letters

Study vocabulary words in context and read personal essays and letters.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Personal Essays and Letters

Read A. A. Milne's "A Word for Autumn."

Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: BIOGRAPHIES AND INTERVIEWS

Study: Interpreting a Life

Explore an overview of the history and the different types of biographies.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary for Biographies and Interviews

Learn new vocabulary using context clues.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Reading Biographies

Read pieces on two women: a modern athlete and an ancient mathematician.

Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: OPINION AND EDITORIAL ESSAYS

Study: Op-Ed Writing

Learn to distinguish between fact and opinion. Explore the ABCs of op-ed writing.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Common Terms in Modern Op-Ed Pieces

Learn new words from context clues.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: When Believing Isn't Seeing

Read an op-ed piece by a Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial writer.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Reading

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: READING: TEXT STRUCTURE WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Reading: Text Structure

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

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 6: READING: INTEGRATING KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE ART OF PERSUASION

Study: Tools of Persuasion

Learn about the art of rhetoric, including persuasive speaking and writing.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: HISTORICAL SPEECHES

Study: Voices of Leadership

Study famous speeches to learn the tools of persuasive speaking.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary for Persuasive Speeches

Learn new words from context clues.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Three Famous Speeches

Read three historic speeches.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: INTRODUCTION: HISTORICAL AND LITERARY CONTEXT

Study: Historical and Literary Context

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

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: 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 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms

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

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Reading

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Responses to Authority

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

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: 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 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms

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

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

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 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Writing Workshop: The Analysis Essay

Learn about the characteristics of the analytical essay.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins 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 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: READING: INTEGRATING KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Reading: Integrating Knowledge and Ideas

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

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 7: WRITING: RESEARCH

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION: RESEARCH ESSAY

Study: Introduction to the Research Essay

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

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins 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 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins 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 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins 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 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Writing Workshop: Writing an Outline

Write an outline for your research essay.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Research Outline

Submit your outline.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins 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 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Documentation

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

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: WRITING: RESEARCH WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Writing: Research

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

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 8: REVIEW AND EXAM

LESSON 1: REVIEW AND EXAM

Exam: Semester Exam

Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this course.

