The focus of English 10 Honors is the writing process. Three forms of writing guide the curriculum: persuasive, expository, and narrative writing. A typical lesson culminates in a written assignment that lets students demonstrate their developing skill in one of these forms.

English 10 Honors includes at least one anchor text per lesson focused on a thematic core of the capacity of language to influence others. Readings include poems, stories, speeches, plays, and a graphic novel, as well as a variety of informational texts, and these texts are often presented as models for students to emulate as they practice their own writing. The readings represent a wide variety of purposes and cultural perspectives, ranging from the Indian epic *The Ramayana* to accounts of Hurricane Katrina told through different media. Audio and video presentations enhance students' awareness and command of rhetorical techniques and increase their understanding of writing for different audiences.

English 10 Honors provides opportunities for self-directed study, including outside readings, open-ended journal entries, and free-form projects, all of which challenge Honors students to use their creativity and critical thinking skills to gain independent mastery of reading and writing.

### Length: Two Semesters

### UNIT 1: THE WRITTEN WORD

#### LESSON 1: EXPOSITORY PROSE

**Read: Outside Reading: Introduction**
Choose a book-length text to read over the course of the semester. Answer a series of questions to prove your grasp of the text.
Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Read: From On Writing Well by William Zinsser**
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "The Transaction" from On Writing Well by William Zinsser.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: Understand Writing Versus Speech**
Differentiate written prose from the spoken word examine the strengths of each and explore the challenges that are unique to writing.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understand Writing Versus Speech**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Read: Two Readings about Pluto**
Listen to "Astrophysicist Chronicles the Battle Over Pluto" by Melissa Block and read preface from *The Pluto Files* by Neil deGrasse Tyson and recall details from each.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Two Readings about Pluto**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

**Study: Analyze Expository Writing**
Define expository writing and distinguish its characteristics from speech in written and spoken works by the same author.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points
LESSON 2: PERSUASIVE PROSE

Study: Understand the Elements of Rhetoric
Define rhetoric and identify ethos pathos and logos in common examples.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand the Elements of Rhetoric
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: From Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare
Read and demonstrate comprehension of Act III scene ii of Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: From Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out
Discuss the effectiveness of an example of persuasion.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Analyze Using Rhetoric to Sway an Audience
Analyze the different ways that rhetoric can be used to persuade an audience by examining a famous example.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Using Rhetoric to Sway an Audience
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Write: Prepare Persuasive Writing
Explore civil and fair ways to respond to counterclaims, especially in an online environment.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: NARRATIVE PROSE

Read: "What's Your Story?"
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "What's Your Story?"
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Narrative and Plot
Define narrative and identify the basic elements of plot.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Narrative and Plot
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: The Story of My Life by Helen Keller
Read and demonstrate comprehension of chapter 4 of The Story of My Life by Helen Keller.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Story of My Life by Helen Keller
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

**Study: Analyze The Story and Its Narrator**
Recognize the characteristics of a narrative and plot in an example and explore the narrator's role in conveying the narrative and plot.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Analyze The Story and Its Narrator**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Project: Create a Project**
Demonstrate mastery of a variety of narrative techniques, including plot, transitions, and point of view.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 50 points

**LESSON 4: WRAP UP: THE WRITTEN WORD**

**Journal: Write Your Journal Entry: Formal Writing**
Review conventions surrounding formal writing, especially spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. Apply what you have learned in a journal entry.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

**Review: The Written Word**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): The Written Word**
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

**Test (TS): The Written Word**
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 45 points

**UNIT 2: THE STORY**

**LESSON 1: PLOT**

**Read: "I Just Couldn't Put It Down!"**
Read and demonstrate understanding of the "I Just Couldn't Put It Down!"
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: Understand Conflict and Plot**
Define the basic elements of plot and recognize effective versus ineffective use of these elements in a story.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understand Conflict and Plot**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Read: American Born Chinese, Part 1**
Read and recall details from pages 7 through 106 of American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: American Born Chinese, Part 1**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

**Study: Analyze Multiple Plots**
Explore the different ways that writers can manipulate the traditional structure of plot to create specific effects.
LESSON 2: CHARACTER

Study: Understand Types of Characters
Define different character types and determine their roles in a story.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Types of Characters
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: American Born Chinese, Part 2
Read and demonstrate comprehension of Pages 109 through 233 of American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: American Born Chinese, Part 2
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out
Discuss the role of a character from a sample story.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Analyze The Character Arc
Examine how internal and external conflict contribute to the development of a character over the course of a story.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze The Character Arc
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Project: Create a Project
Make connections between literary elements such as plot, theme, and characterization.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: DESCRIPTION

Read: "Watching the World from the Riverbank"
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Watching the World from the Riverbank."
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Mood
Examine how the diction used to create imagery in a work of fiction affects the story's mood.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Mood
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: "A Visit of Charity" by Eudora Welty
Read and demonstrate comprehension of “A Visit of Charity” by Eudora Welty
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: "A Visit of Charity" by Eudora Welty
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points
Study: Analyze Pacing and Dialogue
Examine the effects of pacing and dialogue on the apparent speed at which story events occur.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Pacing and Dialogue
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Write: Prepare a Scene
Define the most common points of view used in narratives and identify the advantages and disadvantages of each.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 4: WRAP UP: THE STORY

Review: The Story
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): The Story
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

Test (TS): The Story
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 45 points

UNIT 3: LITERARY CRITICISM

LESSON 1: THEME

Read: "Five Stars for Literary Critics"
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Five Stars for Literary Critics."
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand The Meaning of Theme
Define theme and identify the kinds of themes that are often examined in literary criticism.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand The Meaning of Theme
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: "To Build a Fire" by Jack London
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "To Build a Fire" by Jack London.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: "To Build a Fire" by Jack London
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

Study: Analyze Interpretation
Infer and interpret the theme of a text to understand its development over the course of a story.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Interpretation
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points
LESSON 2: FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

**Study: Understand Types of Figurative Language**
Define common types of figurative language and identify their purpose in works of literature.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understand Types of Figurative Language**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Read: Various Poems**
Read and demonstrate comprehension of Various Poems.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Various Poems**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

**Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out**
Discuss the centrality of figurative language in poetry.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Analyze The Meanings of Words**
Examine the effect of connotation on the tone of a work of literature
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Analyze The Meanings of Words**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Project: Create a Project**
Provide an objective summary and detailed analysis of a poem's meaning.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: CONTEXT

**Read: "Quick Guide to the Ramayana"**
Watch and demonstrate comprehension of "Quick Guide to the Ramayana" from the British Library.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: Understand Culture and Literature**
Explore how an author's or reader's culture affects the meaning of a work of literature.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understand Culture and Literature**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Read: The Ramayana and an Illustration**
Read and recall details from chapters 12 through 16 of the Kishkindha Kanda of the Ramayana by Valmiki and view "Illustration of Sugriva Challenging Vali."
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: The Ramayana and an Illustration**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

**Study: Analyze Literary Tradition and Medium**
Examine how the meaning of a traditional story changes when an artist reinterprets it in a different medium.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points
**Lesson 4: Wrap Up: Literary Criticism**

**Journal: Write Your Journal Entry: Phrases and Clauses**
Review conventions surrounding phrases and clauses. Apply what you have learned in a journal entry.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

**Review: Literary Criticism**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): Literary Criticism**
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

**Test (TS): Literary Criticism**
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 45 points

**Unit 4: The Research Paper**

**Lesson 1: Finding Support**

**Read: Introduction to *Fast Food Nation***
Read and demonstrate comprehension of the introduction to *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: Understand The Research Question**
Define research and identify the characteristics of a quality research question.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understand The Research Question**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Read: *Fast Food Nation*, Part 1**
Read and demonstrate comprehension of chapters 1 through 3 of *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: *Fast Food Nation*, Part 1**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

**Study: Analyze Evaluating Credibility**
Identify the most common types of sources cited in research papers and evaluate their credibility.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Analyze Evaluating Credibility**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points
Write: Prepare the Research Project, Part I
Recognize correct MLA citation standards for researched sources.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Plan an expository research essay by gathering information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources and following MLA format for citation.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 40 points

LESSON 2: USING SOURCES

Study: Understand The Role of the Researcher
Define synthesis and plagiarism and differentiate the two by gaining an understanding of the writer-researcher's role in creating a research paper.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand The Role of the Researcher
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: Fast Food Nation, Part 2
Read and demonstrate comprehension of chapters 4 through 7 of Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Fast Food Nation, Part 2
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out
Discuss the effectiveness of Schlosser's use of sources to support his ideas.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Analyze Incorporating Source Material
Identify the ways an author uses sources to support claims and apply these techniques.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Incorporating Source Material
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Write: Prepare the Research Project, Part II
Examine the role of organization in presenting researched information to a reader in an essay.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: REVISION

Read: "A Culinary Wasteland" by Cynthia Crossen
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "A Culinary Wasteland" by Cynthia Crossen.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Review and Revision
Determine the criteria by which a reviewer evaluates a written work and apply those criteria in revising one's own work.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Review and Revision
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points
Read: *Fast Food Nation, Part 3*
Read and recall details from chapters 8 through 10 and the epilogue of *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: *Fast Food Nation, Part 3*
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

Study: Analyze Revising by Criteria
Evaluate one’s writing based on standards found in a professionally written work.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Revising by Criteria
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Write: Prepare the Research Project, Part III
Apply revision strategies to identify weaknesses in a written work.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 40 points

LESSON 4: WRAP UP: THE RESEARCH PAPER

Review: The Research Paper
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): The Research Paper
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

Test (TS): The Research Paper
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 45 points

UNIT 5: WRAP UP

LESSON 1: WRAP UP

Read: Outside Reading: Follow-Up
Choose a book-length text to read over the course of the semester. Answer a series of questions to prove your grasp of the text.
Duration: 6 hrs Scoring: 75 points

Review: Wrap Up
Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts covered in this semester.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Exam: Wrap Up
Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

Final Exam: Wrap Up
Take a teacher-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 6: PRACTICAL DOCUMENTS

LESSON 1: ORGANIZATION
**Read: Outside Reading: Introduction**
Choose a book-length text to read over the course of the semester. Answer a series of questions to prove your grasp of the text.
Duration: 0 hrs 5 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Read: "Charting the Path"**
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Charting the Path."
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: Understand Organizing Information**
Identify the most common organizational schemes found in practical documents.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understand Organizing Information**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Read: Three Uniquely Organized Documents**
Read and demonstrate comprehension of three practical documents with unique organizational schemes.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Three Uniquely Organized Documents**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

**Study: Analyze Organizing Paragraphs**
Recognize the use of specific organizational schemes in sample texts at both the document and paragraph level.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Analyze Organizing Paragraphs**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

**LESSON 2: CLARITY**

**Read: On Writing Well by William Zinsser**
Recognize the characteristics of clearly-presented documents.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Study: Understand Clarity**
Recognize the characteristics of clearly presented documents.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understand Clarity**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Read: "How to Jump-Start a Car Battery"**
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "How to Jump-Start a Car Battery."
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: "How to Jump-Start a Car Battery"**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

**Study: Analyze Page Layout**
Evaluate the layout of a technical document for clarity using common guidelines for incorporating visual elements.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Analyze Page Layout**
LESSON 3: FORMAL LETTERS

Study: Understand Audience Sensitivity
Examine audience as an essential consideration in written communication.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Audience Sensitivity
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: Two Sample Cover Letters
Read and demonstrate comprehension of two sample cover letters.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Two Sample Cover Letters
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out
Discuss the potential for dishonesty in writing persuasive letters.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Analyze Strengths and Weaknesses of Cover Letters
Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses in the content of sample cover letters based on audience expectations.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Strengths and Weaknesses of Cover Letters
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Write: Prepare a Cover Letter
Explore ways of communicating with, and appealing to, potential employers by using effective language, including vocabulary that is specific to the job one is applying for.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 4: WRAP UP: PRACTICAL DOCUMENTS

Journal: Write Your Journal Entry: Parallel Structure
Review conventions surrounding parallel structure. Apply what you have learned in a journal entry.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

Review: Practical Documents
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Practical Documents
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points
UNIT 7: PERSUASIVE TEXTS

LESSON 1: TONE

Read: "Vertically Challenged Sanitation Engineer Wanted"
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Vertically Challenged Sanitation Engineer Wanted."
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand How to Persuade with Tone and Diction
Explore how the connotations of an author's words can persuade readers in subtle ways.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand How to Persuade with Tone and Diction
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: "On Indian Removal" and "Samuel's Memory"
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "President Andrew Jackson’s Message to Congress 'On Indian Removal (1830)’" and "Samuel’s Memory" by Michael Rutledge.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: "On Indian Removal" and "Samuel's Memory"
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

Study: Analyze Contrasting Tones
Explore how two different authors use language to establish the contrasting tones of their works.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Contrasting Tones
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: THE MEDIUM

Read: "Words Triumph Over Images" by Curtis Wilkie
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Words Triumph Over Images" by Curtis Wilkie.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Journalism as Persuasion
Examine the effects that different journalistic media have on an audience.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Journalism as Persuasion
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: Three Stories about Hurricane Katrina
Read and demonstrate comprehension of three stories about Hurricane Katrina told through different media.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Three Stories about Hurricane Katrina
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

Study: Analyze Bias in Media
Analyze the bias in different news accounts of an event reported in different media.
**Quiz: Analyze Bias in Media**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Project: Create a Project**
Explore the use of comparisons and contrasts to support an argument.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 50 points

### LESSON 3: PURPOSE

**Study: Understand Stories with Purpose**
Identify different genres of narratives that have a persuasive purpose and examine what these stories have in common.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Understand Stories with Purpose**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Read: "Top of the Food Chain" by T. C. Boyle**
Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Top of the Food Chain" by T. C. Boyle.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: "Top of the Food Chain" by T. C. Boyle**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

**Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out**
Discuss the success of an author's attempts to persuade a reader.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

**Study: Analyze Rhetoric in Narratives**
Recognize an author's use of rhetoric in a narrative.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Quiz: Analyze Rhetoric in Narratives**
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

**Write: Prepare Story Annotations**
Explore the use of reference materials, such as dictionaries and thesauruses, to understand specialized vocabulary.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

**Practice: Complete Your Assignment**
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

### LESSON 4: WRAP UP: PERSUASIVE TEXTS

**Review: Persuasive Texts**
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): Persuasive Texts**
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

**Test (TS): Persuasive Texts**
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 45 points
UNIT 8: THE SPEECH

LESSON 1: SPEECH ANALYSIS

Read: "Remembering Rosa Parks" by Jennifer Granholm
Watch and recall details from "Remembering Rosa Parks" by Jennifer Granholm.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Rhetoric in Speeches
Examine how a speaker's use of rhetoric affects the persuasiveness of a speech.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Rhetoric in Speeches
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: Speeches by Two Presidents
Watch and recall details from President Kennedy's address at Rice University on the nation's space effort and President Obama's Back to School Speech.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Speeches by Two Presidents
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

Study: Analyze Evidence, Reasoning, and Point of View in Speeches
Analyze samples speeches for their use of rhetoric and evidence and their weaknesses such as logical fallacies.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Evidence, Reasoning, and Point of View in Speeches
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Write: Prepare Short Analysis Answers
Explore strategies for analyzing a speaker's point of view, purpose, and use of rhetoric.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 2: SPEECHWRITING

Read: A Speech by Justice Sonia Sotomayor
Watch and recall details from Justice Sonia Sotomayor's New York University 2012 Commencement Address.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand The Role of the Speaker
Examine how a speaker's delivery and use of themes affect a speech's effectiveness.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand the Role of the Speaker
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: FDR's Four Freedoms Speech
Watch and recall details from the Four Freedoms Speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: FDR's Four Freedoms Speech
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
LESSON 3: MOVING AN AUDIENCE

Study: Understand Professionalism in Speeches
Recognize the qualities of a professional speech including the speaker's use of media and formal language.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Professionalism in Speeches
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: Speeches by Al Gore and Dan Pink
Read and recall details from the Nobel Lecture by Al Gore and “Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us” by Dan Pink.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Speeches by Al Gore and Dan Pink
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out
Discuss what the use of media adds or takes away from a speech.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Analyze Adapting to Audience and Context
Explore how audience and context affect the style of a speech and the speaker's use of media.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Adapting to Audience and Context
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Project: Create a Project
Prepare two versions of a presentation and integrate media into both.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 4: WRAP UP: THE SPEECH

Journal: Write Your Journal Entry: Parts of Speech
Review the parts of speech and the ways they can improve the flow of formal writing. Apply what you have learned in a journal entry.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

Review: The Speech
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): The Speech
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

Test (TS): The Speech
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 45 points

UNIT 9: RESEARCHED ARGUMENTATION

LESSON 1: CLAIMS, REASONS, AND EVIDENCE

Read: "Stake Your Claim"
Read and recall details from "Stake Your Claim."
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Types of Claims
Differentiate types of claims and explore which are most appropriate for an argumentative research paper.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Types of Claims
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: "Compulsory Voting: An Idea Whose Time Has Come"
Read and recall details from "Compulsory Voting: An Idea Whose Time Has Come" by Tor Hunter.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: "Compulsory Voting: An Idea Whose Time Has Come"
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

Study: Analyze Formulating an Argument
Examine a sample essay to determine how to turn an opinion into a solid claim with supporting reasons.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Formulating an Argument
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Write: Prepare an Argumentative Research Paper, Part I
Demonstrate an understanding of how to locate and evaluate sources, and how to link them to specific points in the outline of an argumentative research paper.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 40 points

LESSON 2: COUNTERCLAIMS

Study: Understand Anticipating Counterclaims
Recognize and apply strategies for anticipating and responding to counterclaims in an argumentative research paper.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Anticipating Counterclaims
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: "A Defense of Veganism"
Read and recall details from "Veganism."
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: "A Defense of Veganism"
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points
Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out
Discuss the civility with which an author addresses counterclaims.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Analyze Writing with Civility
Recognize the characteristics of a formal and civil tone in an essay that addresses opposing views.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Writing with Civility
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Write: Prepare an Argumentative Research Paper, Part II
Identify strategies for developing an essay draft from an outline and implementing counterclaims.
Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: REVISION, PROOFREADING, AND PEER EVALUATION

Read: "Peer Evaluation"
Read and recall details from "Peer Evaluation."
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand How to Provide Peer Review
Recognize and apply best practices in peer review.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand How to Provide Peer Review
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out
Evaluate and discuss a peer's rough draft based on its content and writing.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Study: Analyze Revision Strategies
Demonstrate an understanding of how to evaluate one's own writing to improve clarity and quality.
Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Revision Strategies
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 5 points

Write: Prepare an Argumentative Research Paper, Part III
Support individual points in an essay by implementing and documenting sources according to MLA standards.
Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Prepare an Argumentative Research Paper, Part III
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.
Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment
Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.
Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 40 points

LESSON 4: WRAP UP: RESEARCHED ARGUMENTATION

Review: Researched Argumentation
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Test (CS): Researched Argumentation**
Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

**Test (TS): Researched Argumentation**
Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 45 points

**UNIT 10: WRAP UP**

**LESSON 1: WRAP UP**

**Read: Outside Reading: Follow-Up**
Choose a book-length text to read over the course of the semester. Answer a series of questions to prove your grasp of the text.
Duration: 6 hrs Scoring: 75 points

**Review: Wrap Up**
Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts covered in this semester.
Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

**Exam: Wrap Up**
Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.
Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

**Final Exam: Wrap Up**
Take a teacher-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.
Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points