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

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**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

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**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

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**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.
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.

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms
Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

Read: The U.S. Constitution
Read the U.S. Constitution.

Quiz: Comprehending the Reading
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Study: Writing Workshop: The Analysis Essay
Learn about the characteristics of the analytical essay.

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

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.
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
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.
Study: Writing Workshop: The Compare-and-Contrast Essay
Review the characteristics of the compare-and-contrast essay.

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

LESSON 4: SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Journal: Respond to the Reading
Share your thoughts about the substance, style, and impact of the readings.

Study: Vocabulary Workshop: Etymology II
Research the etymology of words found in poems from this lesson.

Study: Language Workshop: Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement
Review and practice pronoun-antecedent agreement.

Practice reading directions and filling out forms.

Quiz: Comprehending the Study
Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

LESSON 5: POETRY: WHITMAN AND DICKINSON

Review: Poetry: Whitman and Dickinson
Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.
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*

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**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
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.
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*

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**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*
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

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**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**
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.
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
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
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
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

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*

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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*

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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*

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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*

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**UNIT 12: SEMESTER REVIEW**

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**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*