

Academy English 2

Not UC/CSU/NCAA approved

Grade Level: 10

Estimated Work Outside of Class: 1-2 hrs per week

Course Description:

Academy English is a multi-grade course designed to develop proficiency of the English language through reading comprehension and analysis, writing development, speaking fluency, vocabulary acquisition and grammar usage. It is part of a series of classes intended to fulfill the California state standards requiring three years of high school English. The course is differentiated based on students' individual knowledge and skills. All students will examine universal themes, analyze character development, recognize the significance of various literary devices in fiction and nonfiction selections and begin developing their literary analysis writing skills. In daily lessons, students will be supported in their development of effective studies and organization. This course is based on CA state standards of diplomacy and is not college preparatory in level. This course builds upon the skills introduced in Academy English 1.

Prerequisite:

Completion of Academy English 1

Recommended Prerequisite Skills:

None

Course Grade Categories:

- Formative Assessments 50%
- Summative Assessments 50%

Major Assessments/Units/Topics:

English 2: Fall Semester

Unit	Unit Focus	Major Assessments & Possible Readings
1	Active reading & Analytical Writing	• Assessments: ◦ CDW literary analysis paragraph (2 quotes) • Possible Readings: ◦ Various short stories
2	Memoir or Novel Study	• Assessments: ◦ CDW literary analysis paragraph (2 quotes) ◦ Project • Possible Readings may include but are not limited to: ◦ <i>The Little Prince</i>, <i>Discovering Wes Moore</i>, <i>Night</i>, <i>Fahrenheit 451</i>

English 2: Spring Semester

Unit	Unit Focus	Major Assessments & Possible Readings
1	Non-Fiction	• Assessment: ◦ Research based project ◦ Argumentative essay synthesizing student research (Short, multi-paragraph essay) • Possible Readings: ◦ Various non-fiction articles and essays
2	Poetry and Drama	• Assessment: ◦ On-demand CDW literary analysis essay (multi-paragraph essay) ◦ Multimedia presentation • Possible Readings: ◦ <i>Shakespearean play and/or assorted poetry</i>

