

**Department:** Special Education

**Course Title:** Basic English 9

**Grade Level:** 9

**Length of Course:** Full Year

**Primary Resources:** PA Standards

CommonLit, ReadWorks, *The Contender* novel, TAGS Graphic Organizer, Short Stories

**Units of Study:**

**Unit 1** (1 Week): Diagnostic Assessments to obtain baseline data

- RLI
- Reading Comprehension Baseline Probe
- Written Expression Baseline Prompt

**Unit 2** (Sporadically throughout Year): Basic Skills Activities

- Progress Monitoring Comprehension & Writing Probes
- Reading Comprehension via ReadWorks & CommonLit
- Written Expression Probes
- Addresses, Phone Numbers, Address Envelopes

**Unit 3** (10 Weeks): Short Story (Reading & Interpreting Fictional Literature)

- Prediction
- Author's Purpose
- Main Idea
- Vocabulary
- Story Elements
- Compare/Contrast
- Reading Comprehension
- Written Expression based on short story (TAGS)

**Unit 4** (1 Week): Reading Strategies

- Cause & Effect
- Fact & Opinion

**Unit 5** (2 Weeks): Written Expression/Constructed Response (TAGS)

- Brainstorming
- Graphic Organizers
- Rough/Final Drafts
- Self-Editing

**Unit 6 (2 Weeks): Gift of the Magi (Holiday Story)**

- Meet the Author - O. Henry
- Types of Irony
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension

**Unit 7 (4 Weeks): Non-Fiction Articles**

- Reading for Comprehension
- Highlight Key Details
- Supporting your Opinion with

**Unit 8 (10 Weeks): Teaching Fiction with *The Contenders* novel**

- Reading Comprehension Strategies
- Vocabulary
- Decoding Skills
- Reading Aloud
- Written Expression

**Unit 9 (2 Weeks): Constructed Response Writing**

- Based off of novel
- Brainstorming
- Graphic Organizers
- Rough Draft
- Final Constructed Response

**Unit 10 (2 Weeks): Review of Grammar Skills**

- Parts of Speech
- Common & Proper Nouns
- Verbs
- Adjectives
- Descriptive Writing

**Curriculum-Based Assessments:**

Tests, Quizzes, Projects, ReadWorks, CommonLit, Progress Monitoring Probes, Written Response Questions based on Student Performance Measures

**Local Assessments:** Reading Level Indicator; Reading Comprehension & Written Response Probes

**Standardized Assessments:** Keystone Literature Exam (10th grade year)

**Description of Course:**

Students will read, comprehend, and analyze a variety of fiction and nonfiction literary materials. Reading comprehension, written expression/constructed responses, and listening skills will be major components of this course. Students will use TAGS graphic organizers to complete written constructed response questions requiring a one or more paragraph response.