



Course Syllabus

CRITICAL READING I

Code:	419110	NCAA Approval:	No
Level:	High School	QM Certified:	No
Duration/Credit:	1.0 Credit/Year	Textbook:	None
Prerequisites:	None	Materials:	None
Standards:	Arkansas Critical Reading Standards	Technology:	VA Technology Requirements
Pacing Guide	419110 Critical Reading Pacin... 419110 Critical Reading Seme...	Alignment Matrix:	Alignment Matrix

Course Introduction

The course information video and transcript for this course are pending.

Course Description

Critical Reading is a two-semester course designed to accelerate reading growth by strengthening comprehension outcomes in high school grades. In a context of meaningful content, ongoing assessment, and focused explicit instruction, students will evaluate fiction and nonfiction texts and multicultural literature of diverse formats (e.g., print media, Web-based texts, fiction, and nonfiction books and articles) and genres. In addition, students will engage in differentiated learning activities tied to a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts with increasing complexity. Students will also demonstrate literacy competence through the purposeful application of knowledge and skills from this course, based on individual and collective literacy goals. Critical Reading does not require Arkansas Department of Education approval.

Course Level Objectives

The objectives for this course include the following:

- Students will become self-directed readers by engaging in literacy experiences relevant to personal interests, goals, everyday life, or world events.
- Students will use a variety of strategies to comprehend fiction and nonfiction texts.
- Students will respond to a variety of texts through writing and extended discussion.
- Students will increase vocabulary knowledge through multiple-word study strategies to gain the meaning of new words in a variety of contexts.

Course Participation Information

There are other pieces of important information about your participation in a Virtual Arkansas course. This information can be found in your course in the Virtual Arkansas Program Syllabus.