

English 7

Course Syllabus

Course Description

English Five takes the student through grammar, vocabulary, reading, and writing using the means of A+ Learning Software, Accelerated Reader, writing prompts, and essay assignments.

Lessons

Students will utilize A+ Learning Software to complete lessons on grammar, vocabulary, and literary devices. They will read a study section and then complete a practice test, followed by the mastery test. Each student receives a grade based on the number correct out of 10 questions. The following lessons are offered: .

The students will further need to complete a writing assignment for eight (8) out of the fifteen lessons. These assignments consist of questions related to the material of the lesson, eliciting a short answer or paragraph response.

Essays

For English 7, students will complete three (3) essay assignments. Each essay will have a short writing assignment assigned to it to prepare the student for the essay. First, students will do a compare/contrast paper on two classic authors after writing about what makes classic authors/books. Next, they have a literary analysis of a classic book they will read, after examining theme and literary terms. Last, students need to prepare a resume after writing about their future and skills. Each preparatory assignment is worth thirty (30) points. The literary analysis is worth two-hundred (200) points, the compare/contrast paper one-hundred fifty (150), and the resume one-hundred twenty (120).

Reading

The final area in which students will complete assignments is reading. Students will read a book based on their reading level (determined by a test from StarReader). After reading a semester's worth of points (based on word count in book), the student will take a test over the book or prepare a typed, one-page book report. For English 8, the student will also read Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and take a test from SparkNotes.com over the play. The test or book report score is worth two-hundred (200) points and the Macbeth test is worth fifty (50) points.

TOTAL

The total amount of points a student will earn is one thousand (1,000). Students will then be given a percentage grade based on the points they earn out of a thousand. The scale is as follows: 100-90% = A; 89-80% = B; 79-70% = C; 69-60% = D; 59% & below = F.