

Course Overview:

English II is a language arts course with a world literature emphasis designed to prepare students for upper level English classes. My goal is to engage students in relevant, relatable texts, guided critical reading, and continual practice in all modes of writing. All units of study are designed thematically and integrate a variety of text genres that support the unit's essential questions and focus skills.

1st Six Weeks - What Fools These Mortals Be: Analyzing Characterization, Irony, and Language in Literature

Major Text: A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare

Writing Focus: Literary Analysis

2nd Six Weeks - Struggle and Resilience: Navigating the Challenges of Survival

Major Text: Lord of the Flies by William Golding

Writing Focus: Literary Analysis

3rd Six Weeks - The Power of Persuasion: Analyzing Rhetorical Choices in Letters & Speeches

Writing Focus: Rhetorical Analysis

4th Six Weeks - Power and Corruption: The Rise and Fall of Leadership

Major Text: Animal Farm by George Orwell

Writing Focus: Rhetorical Analysis

5th Six Weeks- Screens, Stress, and the Search for Balance--Argument Synthesis

Writing Focus: Argument Synthesis & Expository

6th Six Weeks- Legends, Leadership, and Legacy: The Heroic Ideal in King Arthur's Court

Major Text: Le Morte d' Arthur by Sir Thomas Malory (excerpts)

Writing Focus: Narrative



Novel Studies:

