

The focus of the English II course is the writing process. Three writing applications guide the curriculum: persuasive, expository, and narrative writing. Each lesson culminates in a written assignment that lets students demonstrate their developing skill in one of these applications.

English II follows the model of English I by including at least one anchor text per lesson, but the essays, articles, stories, poems, and speeches are often presented as models for students to emulate as they practice their own writing. So that these readings may serve as proper examples for students, a high proportion of texts for this course are original pieces.

English II also continues to develop students' reading, listening, and speaking skills. Readings include poems, stories, speeches, plays, and a graphic novel, as well as a variety of informational texts. The readings represent a wide variety of purposes and cultural perspectives, ranging from the Indian epic The Ramayana to accounts of Hurricane Katrina told through different media. Audio and video presentations enhance students' awareness and command of rhetorical techniques and increase their understanding of writing for different audiences.

## **Course Materials**

This course has required materials. For more information, see the Course Materials List.

Length: Two Semesters

**Unit 1: The Written Word**

**Unit 2: The Story**

**Unit 3: Literary Criticism**

**Unit 4: The Research Paper**

**Unit 5: Wrap Up**

**Unit 6: Practical Documents**

**Unit 7: Persuasive Texts**

**Unit 8: The Speech**

**Unit 9: Researched Argumentation**

**Unit 10: Wrap Up**