

The focus of the English 10 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 10 follows the model of English 9 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 10 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.

Length: Two semesters

UNIT 1: THE WRITTEN WORD

LESSON 1: EXPOSITORY PROSE

Checkpoint: Active Reading Strategies: Text Features and Visual Cues

Apply active reading strategies to gain a critical understanding of texts.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Read: From *On Writing Well* by William Zinsser

Read and demonstrate comprehension of "The Transaction" from *On Writing Well* by William Zinsser.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Writing Versus Speech

Differentiate written prose from the spoken word examine the strengths of each and explore the challenges that are unique to writing.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Writing Versus Speech

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: Two Readings about Pluto

Listen to "Astrophysicist Chronicles the Battle Over Pluto" by Melissa Block and read preface from *The Pluto Files* by Neil deGrasse Tyson and recall details from each.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Two Readings about Pluto

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Expository Writing

Define expository writing and distinguish its characteristics from speech in written and spoken works by the same author.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Expository Writing

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare Formal Writing

Explore how to convert freewriting into a work of formal prose, paying special attention to capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and the formality of one's expressions.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: PERSUASIVE PROSE

Study: Understand The Elements of Rhetoric

Define *rhetoric* and identify ethos pathos and logos in common examples.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand The Elements of Rhetoric

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: From *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare

Read and demonstrate comprehension of Act III scene ii of *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: From *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out

Discuss the effectiveness of an example of persuasion.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Using Rhetoric to Sway an Audience

Analyze the different ways that rhetoric can be used to persuade an audience by examining a famous example.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Using Rhetoric to Sway an Audience

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare Persuasive Writing

Explore civil and fair ways to respond to counterclaims, especially in an online environment.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Project: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 3: NARRATIVE PROSE

Read: "What's Your Story?"

Read and demonstrate comprehension of "What's Your Story?"

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Narrative and Plot

Define *narrative* and identify the basic elements of plot.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Narrative and Plot

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: *The Story of My Life* by Helen Keller

Read and demonstrate comprehension of chapter 4 of *The Story of My Life* by Helen Keller.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: *The Story of My Life* by Helen Keller

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze The Story and Its Narrator

Recognize the characteristics of a narrative and plot in an example and explore the narrator's role in conveying the narrative and plot.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze The Story and Its Narrator

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare a Personal Narrative

Demonstrate an understanding of how to use transitions to guide the reader through topical temporal spatial and emotional shifts in a narrative at an appropriate pace.

Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

LESSON 4: WRAP UP: THE WRITTEN WORD**Checkpoint: Test Prep Skills: Wording in Test Questions**

Apply strategies to excel on high-stakes tests, both within the course and outside of the course.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: The Written Word

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): The Written Word

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

Test (TS): The Written Word

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 2: THE STORY**LESSON 1: PLOT****Checkpoint: Active Reading Strategies: Activating Prior Knowledge**

Apply active reading strategies to gain a critical understanding of texts.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Read: "I Just Couldn't Put It Down!"

Read and demonstrate understanding of the "I Just Couldn't Put It Down!"

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Conflict and Plot

Define the basic elements of plot and recognize effective versus ineffective use of these elements in a story.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Conflict and Plot

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: *American Born Chinese*, Part 1

Read and recall details from pages 7 through 106 of *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: *American Born Chinese*, Part 1

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Multiple Plots

Explore the different ways that writers can manipulate the traditional structure of plot to create specific effects.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Multiple Plots

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare a Review

Explore the distinction between professional and amateur writing in published works, such as a reviews, focusing on clauses, phrases, and parallel structure.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: CHARACTER

Study: Understand Types of Characters

Define different character types and determine their roles in a story.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Types of Characters

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: *American Born Chinese*, Part 2

Read and demonstrate comprehension of Pages 109 through 233 of *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: *American Born Chinese*, Part 2

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out

Discuss the role of a character from a sample story.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze The Character Arc

Examine how internal and external conflict contribute to the development of a character over the course of a story.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze The Character Arc

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare Character Analysis

Explore how to provide comprehensive and well-written replies to short answer and essay questions about literature, making connections between literary elements such as plot, theme, and characterization.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Write an essay that analyzes a complex character's interactions with other characters his or her role in advancing the plot and that character's development over the course of a story.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 3: DESCRIPTION

Read: "Watching the World from the Riverbank"

Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Watching the World from the Riverbank."

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Mood

Examine how the diction used to create imagery in a work of fiction affects the story's mood.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Mood

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: "A Visit of Charity" by Eudora Welty

Read and demonstrate comprehension of "A Visit of Charity" by Eudora Welty

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: "A Visit of Charity" by Eudora Welty

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Pacing and Dialogue

Examine the effects of pacing and dialogue on the apparent speed at which story events occur.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Pacing and Dialogue

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Explore Writing a Scene

Define the most common points of view used in narratives and identify the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

LESSON 4: WRAP UP: THE STORY

Checkpoint: Test Prep Skills: Multiple-Choice Question Strategies

Apply strategies to excel on high-stakes tests, both within the course and outside of the course.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: The Story

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): The Story

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

Test (TS): The Story

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 3: LITERARY CRITICISM

LESSON 1: THEME

Checkpoint: Active Reading Strategies: Monitoring and Applying Fix-Up Strategies

Apply active reading strategies to gain a critical understanding of texts.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Read: "Five Stars for Literary Critics"

Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Five Stars for Literary Critics."

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand The Meaning of Theme

Define *theme* and identify the kinds of themes that are often examined in literary criticism.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand The Meaning of Theme

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: "To Build a Fire" by Jack London

Read and demonstrate comprehension of "To Build a Fire" by Jack London.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: "To Build a Fire" by Jack London

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Interpretation

Infer and interpret the theme of a text to understand its development over the course of a story.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze: Interpretation

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare a Summary and an Analysis

Differentiate a subjective understanding of a text from an objective understanding and identify the writing style that fits both.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Study: Understand Types of Figurative Language

Define common types of figurative language and identify their purpose in works of literature.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Types of Figurative Language

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: Various Poems

Read and demonstrate comprehension of Various Poems.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Various Poems

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out

Discuss the centrality of figurative language in poetry.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze The Meanings of Words

Examine the effect of connotation on the tone of a work of literature

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze The Meanings of Words

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare Poetry Annotations

Explore ways of using annotations and introductory text to help readers understand poetic language.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 3: CONTEXT

Read: "Quick Guide to the *Ramayana*"

Watch and demonstrate comprehension of "Quick Guide to the *Ramayana*" from the British Library.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Culture and Literature

Explore how an author's or reader's culture affects the meaning of a work of literature.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Culture and Literature

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: The *Ramayana* and an Illustration

Read and recall details from chapters 12 through 16 of the Kishkindha Kanda of the *Ramayana* by Valmiki and view "Illustration of Sugriva Challenging Vali."

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The *Ramayana* and an Illustration

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Literary Tradition and Medium

Examine how the meaning of a traditional story changes when an artist reinterprets it in a different medium.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Literary Tradition and Medium

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare an Analysis Essay

Review strategies for organizing an analytical essay.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 4: WRAP UP: LITERARY CRITICISM

Checkpoint: Test Prep Skills: Short-Answer and Essay Questions

Apply strategies to excel on high-stakes tests, both within the course and outside of the course.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Literary Criticism

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Literary Criticism

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

Test (TS): Literary Criticism

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 4: THE RESEARCH PAPER

LESSON 1: FINDING SUPPORT

Checkpoint: Active Reading Strategies: Drawing Inferences

Apply active reading strategies to gain a critical understanding of texts.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Read: Introduction to *Fast Food Nation*

Read and demonstrate comprehension of the introduction to *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand The Research Question

Define research and identify the characteristics of a quality research question.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand: The Research Question

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: *Fast Food Nation*, Part 1

Read and demonstrate comprehension of chapters 1 through 3 of *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: *Fast Food Nation*, Part 1

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Evaluating Credibility

Identify the most common types of sources cited in research papers and evaluate their credibility.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze: Evaluating Credibility

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare the Research Project, Part I

Recognize correct MLA citation standards for researched sources.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Plan an expository research essay by gathering information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources and following MLA format for citation.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: USING SOURCES

Study: Understand The Role of the Researcher

Define *synthesis* and *plagiarism* and differentiate the two by gaining an understanding of the writer-researcher's role in creating a research paper.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand The Role of the Researcher

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: *Fast Food Nation*, Part 2

Read and demonstrate comprehension of chapters 4 through 7 of *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: *Fast Food Nation*, Part 2

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out

Discuss the effectiveness of Schlosser's use of sources to support his ideas.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Incorporating Source Material

Identify the ways an author uses sources to support claims and apply these techniques.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Incorporating Source Material

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare the Research Project, Part II

Examine the role of organization in presenting researched information to a reader in an essay.

Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

LESSON 3: REVISION

Read: "A Culinary Wasteland" by Cynthia Crossen

Read and demonstrate comprehension of "A Culinary Wasteland" by Cynthia Crossen.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Review and Revision

Determine the criteria by which a reviewer evaluates a written work and apply those criteria in revising one's own work.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Review and Revision

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: *Fast Food Nation*, Part 3

Read and recall details from chapters 8 through 10 and the epilogue of *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: *Fast Food Nation*, Part 3

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Revising by Criteria

Evaluate one's writing based on standards found in a professionally written work.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Revising by Criteria

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare the Research Project, Part III

Apply revision strategies to identify weaknesses in a written work.

Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

LESSON 4: WRAP UP: THE RESEARCH PAPER

Checkpoint: Test Prep Skills: Study Habits

Apply strategies to excel on high-stakes tests, both within the course and outside of the course.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: The Research Paper

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): The Research Paper

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

Test (TS): The Research Paper

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 5: WRAP UP**LESSON 1: WRAP UP****Review: Wrap Up**

Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts covered in this semester.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Exam: Wrap Up

Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

Final Exam: Wrap Up

Take a teacher-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 6: PRACTICAL DOCUMENTS**LESSON 1: ORGANIZATION****Checkpoint: Active Reading Strategies: Making Mental Images**

Apply active reading strategies to gain a critical understanding of texts.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Read: "Charting the Path"

Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Charting the Path."

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Organizing Information

Identify the most common organizational schemes found in practical documents.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Organizing Information

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: Three Uniquely-Organized Documents

Read and demonstrate comprehension of three practical documents with unique organizational schemes.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Three Uniquely-Organized Documents

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Organizing Paragraphs

Recognize the use of specific organizational schemes in sample texts at both the document and paragraph level.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Organizing Paragraphs

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare an Outline

Examine how topics and subtopics are organized in a document at the paragraph and section level.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: CLARITY

Read: *On Writing Well* by William Zinsser

Recognize the characteristics of clearly-presented documents.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Clarity

Recognize the characteristics of clearly presented documents.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Clarity

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: "How to Jump-Start a Car Battery"

Read and demonstrate comprehension of "How to Jump-Start a Car Battery#34;

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: "How to Jump-Start a Car Battery"

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Page Layout

Evaluate the layout of a technical document for clarity using common guidelines for incorporating visual elements.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Page Layout

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare a Revision of a Technical Document

Explore how to reduce wordiness, add visual enhancements, and properly organize a technical document in preparation for publishing it online.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 3: FORMAL LETTERS

Study: Understand Audience Sensitivity

Examine audience as an essential consideration in written communication.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Audience Sensitivity

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: Two Sample Cover Letters

Read and demonstrate comprehension of two sample cover letters.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Two Sample Cover Letters

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out

Discuss the potential for dishonesty in writing persuasive letters.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Strengths and Weaknesses of Cover Letters

Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses in the content of sample cover letters based on audience expectations.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Strengths and Weaknesses of Cover Letters

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare a Cover Letter

Explore ways of communicating with, and appealing to, potential employers by using effective language, including vocabulary that is specific to the job one is applying for.

Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

LESSON 4: WRAP UP: PRACTICAL DOCUMENTS

Checkup: Test Prep Skills: Being Emotionally and Physically Prepared

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Practical Documents

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Practical Documents

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

Test (TS): Practical Documents

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 7: PERSUASIVE TEXTS

LESSON 1: TONE

Checkup: Active Reading Strategies: Summarizing

Apply active reading strategies to gain a critical understanding of texts.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Read: "Vertically Challenged Sanitation Engineer Wanted"

Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Vertically Challenged Sanitation Engineer Wanted."

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand How to Persuade with Tone and Diction

Explore how the connotations of an author's words can persuade readers in subtle ways.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand How to Persuade with Tone and Diction

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: "On Indian Removal" and "Samuel's Memory"

Read and demonstrate comprehension of "President Andrew Jackson's Message to Congress 'On Indian Removal' (1830)" and "Samuel's Memory" by Michael Rutledge.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: "On Indian Removal" and "Samuel's Memory"

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Contrasting Tones

Explore how two different authors use language to establish the contrasting tones of their works.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Contrasting Tones

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare a Compare-and-Contrast Essay

Identify strategies for writing a compare-and-contrast essay.

Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

LESSON 2: THE MEDIUM

Read: "Words Triumph Over Images" by Curtis Wilkie

Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Words Triumph Over Images" by Curtis Wilkie.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Journalism as Persuasion

Examine the effects that different journalistic media have on an audience.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Journalism as Persuasion

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: Three Stories about Hurricane Katrina

Read and demonstrate comprehension of three stories about Hurricane Katrina told through different media.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Three Stories about Hurricane Katrina

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Bias in Media

Analyze the bias in different news accounts of an event reported in different media.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Bias in Media

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare a Letter to the Editor

Explore the qualities of concise writing in a traditional letter to the editor.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 3: PURPOSE

Study: Understand Stories with Purpose

Identify different genres of narratives that have a persuasive purpose and examine what these stories have in common.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Stories with Purpose

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: "Top of the Food Chain" by T.C. Boyle

Read and demonstrate comprehension of "Top of the Food Chain" by T. C. Boyle.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: "Top of the Food Chain" by T.C. Boyle

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out

Discuss the success of an author's attempts to persuade a reader.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Rhetoric in Narratives

Recognize an author's use of rhetoric in a narrative.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Rhetoric in Narratives

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare Story Annotations

Explore the use of reference materials, such as dictionaries and thesauruses, to understand specialized vocabulary.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 4: WRAP UP: PERSUASIVE TEXTS

Checkpoint: Test Prep Skills: Passage-Based Questions

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Persuasive Texts

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Persuasive Texts

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

Test (TS): Persuasive Texts

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 8: THE SPEECH

LESSON 1: SPEECH ANALYSIS

Checkpoint: Active Reading Strategies: Asking Questions

Apply active reading strategies to gain a critical understanding of texts.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Read: "Remembering Rosa Parks" by Jennifer Granholm

Watch and recall details from "Remembering Rosa Parks" by Jennifer Granholm.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Rhetoric in Speeches

Examine how a speaker's use of rhetoric affects the persuasiveness of a speech.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Rhetoric in Speeches

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: Speeches by Two Presidents

Watch and recall details from President Kennedy's address at Rice University on the nation's space effort and President Obama's Back to School Speech.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Speeches by Two Presidents

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Evidence, Reasoning, and Point of View in Speeches

Analyze sample speeches for their use of rhetoric and evidence and their weaknesses such as logical fallacies.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Evidence, Reasoning, and Point of View in Speeches

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare Short Analysis Answers

Explore strategies for analyzing a speaker's point of view, purpose, and use of rhetoric.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: SPEECHWRITING

Read: A Speech by Justice Sonia Sotomayor

Watch and recall details from Justice Sonia Sotomayor's New York University 2012 Commencement Address.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand The Role of the Speaker

Examine how a speaker's delivery and use of themes affect a speech's effectiveness.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand the Role of the Speaker

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: FDR's Four Freedoms Speech

Read and recall details from the Four Freedoms Speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: FDR's Four Freedoms Speech

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Themes and Their Uses

Analyze a speech to determine its themes and the connections between themes.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Themes and Their Uses

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare a Speech

Identify different techniques for preparing a speech.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Project: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

LESSON 3: MOVING AN AUDIENCE

Study: Understand Professionalism in Speeches

Recognize the qualities of a professional speech including the speaker's use of media and formal language.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Professionalism in Speeches

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: Speeches by Al Gore and Dan Pink

Read and recall details from the Nobel Lecture by Al Gore and "Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us" by Dan Pink.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Speeches by Al Gore and Dan Pink

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out

Discuss what the use of media adds or takes away from a speech.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Adapting to Audience and Context

Explore how audience and context affect the style of a speech and the speaker's use of media.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Adapting to Audience and Context

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare a Speech Revision

Identify opportunities to formalize a presentation and integrate media into it.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Project: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 4: WRAP UP: THE SPEECH

Checkpoint: Test Prep Skills: Time Management

Apply strategies to excel on high-stakes tests, both within the course and outside of the course.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: The Speech

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): The Speech

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

Test (TS): The Speech

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 9: RESEARCHED ARGUMENTATION

LESSON 1: CLAIMS, REASONS, AND EVIDENCE

Checkpoint: Active Reading Strategies: Predicting

Apply active reading strategies to gain a critical understanding of texts.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Read: "Stake Your Claim"

Read and recall details from "Stake Your Claim."

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand Types of Claims

Differentiate types of claims and explore which are most appropriate for an argumentative research paper.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Types of Claims

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: Compulsory Voting: An Idea Whose Time Has Come

Read and recall details from "Compulsory Voting: An Idea Whose Time Has Come" by Tor Hunter.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Compulsory Voting: An Idea Whose Time Has Come

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Formulating an Argument

Examine a sample essay to determine how to turn an opinion into a solid claim with supporting reasons.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Formulating an Argument

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare an Argumentative Research Paper, Part I

Demonstrate an understanding of how to locate and evaluate sources, and how to link them to specific points in the outline of an argumentative research paper.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: COUNTERCLAIMS

Study: Understand Anticipating Counterclaims

Recognize and apply strategies for anticipating and responding to counterclaims in an argumentative research paper.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand Anticipating Counterclaims

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Read: "A Defense of Veganism"

Read and recall details from "Veganism."

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: "A Defense of Veganism"

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out

Discuss the civility with which an author addresses counterclaims.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Writing with Civility

Recognize the characteristics of a formal and civil tone in an essay that addresses opposing views.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Writing with Civility

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Write: Prepare an Argumentative Research Paper, Part II

Identify strategies for developing an essay draft from an outline and implementing counterclaims.

Duration: 2 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 40 points

LESSON 3: REVISION, PROOFREADING, AND PEER EVALUATION

Read: "Peer Evaluation"

Read and recall details from "Peer Evaluation."

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Study: Understand How to Provide Peer Review

Recognize and apply best practices in peer review.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understand How to Provide Peer Review

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Discuss: Think It Through, Talk It Out

Evaluate and discuss a peer's rough draft based on its content and writing.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Analyze Revision Strategies

Demonstrate an understanding of how to evaluate one's own writing to improve clarity and quality.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Analyze Revision Strategies

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Write: Prepare an Argumentative Research Paper, Part III

Support individual points in an essay by implementing and documenting sources according to MLA standards.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Prepare an Argumentative Research Paper, Part III

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Complete Your Assignment

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 4: WRAP UP: RESEARCHED ARGUMENTATION

Checkup: Test Prep Skills: Review Strategies

Ensure that all of the requirements of the assignment are met, and then revise as necessary.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 0 points

Review: Researched Argumentation

Prepare for the unit test by reviewing key concepts and skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Researched Argumentation

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

Test (TS): Researched Argumentation

Take a teacher-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 10: WRAP UP

LESSON 1: WRAP UP

Review: Wrap Up

Prepare for the semester exam by reviewing key concepts covered in this semester.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Exam: Wrap Up

Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

Final Exam: Wrap Up

Take a teacher-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 50 points