



VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CHARTING THE COURSE

Department of Teaching & Learning
Parent/Student Course Information

Honors English Grade 11
(LA1152)

Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school's guidance department.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In eleventh grade, there is a sustained emphasis on reading comprehension by analyzing, evaluating, and critiquing literary and informational texts. The student will conduct comparative analyses of multiple texts that address the same topic to determine how authors reach similar or different conclusions. The student will examine and analyze literary texts by American authors describing the contributions of other cultures and identifying prevalent themes and characterizations, which are reflective of American history and culture. The student will continue development of vocabulary, with attention to connotations, idioms, classical allusions, and figurative language. With an explicit focus to integrate reading and writing processes, the grade-eleven student will use mentor texts as models to write with an emphasis on analysis for multiple purposes and audiences to create focused, organized, and coherent writing. The student will also have authentic opportunities to write for postsecondary experiences, including college and the workplace. The student will create and deliver multimodal presentations and analyze and critique how media messages are constructed for specific audiences. The student will produce a research product synthesizing information from primary and secondary sources while maintaining ethical and legal guidelines for gathering and using information. The eleventh-grade student will continue to build communication skills working both independently and in collaborative groups. The student will continue to demonstrate the ability to work within collaborative groups while presenting alternate views and working to fulfill a specific purpose.

Honors extension options are provided throughout the school year within each unit. Deeper thinking is encouraged through these extensions which encourage students to examine higher level texts and make deeper connections. Some extension options may include the following: adding research components, presenting or defending thoughts, revising writing to improve sentences/structure and to deepen author's voice, utilizing quoted material to support claims, developing literary critique and creating unique media messages.

Students will take two Standards of Learning Tests for English: Writing and Reading/Literature and Research or a substitute test approved by the State Board of Education. Specific dates for the spring and summer SOL tests will be announced by the school.

PREREQUISITE

Honors English 10 or English 10 and teacher recommendation

OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE

Enrollment for the next English course should be based on student performance, teacher recommendation, and

parent input. The courses available are English, Grade 12; Honors English, Grade 12; Dual Enrollment English 111, 112; and English, Grade 12, AP Literature and Composition.

REQUIRED STUDENT RESOURCES

Actively Learn

11th GRADE VIRGINIA STANDARDS OF LEARNING: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Visit the Virginia Department of Education website to access the English 11 Standards of Learning

<https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching-learning-assessment/k-12-standards-instruction/english-reading-literacy/standards-of-learning/2024-english-standards-of-learning>

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

The teacher may choose supplementary materials to extend and enrich the students' knowledge of course standards. These materials may be drawn from: supplementary novels, visual media, primary source documents, simulations, computer programs and other online educational resources.

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