



## English 9A: Full Course Summary

Note: If this course is intended to be a Credit Recovery course, the following assumptions apply:

- The student has previously taken this or a similar course but did not achieve a passing grade based on his/her school's grading scale.
- This course will be modified by the teacher in order to skip over areas in which the student shows understanding of the material, leaving more time to focus on gaps in the student's knowledge or understanding.
- Because Credit Recovery courses will be shortened and/or modified based on individual student needs, these courses are generally **not** appropriate for students who have **not** previously taken this or a similar course, nor for students wishing to accelerate their high school studies.

If a student wishes to take this course for the first time he/she will be expected to cover all material in the course without the above-noted modifications. Students must discuss this option with the NaCA Admission and Support Representative prior to enrolling in the course for the first time.

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The purpose of this course is to provide integrated educational experiences in the language arts strands of reading, writing, listening, viewing, speaking, language, and literature. In this course, the student will learn how to use reading strategies to construct meaning from informative, technical, and literary texts. Additionally the student will acquire an extensive vocabulary through reading, discussion, listening, and systematic word study.

Other major concepts addressed in this course include:

- using process writing strategies, student inquiry, and self-monitoring techniques
- using speaking, listening, and viewing strategies in formal presentations and informal discussions
- understanding and responding to a variety of literary forms
- understanding and using language successfully to impact readers, writers, listeners, speakers, and viewers

**Prerequisites:** n/a

### Unit 1: Foresight

This is an introductory unit that is designed to help you navigate your way through the course.

### Lessons

1. Focus on Success
2. A Look Ahead
3. Evaluation

## **Unit 2: Set Your Sights on Writing**

The lessons in this unit focus on detailing the writing process, step-by-step, for a five-paragraph expository essay called "The 'I' Composition."

### **Lessons**

1. Focus on Punctuation
2. Create a Thesis Statement
3. Rough Draft
4. Final Draft
5. Evaluation

## **Unit 3: The Novel**

The purpose of this unit is to encourage reading enjoyment and understanding. By this time, you have acquired the novel you chose for yourself in Unit 1.

### **Lessons**

1. Preview
2. Focus on the Novel
3. Making Predictions
4. Looking at Major Characters
5. Conflict
6. Setting
7. Assessing Outcomes
8. Resolution
9. Final Book Project
10. Evaluation

## **Unit 4: The Short Story**

This is a short story unit that focuses on the literary elements as used in this specific genre. You have six short stories to choose from, all of them available online.

### **Lessons**

1. Preview
2. Focus on the Short Story
3. Pre-Reading
4. Looking at Main Characters
5. Looking at Minor Characters
6. Character Connections
7. Technical Analysis
8. Evaluation
9. Oral Exam
10. Semester One Exam

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