

English II focuses on **world literature**, expanding students' understanding of global perspectives, themes, and voices. Through a variety of texts — including short stories, novels, plays, and informational texts — students will strengthen their reading comprehension, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Emphasis is placed on **analytical and expository writing**, **research**, and preparation for the **STAAR English II End-of-Course Exam** (if applicable).

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Read and analyze texts from various world authors and cultures.
 2. Develop well-organized analytical, expository, and persuasive essays.
 3. Conduct research using reliable sources and cite properly using MLA format.
 4. Use advanced vocabulary and grammar effectively in writing and speech.
 5. Evaluate themes, tone, and literary devices across multiple genres.
 6. Prepare for the English II EOC exam and advanced English coursework.
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English II Learning Outcomes

Reading

Students will be able to:

1. Analyze and interpret a variety of texts, including fiction, drama, poetry, and nonfiction.
2. Identify and evaluate literary elements such as theme, plot, character development, symbolism, and figurative language.

3. Compare texts across genres and cultures to understand universal themes.
4. Recognize and interpret author's purpose, tone, and style.
5. Make inferences and draw conclusions supported by textual evidence.

Writing

Students will be able to:

1. Write clear, coherent, and organized essays with a strong thesis statement and supporting evidence.
2. Produce narrative, expository, persuasive, and research-based writing.
3. Conduct research using credible sources and integrate information correctly using MLA formatting.
4. Revise and edit their writing for clarity, coherence, grammar, and mechanics.
5. Use appropriate voice, tone, and style for the audience and purpose.

Speaking and Listening

Students will be able to:

1. Participate effectively in discussions and collaborative projects.
2. Deliver oral presentations with clear organization and supporting evidence.
3. Listen critically and respond thoughtfully to peers and teacher feedback.

Language and Conventions

Students will be able to:

1. Apply grammar, punctuation, spelling, and sentence structure accurately.
2. Expand vocabulary and use context clues to determine word meanings.
3. Edit writing for precision, clarity, and correctness.

Critical Thinking

Students will be able to:

1. Analyze complex texts and synthesize ideas across multiple sources.
2. Evaluate arguments and identify bias, credibility, and rhetorical strategies.
3. Develop well-reasoned interpretations and conclusions.

Assessment Readiness

Students will be able to:

1. Apply test-taking strategies for multiple-choice and constructed-response questions.
2. Demonstrate comprehension and analysis skills on STAAR-style exams and classroom assessments.