

Course Description

LANGUAGE ARTS: English I

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This introductory English course combines the study of literary genre with a focus on composition skills. Students will learn effective communication skills by focusing on the 6+1 Traits of writing developed by the Northwest Regional Education Laboratories. Oral communication and research skills are included.

PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE LENGTH: Two Semesters

REQUIRED TEXT: Students select from a choice of novels in the first semester, and in the second semester they will read *The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail*, by Jerome and Robert E. Lee, 055327838X

COURSE OUTLINE:

Semester I

Diagnostic Assignment: This is used to assess student skills, and it will be used throughout the course to demonstrate improvement.

1. Introduction
2. Six Trait Focus: Ideas
3. Six Trait Focus: Organization
4. Six Trait focus: Sentence Fluency
5. Six Trait Focus: Conventions

Semester II

1. Six Trait Focus: Voice
2. Six Trait Focus: Word Choice
3. Six Trait Focus: Presentation
4. Introduction to Research
5. Biography/Autobiography