

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; ISBN #055327838X

COURSE OUTLINE:

Semester 1

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

- Introduction
- Six Trait Focus: Ideas
- Six Trait Focus: Organization
- Six Trait Focus: Sentence Fluency
- Six Trait Focus: Conventions

Semester 2

- Six Trait Focus: Voice
- Six Trait Focus: Word Choice
- Six Trait Focus: Presentation
- Introduction to Research
- Biography/Autobiography