PETERS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL COURSE SYLLABUS: ACADEMIC ENGLISH 10

Course Overview and Essential Skills

This course involves review of grammatical principles with the emphasis upon mechanics and usage. Students refine their understanding of more complex aspects of literary analysis. Students are taught to recognize their personal needs in communication and work for personal improvement in informal as well as formal communication. Students involve themselves in prewriting and revision activities and become more familiar with all aspects of the writing process. Academic English 10 focuses on reviewing the basics of the writing process. Specifically we will focus on recognizing the importance of different writing structures in sentence and paragraph units, as well as applying editing/revising strategies to improve our content, organization, grammar, mechanics, and overall writing style. We will also develop our study/reading skills, build our vocabularies, master the elements of literature, and perfect our writing skills (with some help from the MLA Handbook) as we complete our readings.

Course Textbook and Required Materials

- Title: Elements of Literature Fourth Course with Readings in World Literature 0-03-067282-1
- Other: Fahrenheit 451, To Kill a Mockingbird, The Book Thief
- Every student should come to class with a textbook and pencil. In addition, each student will need a folder (something with pockets) preferably a three-ring binder which will serve as your notebook. It need not be exclusively for English. It can be shared with other subject areas.

Course Outline of Material Covered:

Unit or Topic	Course Activities/Resources	Timeframe
Short Stories	Literary Terms, Exam, Guiding	3-4 Weeks
From: Elements of Literature	Reading Questions, Essay/Paragraph	
Fourth Course with Readings in	Prompts, Overarching Questions	
World Literature		
Fahrenheit 451	Elements of Fiction, Quizzes, Exam,	6-8 Weeks
	Essay, Guided Reading Questions,	
	Overarching Questions	
	Film Fahrenheit 451	
To Kill a Mockingbird	Characterization, Prejudice, Guiding	6-8 Weeks
	Reading Questions, Overarching	
	Questions	
	Film To Kill a Mockingbird	
Antigone	Elements of Drama, Tragic Hero,	4-6 Weeks
	Essay, Quizzes , Exam, Guiding	
	Reading Questions, Overarching	
	Questions	
Julius Caesar	Shakespearean Drama, Tragic Figure,	6-8 Weeks
	Quizzes, Exams, Essay, Guided Reading	
	Questions, Overarching Questions	
	Film Julius Caesar	

The Book Thief	Discussion of form, Overarching	6-8 weeks
	Questions, Essay/Paragraph prompts	

^{*}Depending on the needs of the class or changes in the school year, the course outline is subject to change.