

## **English 10 Honors**

Grade Level: 10

Credit: 0.5 or 1.0

Prerequisite: English 9

Honors English 10 guides students in refining their critical reading and writing skills through the examination of World literary and historical texts. Students explore the meaning of freedom, the tale of Pyramus and Thisbe reflected in Shakespeare, the gothic mystery genre, and the hero's journey reflected in Beowulf and the Odyssey. Students hone their grammar and self-expression skills as they discuss these topics in a variety of modes including argument, narrative, research, and multi-media projects. This course is aligned to Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts.

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## **English 10 Honors Lessons**

### **Teacher Message**

### **Unit 1: Getting Started**

Lesson 00: Introduction

Lesson 1: Grammar Review: Sentence Structure

Lesson 1.5: Grammar Review: Commas

Lesson 2: Plagiarism and Citation

Lesson 3: How To Do Research

Lesson 4: How to Answer Questions

### **Unit 2: The Meaning of Freedom**

Lesson 4.5: Reading Comprehension Practice

Lesson 5: Rhetoric

Lesson 6: Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death

Lesson 7: Learned Hand: Spirit of Liberty

Lesson 8: World Perspective-Nelson Mandela

Lesson 9: Poetry

Lesson 10: Book and Essay



Lesson 11: Defining Freedom: Writing Assignment

Lesson 12: Defining Freedom: Peer Multimedia Project

Lesson 13: Grammar Check: Phrase and Clause Practice

Lesson 13.5: More Reading Comprehension Practice

### **Unit 3: Connecting Texts: Pyramus and Thisbe**

Lesson 14: Ovid

Lesson 15: Romeo and Juliet

Lesson 16: Midsummer Night's Dream

Lesson 17: Grammar Check: Proofreading Practice

### **Unit 4: Gothic Mystery**

Lesson 18: What Builds Mystery: Chekhov "A Mystery"

Lesson 19: Characteristics of Gothic Literature: Excerpt from The Castle of Otranto

Lesson 20: Choose a Gothic Short Story

Lesson 21: The Mystery of Edwin Drood

Lesson 22: Write the End of Edwin Drood

Lesson 23: Grammar Check: Audience Shifting

### **Unit 5: Heroes**

Lesson 24: The Hero's Journey: Joseph Campbell

Lesson 25: The Odyssey

Lesson 26: Beowulf

Lesson 27: Hero Campaign Commercial

Lesson 28: Redefining Hero: Narrative

Lesson 29: More Reading Comprehension-- Final 10th Grade Check In

