

Curriculum Map - English 11

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Common required titles for both 11R & 11RE

- *The Bean Trees*
(11RE average time - 3 weeks)
(11R average time - 4-6 weeks)

- *A Lesson Before Dying*
(11RE average time - 3 weeks)
(11R average time - 4-6 weeks)

- Strengthen critical reading skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Learn about Barbara Kingsolver.
- Learn about immigration policies.
- Discuss themes on self-discovery, duty, motherhood, human rights.

Essential Questions

1. What are your dreams?
2. What constitutes the idea of family?
3. What are the challenges faced by immigrants?

- Strengthen critical reading skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Learn about Ernest Gaines
- Learn about black schools in 1930's.
- Discuss themes on self-discovery, racism, education

Essential Questions

1. How does racial prejudice lead to injustice?
2. By helping others, how does the individual help himself?

- Regular reading quizzes
- Regular discussion of novel (participation)
- Regents-type writing assign.

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Additional Required Titles for 11R

- Multi-cultural short stories (e.g. *Eagle Cloud & Fawn*) (11R average time - 4-6 weeks)

- *O Pioneers* (11R average time - 4-6 weeks)

- Strengthen critical reading skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Analyze the notion of ethnicity.
- Compare & contrast individual responses in literature & life.
- Discuss themes on differences.

Essential Questions

How does age reflect perceptions & reactions to situations?

- Strengthen critical reading skills.
- Identify and analyze literary elements.
- Learn about Willa Cather.
- Discuss themes on individuals & their times.

Essential Questions

1. What characteristics are inherent in the Pioneer spirit?
2. How does environment affect people?

- Comprehensive Literary Analysis worksheet
- Model paper in class
- Class discussion

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Additional required titles for 11R (continued)

- *This Boy's Life*
(11R average time - 4-6 weeks)

- Strengthen critical reading skills
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Learn About Tobias Wolff.
- Compare & contrast individual responses in literature & life.
- Discuss themes on the individual tested.

Essential Questions

1. What are the consequences of dishonesty?
2. What are the important differences between fiction & non-fiction?

- Regular reading quizzes
- Regular discussion of novel (participation)
- Regents-type writing assign.

Additional required titles for 11RE

- *Billy Budd*
(11RE average time - 2 weeks)

- Strengthen critical reading skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Practice oral interpretation of play.
- Learn about Herman Melville.
- Discuss themes on individual rights vs. duties of authority, good vs. evil, American dissenters.

Essential Questions

1. Is Captain Vere a coward or a courageous man?
2. Do the needs of the society outweigh the needs of the individual?

- Regular reading quizzes
- Regular discussion of play (participation)
- Regents-type writing assign.

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Additional required titles for 11RE (continued)

- *Catcher in the Rye*
(11RE average time - 3 weeks)

- *Emerson & Thoreau Selections*
(11RE average time - 1 week)

- Strengthen critical thinking skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Learn about J.D. Salinger.
- Discuss themes on self-discovery, corruption, alienation, hope.

Essential Questions

1. How does the individual survive in a corrupt world?
2. What are the dangers of censorship?

- Strengthen critical reading skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Learn about Emerson & Thoreau.
- Learn about Transcendentalism.
- Discuss themes on humanity's relation to nature, civil disobedience.

Essential Questions

1. How should people interact with nature and society?
2. When is an individual obligated to protest?

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- *The Great Gatsby*
(11RE average time - 3 weeks)

- Strengthen critical thinking skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Learn about 1920's (prelude to Great Depression).
- Learn about the Lost Generation.
- Learn about F. Scott Fitzgerald.
- Discuss themes on class structure, aspiration, American Dream.

Essential Questions

1. What constitutes civilized behavior?
2. Is the American Dream an ideal?
3. How is a romantic view of life both healthy and unhealthy?

- *The Red Badge of Courage*
(11RE average time - 3 weeks)

- Strengthen critical reading skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Explore war in general & Civil War in particular.
- Learn about realism & naturalism.
- Learn about Stephen Crane.
- Discuss themes on fear, maturation, war as religion

Essential Questions

1. How are courage & cowardice redefined?
2. How are all soldiers and wars alike?

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- *The Scarlett Letter*
(11RE average time - 3 weeks)

- Strengthen critical thinking skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Learn about Puritan life & standards.
- Compare classicism & romanticism.
- Discover romanticism's influence on modern world.
- Learn about Nathaniel Hawthorne.
- Discuss themes on guilt, redemption, hypocrisy, & feminism.

Essential Questions

1. Is American culture intolerant?
2. What is the nature of guilt & repentance?
3. Does civilized life depend on laws & their enforcement?

- Regular reading quizzes
- Regular discussion of novel (participation)
- Regents-type writing assign.

Optional titles for 11RE & 11R

- *The Crucible*
(11RE average time - 2 weeks)
(11R average time - 3-4 weeks)

Essential Questions

1. How does literature reflect its cultural & historical background?
2. How do individuals deal with a totalitarian mindset?
3. What are the distinguishing traits of a witch hunt?

- Strengthen critical reading skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Learn about Puritan life & standards.
- Learn about historic witch hunts (e.g. McCarthyism).
- Practice oral interpretation of play.
- Learn about Arthur Miller.
- Discuss themes on fear, conformity, price of rebellion.

- Regular reading quizzes
- Regular discussion of play (participation)
- Regents-type writing assign.

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- *Ethan Frome*
(11RE average time - 2 weeks)
(11R average time - 3-4 weeks)

- Strengthen critical reading skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Learn about Edith Wharton.
- Discuss themes on individuals & their times.

- Regular reading quizzes
- Regular discussion of novel (participation)
- Regents-type writing assign.

- *Fallen Angels*
(11RE average time - 3 weeks)
(11R average time - 4-6 weeks)

Essential Question

How do individual ethics affect behavior?

- Strengthen critical reading skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Further study of war in general & Vietnam in particular.
- Learn about Walter Dean Myers.
- Discuss themes on racism in war, fear, human commonality.

- Regular reading quizzes
- Regular discussion of novel (participation)
- Regents-type writing assign.

- *Huckleberry Finn*
(11RE average time - 3 weeks)
(11R average time - 4-6 weeks)

Essential Questions

1. How are all soldiers & wars alike?
2. What good comes from war?

- Strengthen critical reading skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Learn about realism (in comparison to romanticism).
- Learn about Mark Twain.
- Discuss themes on social vs. innate conscience, slavery, freedom, childhood.

- Regular reading quizzes
- Regular discussion of novel (participation)
- Regents-type writing assign.

Essential Questions

1. What constitutes true freedom?
2. What constitutes the human conscience?

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- *Inherit the Wind*
(11RE average time - 2 weeks)
(11R average time - 3-4 weeks)

- Strengthen critical reading skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Practice oral interpretation of play.
- Discuss themes on the right to think, creationism vs. evolution, community standards.

Essential Questions

1. Can a society legislate thought?
2. How does literature reflect its cultural & historical background?

- *Into Thin Air*
(11RE average time - 4 weeks)
(11R average time - 6-8 weeks)

- Strengthen critical reading skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Discuss the challenges of writing non-fiction.
- Discuss themes on nature as challenge, friend, or enemy.

Essential Questions

1. What challenges do writers of non-fiction face?
2. What is truth?

- *Loving Kindness*
(11RE average time - 3 weeks)
(11R average time - 4-6 weeks)

- Strengthen critical reading skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Discuss themes on tolerance, parent-child relationships, freedom to choose one's own direction, religious differences.

Essential Question

When are young people free to choose their fates?

- Regular reading quizzes
- Regular discussion of play (participation)
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- Regular discussion of work (participation)
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- *A River Runs Through It*
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(11R average time - 3-4 weeks)

- Strengthen critical reading skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Learn about Norm Maclean
- Discuss themes on nature as escape & religion, brotherhood, & helping others.

Essential Questions

1. What are the ties between religion & nature?
2. How can one individual truly help another?

- *Spoon River Anthology*

- Strengthen critical reading skills in conjunction with novel units.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Learn about Edgar Lee Masters.

Essential Question

How does poetry illustrate the American character?

- *United States in Literature - Selections* (throughout the year)

- Strengthen critical reading skills.
- Identify & analyze literary elements.
- Read major American poets chronologically or thematically in conjunction with novels taught.

- Regular reading quizzes
- Regular discussion of novel (participation)
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VOCABULARY, SKILLS, GRAMMAR RESEARCH

Common required vocabulary & grammar for both 11R & 11RE

- Vocabulary lists 1-20
- Grammar exercises

- Strengthen oral & written vocabulary.
- Introduce & practice analogies.
- Eliminate splices, run-ons, fragments
- Eliminate awkward wordings.
- Review quotation format.
- Use effective transitions.
- Understand active/passive voice.
- Eliminate clutter in writing.
- Use parallel structure.
- Understand essential vs. non-essential phrases & clauses.
- Eliminate usage problems.
- Eliminate agreement problems.

- Vocabulary test
- P.S.A.T. & S.A.T. tests
- Regents essays

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Common required research project for both 11R & 11RE

- Research project

- Interpret & analyze the theme of a piece of literature.
- Analyze the other components of a piece of literature.
- Incorporate critical commentary.
- Introduce variety of reference sources (print & electronic).
- Review term paper format.
- Review proper documentation.
- Learn how to avoid plagiarism.

- Literary term paper