

**English Studies 12**

COURSE OUTLINE

**Overview**

The English Language Arts curriculum, while always centered around developing strong communication, writing, and critical thinking skills, provides opportunity for learners to focus on the following big ideas.

BIG IDEAS for English Studies 12:

* The exploration of text and story deepens our understanding of diverse, complex ideas about identity, others and the world.
* People understand text differently depending on their worldviews and perspectives.
* Texts are socially, culturally, geographically, and historically constructed.
* Language shapes ideas and influences others.
* Questioning what we hear, read, and view contributes to our ability to be educated and engaged citizens.
* The examination of First Peoples cultures and lived experiences through text builds understanding of Canadians’ responsibilities in relation to **Reconciliation**.

**Prerequisites:** English Language Arts 10, 11 or English First Peoples 10, 11

**Course Content and Timelines**

The timelines suggested are based on a 10 month Fall course September to June. If you are taking a Spring/Summer course (5 months) or joining a course with less time left you will want to adjust your timing accordingly.

This 4-credit course will be broken down as follows:

Unit 1: The Basics (3 weeks)

Unit 2: Communication (6 weeks)

Unit 3: Independent Novel Study (ongoing throughout course)

Unit 4: Personal and Cultural Responsibility (6 weeks)

Unit 5: Personal and Social Responsibility (6 weeks)

Unit 6: Creative and Critical Thinking (6 weeks)

**Course Materials**

No textbook is required. Course content is delivered on our D2L platform by videos, online links and associated course content. All students will need to find their own novel for the Independent Novel Study.

**Assessment Information**

**Assessment and Evaluation**

Students will be assessed through a variety of assignments and assessments. Your assignments and assessments will be weighed as follows:

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| **Category** | **Tasks** | **Weight** |
| Grammar and Editing Assessments | Grammar Quizzes 1 & 2Grammar AssessmentVocabulary Assessments 1 & 2 | TBD |
| Composition Assessments | Personal Profile AssignmentProfessional Email AssignmentResearch Proposal Assignment |  TBD |
| Literature Assessements | Story PowerPoint AssignmentCreative Writing AssignmentReading Synthesis | TBD |
| Communication Assessments | Product Review VideoDebate Video | TBD |
| Final Assessments | Vocabulary FinalLiteracy AssessmentInterview Video | TBD |

**Assignments**

Each unit contains multiple assignments within the lesson. Instructions for each assignment are contained within the lesson, along with information on how they will be assessed. Once the assignments are complete the student uploads the assignment to the submission box for marking. DO not submit google doc links; take the time to save the file to your computer and attach it directly. Watch this video on submitting assignments: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cv1KOhABlBE>

**Quizzes**

Each unit contains one or more quizzes. The quizzes are designed as self-assessments for students to demonstrate understanding of the course content and curricular objectives. These do not have passwords so students are free to write anytime and often have multiple attempts to show mastery.

**Reporting**

**Weekly Progress Reports**

These be sent to both students and parents through the website. These reports are sent via email and are based on information provided on course introduction forms. Please make sure your **profile** is up to date with this information.

**\*\*Only students who have done the activation assignment will be able to view subsequent material for the course. This is one of the unique features of D2L.**

**What does this mean?** Even if you are getting progress reports you are not considered an active (official student) until you have completed the activation assignment.

**Report Cards**

These will be issued for the Fall term in November, March and June. For Spring/Summer only a final report card is issued in August.

These reports are available for Delta School District students on student and parent connect. For those not attending one of our high schools. Please call our Continuing Education office 604-940-5550 to receive a copy.

Course reports are based on only what has been submitted for the Fall until April 1st and for the Spring/Summer until July 15th. At this time, all missing assignments will count in grade calculations; this gives students a realistic picture of current course standings.

It is important when viewing report cards and progress reports up until this point that the amount of the course completed is taking into consideration. (ie. 90% standing in a course that is only 10% complete is very different than 90% in a course that is 80% complete).

**Plagiarism**

**Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty**

*Plagiarism* *is the unauthorized use or close imitation of the language and thoughts of another author and the representation of them as one’s own original work, as by not crediting the author*(Dictionary.com) <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/plagiarism>

Plagiarism can be done either intentionally or accidentally. Regardless, it is an academic offence that carries with it varying levels of consequences – from a mark of zero for work submitted to expulsion from the course and/or on-line program. Plagiarism takes various forms: copying another’s work, not citing another’s original work, cutting and pasting from the internet and claiming the work as your own, allowing other students to copy and submit your work as their own, and so on. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to be aware of the rules around using and citing other people’s work.

Many excellent websites exist that can help answers questions about plagiarism. Here are a few examples:

<http://www.plagiarism.org/>
<http://www.grammarly.com/>
<http://www.englishclub.com/writing/plagiarism.htm>
<http://australianhelp.com/plagiarism>

If you are uncertain as to whether you may be plagiarizing someone’s work, check with your teacher or consult the many websites that outline the rules.

If a student is found to have submitted plagiarized work, the Delta Access teacher will notify both the student and Delta Access administration to document the violation and to determine further consequences. Repeated occurrences of plagiarism will likely result in a final mark of “Failure” in the specific online course.

**Contacting your Teacher**

Mrs. Armstrong is available to answer your questions and help you if you are struggling. Please email me at tmarmstrong@deltaschools.ca and I will get back to you within 24 hours. Constant communication with your teacher is key to success in a DL course. Email for help whenever necessary. When you email me, please be sure to tell me your legal name, your course title and level, eg. Tracy Armstrong English 12.

If you have any concerns that cannot be addressed by your teacher, please contact Delta Access directly – deltaaccess@deltasd.bc.ca or call 604-599-6398.

Frequently asked questions: <https://www.deltaaccess.ca/faq/>

Booking a test: [https://www.deltaaccess.ca](https://www.deltaaccess.ca/faq/)