

ENGLISH II PRE-AP CURRICULUM

This curriculum consists of four thematic units that afford teachers the opportunity to teach the reading selections, assignments, and assessments that reinforce the reasoning and analytical skills needed for success in future AP courses.

The objectives for this course are student centered and require the demonstration of the ability to identify and analyze the elements of fiction, poetry, nonfiction, and argumentation; to determine universal meaning in literary works such as novels and plays; to write well about literature with concern not only for content but also with grammar, style, and structure; and to write effectively for a variety of purposes. Hopefully, this complex curriculum will also enable the students to learn universal truths and begin to recognize connections between literature and life.

Most of the selections and activities are suggested options, but each unit contains several required reading selections and types of writing. These requirements are listed first on the unit summary pages and are in boldface type. The curriculum requires a research paper during the first semester. While individual teachers may choose specific approaches and topics, each NEISD English II Pre-AP student must produce a research paper of approximately 750-1000 words, using the MLA documentation format.