English 11 American Literature- Course Syllabus

Description:
Dedicated to creating effective and adaptable readers and writers, American Literature builds on the previous foundational Excel High School English courses. This course is sequenced using major milestones in American history which influenced American authors. Utilizing classic American literature in the form of fiction, nonfiction, poetry and drama, students will master literary-analysis techniques to maximize comprehension of the selected readings. In addition, written language tasks are provided to help guide students to produce organized essays which showcase their ability to effectively communicate their ideas in writing.

Textbooks: English 11 American Literature – Excel Education Systems, Inc. ©

Course objectives:
Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:
- Demonstrate background knowledge of foundational works of American literature
- Analyze influential American literature including: nonfiction, fiction, poetry and drama
- Evaluate literary structure and reasoning
- Analyze the impact of author's choices regarding implementation of literary elements
- Acquire new vocabulary identified in reading selections
- Demonstrate written proficiency in literary analysis
- Enhance expository and persuasive writing skills

Contents:

Semester A	Semester B
Unit 1: Foundations of a New Nation	Unit 4: Regionalism and Naturalism
Unit 2: American Romanticism	Unit 5: The Rise of Modern Literature
Unit 3: Civil War Era	Unit 6: Modern Points of View

Grading Scale	Grade Weighting	
A = 90-100%	Quizzes……………………	40%
B = 80-89%	Written Assignments ……	30%
C = 70-79%	Mid-Term and Final Exam	30%
D = 60-69%		100%
F = under 59%		