

10th Grade American Online School

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM

Communication, Literacy, and Expression

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1. Introduction

The Role of English Language Arts Education in 10th Grade

English Language Arts (ELA) in 10th grade helps students develop critical thinking, reading comprehension, writing proficiency, and effective communication skills. This curriculum enhances students' ability to read, analyze, and create diverse forms of literature and writing, while also building strong grammar, spelling, and composition skills.

By the end of this course, students will:

- ✓ **Improve reading comprehension and literary analysis across different genres.**
- ✓ **Develop strong writing skills, including essays, creative writing, and research papers.**
- ✓ **Master English grammar, spelling, and composition for clear and effective communication.**
- ✓ **Enhance speaking and listening skills through discussions, presentations, and debates.**
- ✓ **Explore literature from English, American, and global authors to develop cultural awareness and critical thinking.**

2. Core Competence Areas

ELA.1 Reading and Literary Analysis

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- ✓ Read and analyze fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama.
- ✓ Understand themes, characters, and literary devices used in different texts.
- ✓ Compare and contrast texts from different cultures and time periods.

Competencies

ELA.1.A.1 – Developing reading comprehension skills.

- Read and analyze novels, short stories, plays, and poetry.
- Identify main ideas, supporting details, and author's purpose.
- Make inferences and draw conclusions from texts.

ELA.A.2 – Understanding literary elements and devices.

- Recognize and analyze themes, symbolism, tone, and mood.
- Study character development, plot structure, and point of view.
- Explore figurative language, such as metaphors, similes, and alliteration.

ELA.2 Writing and Composition

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- ✓ Write well-structured essays, research papers, and creative works.
- ✓ Develop clear and coherent arguments in writing.
- ✓ Use proper grammar, spelling, and sentence structure.

Competencies

ELA.2.A.1 – Mastering different forms of writing.

- Write narrative, descriptive, persuasive, and expository essays.
- Conduct research and organize information into structured papers.
- Develop cohesive paragraphs with strong topic sentences and supporting details.

ELA.2.A.2 – Enhancing writing clarity and style.

- Use transitions to improve flow and coherence.
 - Practice varying sentence structure and vocabulary.
 - Learn revision and editing techniques to refine writing.
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ELA.3 English Grammar and Language Mechanics

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- ✓ **Apply correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling in writing.**
- ✓ **Understand sentence structure, parts of speech, and verb tenses.**
- ✓ **Improve editing and proofreading skills.**

Competencies

ELA.3.A.1 – Understanding and applying grammar rules.

- Identify and use nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, and prepositions.
- Master verb tense consistency and subject-verb agreement.
- Use correct punctuation, capitalization, and sentence structure.

ELA.3.A.2 – Strengthening spelling and vocabulary skills.

- Learn common spelling rules and patterns.
- Expand vocabulary through context clues, synonyms, and antonyms.
- Understand word origins and etymology to improve word choice.

ELA.4 Speaking, Speech, and Communication

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- ✓ **Speak confidently and clearly in different contexts.**
- ✓ **Engage in discussions, debates, and oral presentations.**
- ✓ **Listen actively and respond appropriately in conversations.**

Competencies

ELA.4.A.1 – Developing public speaking and presentation skills.

- Practice effective speech delivery, voice projection, and body language.
- Learn how to structure and present persuasive and informative speeches.
- Gain confidence in participating in class discussions and debates.

ELA.4.A.2 – Understanding effective communication techniques.

- Improve active listening and critical thinking skills.
 - Learn how to ask and answer questions clearly and concisely.
 - Develop strategies for persuasive speaking and argumentation.
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ELA.5 Literature and Cultural Awareness

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- ✓ **Recognize the cultural and historical significance of literature.**
- ✓ **Analyze works of English, American, and world literature.**
- ✓ **Compare different perspectives and themes across cultures.**

Competencies

ELA.5.A.1 – Exploring literary traditions and global perspectives.

- Read English and American literature, including Shakespeare, classic novels, and modern works.
- Study global literature from diverse authors and cultures.
- Understand how literature reflects history, society, and personal identity.

ELA.5.A.2 – Developing literary interpretation and appreciation.

- Discuss how authors use literature to challenge social norms and express ideas.
 - Explore poetry, drama, and prose from different time periods.
 - Examine the influence of historical events on literature.
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3. Assessment and Evaluation

Formative Assessments – Checking Progress Through Interactive Learning

- ✓ Reading reflections and literary discussions.
- ✓ Writing workshops and grammar quizzes.
- ✓ Speech and listening exercises.

Summative Assessments – Final Projects and Exams

- ✓ Book analysis essays demonstrating deep understanding of literary themes.
- ✓ Research paper on a historical or cultural literary topic.
- ✓ Speech or debate performance showcasing public speaking skills.

Authentic Assessment – Real-World Applications

- ✓ Students create digital portfolios of their writing.
 - ✓ Participation in mock interviews, debates, and discussions.
 - ✓ Creative storytelling projects incorporating writing and multimedia.
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4. Instructional Strategies for Online Learning

Inquiry-Based and Problem-Based Learning

- ✓ Case studies on literature and its impact on society.
- ✓ Critical discussions on how language shapes communication.

Project-Based Learning (PBL)

- ✓ Students create a multimedia presentation on a literary movement.
- ✓ Group projects analyzing how storytelling evolves across cultures.

Technology-Integrated Learning

- ✓ Use of AI-powered writing assistants for grammar and style improvement.
- ✓ Online book discussions and literature blogs.

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