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CONTEMPORARY AUTHORS GRADES 9-12

Units: 10 high school credits

UC Requirement Category: b

General Description:

This class is designed to review and practice those skills that were taught in English I and II. Emphasis is placed upon close-reading and reading comprehension, writing various types of responses and essays, learning and application of new vocabulary and polishing grammar and usage knowledge and editing proficiency. The student will be reading and writing every day and for homework. The goal is for the student to improve as a reader and as a writer, and they become very knowledgeable about the two novels that will be used as the primary texts.

Contemporary Authors Course Syllabus

Reading and discussion of story elements and details

Group and partner work; plot chronology, character open minds, etc.

Writing assignments: brainstorming, listing, quick/timed-writes, drafts, and revision

Vocabulary study, integration and quizzing

Oral reading/speaking

Expository and Creative Writing

Science fiction and autobiographical activities with related handouts and activities