



## **Course Description**

What can you see? Somebody (your teacher) really wants to know. This is one course in which what you see and what you say really matters.

No two people experience books, plays, or community events in exactly the same way, and no two people describe their experiences with the same words. How clearly can you see what is happening before you? How compellingly can you describe what you saw to others? In this course, you will find out.

Great books, short stories, poems and plays convey messages and feelings that make them great. In this course, you will learn how to look for the message. You will learn how to trust your feelings about that message. And you will learn how to express clearly and convincingly what you think. The purpose of this course is to give you the tools to see and hear with real understanding, and to communicate with real conviction.

This is a yearlong course consisting of 6 units. Upon successful completion students will receive 1 credit towards high school graduation.

## **Course Overview**

### **Semester 1**

- Journey to the Unknown
- Journey to Identity
- Journey to Equality

### **Semester 2**

- Journey to Achievement
- Journey to Opportunity
- Journey to Understanding

## **Required Course Materials**

Please access the list of course materials from the OC Online book ordering system and order your materials as soon as possible. Oftentimes, course materials are on back order and you may experience a delay in receiving them, causing students to fall behind in their online coursework. When ordering used or rented materials, be careful that online access codes are also current.

## Methods of Evaluation

Students will demonstrate mastery through the following formative and summative assessments:

- 40% Assignments
- 10% Participation (Discussion Posts, Synchronous Sessions)
- 10% Quizzes
- 25% Final Exam
- 15% Unit Tests