



Course Description

In English 3, the writing and insights of authors throughout our history are collected in the fast-paced pages of *The Virtual Times*. Students gain an appreciation of American literature and the ways it reflects the times in which it was written. They discover how people thought and lived and wrote about their experiences. Students are also asked to observe, investigate, and report on stories of today. The goal is for students to be thorough, accurate, and compelling in their writing.

This is a yearlong course consisting of 8 units. Upon successful completion students will receive 1 credit towards high school graduation.

Course Overview

Semester 1

- Interpreting Literature
- Informative Writing
- Narrative Writing

Semester 2

- Novel Study
- Understanding Poetry
- Analyzing History
- Argument Writing
- Shakespeare Study

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