

COMPONENT	OBJECTIVES	COMPETENCY
I Literature	 The following objectives support competencies A and B. Reads and compares literary works in various genres which span the major periods in American literature and reflect a variety of cultures and points of view (LA.D.1.4.1) (LA.D.2.4.1) (LA.E.1.4.1) (LA.E.1.4.5) (LA.E.2.4.8) Recognizes how works and/or universal themes in American literature are reflections of and reactions to contemporaneous historical events and cultural and social settings (LA.D.2.4.1) (LA.E.1.4.2) (LA.E.1.4.3) (LA.E.1.4.5) (LA.E.2.4.8) Discusses figurative language and rhetorical devices in literary selections (to include extended metaphor, personification, hyperbole, understatement, oxymoron, and apostrophe) (LA.A.1.4.3) (LA.D.2.4.2) (LA.E.2.4.3) (LA.E.2.4.4) Discusses literary devices with respect to their importance in the development of a work (to include tone, symbolism, irony, satire, imagery, allusion, foreshadowing, flashback, dialect, and parody) (LA.A.1.4.3) (LA.D.2.4.2) (LA.E.2.4.3) (LA.E.2.4.7) Analyzes a variety of works in terms of plot, conflict, setting, characterization, point of view and theme (LA.A. 2.4.2) (LA.E.2.4.1) (LA.E.2.4.2) (LA.E.2.4.8) Discusses techniques a writer uses for developing a character, and articulates how a character changes through the course of a work (LA.D.2.4.2) (LA.E.2.4.2) (LA.E.2.4.5) (LA.E.2.4.7) Recognizes the functions of minor characters and subplots within a work (LA.E.2.4.2) Identifies author's purpose/perspective in a literary work and recognizes rhetorical devices and propaganda techniques (LA.A.2.4.2) (LA.A.2.4.5) (LA.D.2.4.2) (LA.E.2.4.4) (LA.E.2.4.7) 	A. Given several universal themes from American literature that have been studied during the year, the student will select one and write a multi-paragraph essay of sufficient depth and length that makes connections between the theme selected, American literature studied or read independently, and the student's own values. The theme should be supported with examples taken from literature that: a.reflect a variety of American cultures and points of view; (LA.D.2.4.1) b. span major periods in American history; (LA.D.1.4.1) c.represent at least three different genres, including the formal essay. (LA.E.1.4.1) (LA.E.1.4.2) (LA.E.1.4.3) (LA.E.1.4.5) B. Given two familiar literary selections with a common focus, the student will write an essay of comparison and/or contrast which a.has a declarative, controlling, and defensible thesis; b.reflects all aspects of the writing process including cooperative discussion in pairs or small groups; c.demonstrates an understanding of the use of figurative language, rhetorical and literary devices, and relevant elements of literature. (LA.D.2.4.2) (LA.E.2.4.2) (LA.E.2.4.3) (LA.E.2.4.5) (LA.E.2.4.7)



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II Composition	 Examines own values in light of those expressed in American literature and cites similarities and differences (LA.A.1.4.4) (LA.D.2.4.1) (LA.E.1.4.5) (LA.E.2.4.6) Reads a variety of additional American literature selections to enrich his or her understanding (LA.A.2.4.3) (LA.D.2.4.1) (LA.E.1.4.5) (LA.E.2.4.4) (LA.E.2.4.8) Develops the habit of reading as a lifelong activity by reading at least one book a month either independently or as part of a class study (LA.A.2.4.3) Understands and practices the reading/writing connection (LA.B.2.4.1) Uses the writing process individually and cooperatively: prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing (LA.B.1.4.1) (LA.B.1.4.3) Writes a precise thesis statement that is declarative, controlling, and defensible, and supports it with fully developed paragraphs. (LA.B.1.4.2) Writes in a variety of modes (to include persuasion, literary analysis, personal reflection, character sketches, and imaginative writing) (LA.B.2.4.3) (LA.E.2.4.5) (LA.E.2.4.6) Writes multi-paragraph compositions to include essays of five paragraphs or more reflecting sound organization, logical development (includeing comparison/contrast, cause/effect, classification, order of importance, and spatial relationships), and accepted rules of written standard American English (LA.B.1.4.2) 	 A. In response to a prompt on a literary topic in a timed writing situation, the student will produce a multi-paragraph essay that: a. includes an effective introduction, defensible thesis and conclusion; (LA.A.2.4.8) (LA.B.2.4.2) b. reflects an awareness of voice, coherence, vivid word choice and smooth transitions; (LA.B.2.4.3) c. adapts style to audience and purpose; d. demonstrates accepted rules of standard written English. (LA.B.1.4.2) (LA.E.2.4.5) B. The student will produce a piece of imaginative or personal writing such as a short story, original character sketch, autobiographical piece, poem, or dramatic script which includes at least three original examples of figurative language and rhetorical or literary devices from among those studied. (LAB.1.4.2) (LA.D.2.4.2) (LA.E.1.4.1) (LA.E.2.4.3) (LA.E.2.4.4) (LA.E.2.4.5)



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	 Begins to develop a personal writing style which reflects awareness of coherence, vivid word choice, smooth transitions, and effective introductions and conclusions (LA.A.1.4.3) (LA.D.2.4.2) (LA.E.2.4.5) Writes a resume and an essay for employment and/or college applications, and completes common forms (including employment and college applications, as appropriate) (LA.A.2.4.4) Demonstrates research skills such as: restricting general subjects using effective note-taking skills paraphrasing and summary writing synthesizing information organizing and documenting outside sources in a formatted investigative paper (LA.A.1.4.4) (LA.B.2.4.2) Evaluates own writing and the writing of others through peer revisions and teacher conferences (LA.A.2.4.4) Responds directly and efficiently to a prompt in a timed writing (LA.A.2.4.4) Uses computers and related technology as available for the writing process (LA.B.2.4.4) (LA.D.2.4.4) Keeps a writing portfolio (selected by author, teacher and author, or teacher), containing pieces in progress and finished products, and evaluates them to reflect growth in writing (LA.A.2.4.4) 	C. After keeping a portfolio of writing, the student will prepare and submit a "presentation portfolio" that will include: a. products that reflect the writing process, peer editing, and evaluation; (LA.B.1.4.2) (LA.B.1.4.3) b. a variety of modes appropriate to audience and purpose to include literary analysis and criticism, persuasion, personal reflection, and imaginative writing; (LA.B.2.4.3) c. at least three organizational patterns selected from among comparison and/or contrast, cause and effect, classification, order of importance, and spatial relationships; (LA.B.1.4.2) d. the student's reflective explanation for each choice. (LA.A.2.4.4)



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III Language/Word Study	 Studies etymologies of English words as they relate to various cultures and languages in order to appreciate cultural diversity (LA.D.1.4.1) (LA.D.1.4.3) (LA.D.2.4.1) Determines/infers word meanings by examining word parts, context clues, and etymologies (LA.A.1.4.3) Recognizes and selects appropriate language with regard to connotation and denotation (LA.A.1.4.3) Expands vocabulary, including a consideration of analogies that contain abstract word relationships, for SAT and ACT testing success (LA.A.1.4.3) Recognizes sexism and cultural bias in oral and written language and literature (LA.C.1.4.4) (LA.D.1.4.2) Understands terms necessary for completing forms, responding to essay questions, and following directions (LA.A.1.4.3) Studies how language development influences a culture and how a culture influences language development (LA.D.2.4.1) (LA.E.2.4.8) 	A. Given two essays, speeches, documents, or other formal writing with a similar focus from two different time periods in American history, the student will write a comparison and/or contrast essay which a.examines the appropriateness of the authors' language in terms of connotation and denotation, sexism, and cultural bias; (LA.C.1.4.4) b. identifies the relationship that may exist between the culture, the time period, and the language used. (LA.B.2.4.1) (LA.D.1.4.2) (LA.D.2.4.1) (LA.E.2.4.5) (LA.E.2.4.7)



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IV	Listening/Speaking/ Viewing	 Develops an awareness of, and sensitivity to, various dialects, accents, and speech patterns indigenous to a multi-cultural community (LA.D.1.4.1) (LA.D.1.4.2) (LA.D.1.4.3) (LA.D.2.4.1) Applies appropriate listening, speaking, and viewing skills in a variety of cooperative settings (LA.C.1.4.1) (LA.C.1.4.2) (LA.C.1.4.3) (LA.C.2.4.2) (LA.C.3.4.1) (LA.C.3.4.2) (LA.C.3.4.4) Designs, delivers, and evaluates classroom oral presentations (LA.C.1.4.1) (LAC.1.4.2) (LA.C.1.4.3) (LA.C.3.4.1) (LAC.3.4.2) (LA.C.3.4.3) (LA.C.3.4.4) (LA.C.3.4.5) Analyzes and critiques a variety of audiovisual presentations (LA.C.1.4.1) (LA.C.1.4.2) (LA.C.1.4.3) (LA.C.2.4.1) (LA.C.2.4.2) (LA.D.2.4.3) (LA.D.2.4.5) Uses critical reading and viewing strategies by comparing written and performed versions of literature (LA.C.1.4.2) (LA.D.2.4.4) 	A. The student will choose a literary work that has been made into a film or play and prepare and present a speech, panel discussion, audio-visual presentation or group project of at least three minutes that informs the audience of different techniques used in each medium. Consideration should be given to a literary devices; (LA.D.2.4.2) b. development of minor characters and subplots; c. the ways the techniques of each medium affect tone, and point of view; d. an evaluation of the effectiveness of each work. (LA.B.2.4.1) (LA.C.1.4.1) (LA.C.1.4.2) (LA.C.2.4.1) (LA.C.2.4.3) (LA.D.2.4.4)
V.	Informational Reading/ Information Literacy/ Study and Test-Taking	 Uses effective reading strategies in a variety of informational contexts: previews and identifies organizational patterns, analyzes and evaluates information (LA.A.1.4.1) (LA.A.1.4.2) (LA.A.2.4.8) determines the main idea and supporting details in a variety of written material (LA.A.2.4.1) (LA.A.2.4.8) analyzes reports based on technical and/or scientific information which includes statistical data and examines language and style (LA.A.1.4.3) (LA.A.2.4.6) (LA.A.2.4.8) evaluates the accuracy of information in a variety of selections based on the author's purpose and/or bias, audience, and sources (LA.A.2.4.2) (LA.A.2.4.7) (LA.A. 2.4.8) (LA.C.1.4.4) (LA.D.1.4.2) evaluates conflicting information to determine which is more valid (LA.A.2.4.8) 	A. After selecting and limiting a topic, the students will develop an outline or plan and write an investigative paper of five or more pages based on the information extracted and synthesized from a variety of primary and secondary sources. The paper should reflect a consistent format as found in a generally accepted style manual and contain a minimum of three documented sources. (LA.A.1.4.4) (LA.A.2.4.6) (LA.B.2.4.1) (LA.B.2.4.2)



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	 uses appropriate available resources to complete forms and applications with an emphasis on college admissions and/or employment (LA.A.2.4.4) (LA.2.4.8) 2. Uses appropriate skills and resources to access, analyze and synthesize information: selects and limits a topic for a documented paper understands the various formats of generally accepted style manuals for documentation (LA.D.2.4.6) uses primary and secondary sources for research information uses non-print as well as print resources (LA.D.2.4.5) uses non-school as well as school libraries (LA.A.2.4.6) understands the nature and ramifications of plagiarism (LA.A.2.4.7) (LA.B.2.4.1) (LA.D.2.4.6) applies available technology for storing, retrieving, and using data (LA.A.2.4.4) (LA.B.2.4.4) (LA.D.2.4.4) 3. Practices appropriate study and test-taking strategies: reviews test-taking strategies and analogies for the SAT, ACT, and other objective and subjective tests (LA.A.2.4.4) practices summary writing (LA.A.1.4.4) uses effective notetaking skills (LA.A.1.4.4) (LA.B.2.4.2) prepares for various types of examinations and devises strategies for pacing, attempting or omitting questions, thinking, writing, and editing according to the type of examination (LA.A.2.4.4) (LA.B.2.4.1) writes accurate, complete, and organized answers to essay questions (LA.B.2.4.1) participates in periodic timed reading activities to increase reading rate using grade appropriate fiction and non-fiction selections of varying lengths in preparation for a variety of timed tests (LA.A.2.4.4) 	 B. The student will participate in the college admissions and/or employment search process by beginning to develop a personal file that the student will maintain into the twelfth grade that reflects needs, interests, and post-graduate goals. The file should include at least one application for employment, an autobiographical essay, and a resume. (LA.A.2.4.4) C. The student will demonstrate appropriate note-taking, reading, study, and test-taking skills practiced throughout the year on a variety of teacher-made tests, required state tests such as the HSCT, and optional national tests, such as the PSAT, SAT, and ACT tests. (LA.A.1.4.4) (LA.B.2.4.1) (LA.B.2.4.2)