

Essentials of English

**Unit: Journal Writing and Essays**

Essential Learning: The students will produce journal driven and narrative creative writing.

Missouri Learning Standard-9-10 W2.A

Other Skills- Write to convey ideas and information, use appropriate writing skills and grammar.

**Unit: Short Stories**

Essential Learning: The students will analyze short stories and understand concepts and ideas.

Missouri Learning Standard- 9-10 RL 1.A, 9-10 RL 2.D.

Other Skills- Plot characterization, tone, mood, plot diagrams, theme, and central idea.

**Unit: Novels**

Essential Learning: The students will gather information from text in order to understand characters, plot diagrams, theme, mood.

Missouri Learning Standard- 9-10 RL1.A, 9-10 RL 2.D, 9-10 W.6

Other Skills- Literary analysis, organization, plot, theme, central idea, foreshadowing.

**Unit: Independent Reading**

Essential Learning- The students will individually read books of their choosing in order to build reading comprehension

Missouri Learning Standards- 9-10 RL 3.D.

Other Skills- Organization, reading for pleasure.

**Unit: Research**

Essential Learning- The students will gather and organize information in order to present a research paper.

Missouri Learning Standards- 9-10 W.1A, 9-10 W.2A, 9-10 W.3A

Other Skills- Thesis statement, details, conclusion, using technology, using research, evaluation sources.

**Unit: Drama- Taming of the Shrew**

Essential Learning- The students will read Taming of the Shrew in order to analyze complex and unfamiliar language, plot, and literary structure

Missouri Learning Standards- 9-10 RL 1.B, 9-10 RL 3.A, 9-10 RL 2.D

Other Skills- Plot, summary, theme, central idea,