



Course Outcome Summary

Course Information: SAILS: Short Stories (English)

Description:

This course is about understanding the structure, language and themes contained within short stories. Students will read a variety of short stories and analyze both their structure and meaning both in discussion and through writing.

Instruction Level: 6-12

Total Credits: 1

Prerequisites: N/A

Textbooks: N/A

Course Standards:

Reading:

- Locate important details in somewhat challenging passages
- Draw logical conclusions in somewhat challenging passages
- Identify a clear central idea or theme in somewhat challenging passages or their paragraphs
- Summarize key supporting ideas and details in somewhat challenging passages
- Analyze how the choice of a specific word or phrase shapes meaning or tone in somewhat challenging passages
- Interpret most words and phrases as they are used in somewhat challenging passages, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings
- Analyze how one or more sentences in somewhat challenging passages relate to the whole passage
- Identify a clear function of paragraphs in somewhat challenging passages
- Analyze how one or more sentences in somewhat challenging passages offer reasons for or support a claim
- Identify a clear central claim in somewhat challenging passages

Writing:

- Provide an adequate but simple organizational structure by logically grouping most ideas
- Use some appropriate transitional words and phrases
- Present a somewhat developed introduction and conclusion
- Show adequate use of language to communicate by correctly employing many of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, and mechanics, but with some distracting errors that may occasionally impede understanding, choosing words that are appropriate, using some varied kinds of sentence structures to vary pace.

Unit

- 1. Elements of the Short Story**
- 2. Short Stories**
- 3. Analytical Writing**

Unit Outlines

1. Elements of the Short Story

Standards:

- Students will summarize key supporting ideas and details.

Essential Question: Students will be able to answer the following question(s):

- What are the elements needed to complete a short story?

Essential Knowledge:

- Students will be able discuss and demonstrate what the definition of the short story is and its elements.

2. Short Stories

Standards:

- Identify a clear theme in the assigned reading while summarizing key ideas and details and analyzing how specific words or phrases can sets the tone of a story.

Essential Question:

- How will the reader effectively understand the elements of a short story and identify them throughout?

Essential Knowledge:

- Students will discuss several short stories and understand how the elements fit into each story.

3. Analytical Writing

Standards:

- Show appropriate use of language to communicate with knowledge of English grammar, usage, and mechanics while creating a developed introduction and conclusion.

Essential Question:

- What evidence can be used from the story read, to make an argument after analysis and support it?

Essential Knowledge:

- What are the key concepts/vocabulary/ideas that students will have mastery of by the completion of the unit?